



CITY OF  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**

**OFFICIAL  
 MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **10<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2015** 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; Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Jim Wood, Sergeant at Arms at 9:30 a.m.; and John Paolazzi, Sergeant at Arms at 12:30 p.m.

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The meeting recessed at 12:04 p.m. and reconvened at 12:31 p.m.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>575</b>	Request of Adam Brunelle to address Council regarding public policy and future sustainable economy (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>576</b>	Request of Nick Caleb to address Council regarding Pembina propane export project (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>577</b>	Request of Angela van Patten to address Council regarding Pembina propane terminal (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>578</b>	Request of April Smith to address Council regarding Pembina (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>579</b>	Request of Ben Poe to address Council regarding Pembina project (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		
<b>580</b>	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:30 AM</b> – Accept report on the work of the Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland (Report introduced by Mayor Hales) 15 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>

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<b>581</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM</b> – Appoint Damien R. Hall and reappoint Mary Ann (Miki) Herman to the Home Forward Board of Commissioners for terms to expire June 9, 2019 (Resolution introduced by Mayor Hales and Commissioner Saltzman) 15 minutes requested for items 581 and 582 (Y-5)	<b>37128</b>
<b>*582</b>	Authorize the Portland Housing Bureau to dispose of property at 1306 NE 2nd Ave and make a loan of up to \$7,100,000 to develop the Miracles Central project (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Saltzman) (Y-5)	<b>187170</b>
<b>583</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM</b> – Accept report from Community Oversight Advisory Board on the current work to survey the community about police community engagement practices (Report introduced by Mayor Hales) 30 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fish and seconded by Saltzman. (Y-5)	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
<b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>Mayor Charlie Hales</b>		
<b>*584</b>	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Community College and a grant agreement with the Portland Community College Foundation to provide \$432,000 to the Future Connect Scholarship program (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187164</b>
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>		
<b>585</b>	Delegate authority for the periodic disposition of used artificial turf to the Chief Administrative Officer and approve 2014 donations of turf from Providence Park (Second Reading Agenda 558; amend Code Chapter 5.36) (Y-5)	<b>187165</b>
<b>Office of Neighborhood Involvement</b>		
<b>*586</b>	Authorize \$35,990 total in grant agreements for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement East Portland Action Plan 2015 Civic Engagement Grant agreements (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187166</b>
<b>Commissioner Nick Fish</b> <b>Position No. 2</b> <b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>		

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<b>*587</b>	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for Funding of Portland Harbor Stormwater Source Control Coordination not to exceed \$60,000 (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187167</b>
<b>588</b>	Authorize grant agreements or Intergovernmental Agreements with 13 community groups related to the Community Watershed Stewardship Program up to \$100,000 total (Ordinance)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 17, 2015 9:30 AM</b>
<b>589</b>	Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to execute a Temporary Construction Easement and Permit of Entry with Waverley Country Club as part of the Sellwood-Moreland Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10333 for \$19,500 (Ordinance; repeal Ordinance No. 186512)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 17, 2015 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman Position No. 3 Portland Fire &amp; Rescue</b>		
<b>590</b>	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Clackamas Fire District #1 to donate three Zoll defibrillators (Ordinance)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 17, 2015 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Portland Housing Bureau</b>		
<b>*591</b>	Authorize Intergovernmental Agreements with the Portland Development Commission in support of the ongoing implementation of housing functions at the City of Portland Housing Bureau and economic opportunity functions at the Portland Development Commission (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187168</b>
<b>Commissioner Steve Novick Position No. 4 Bureau of Transportation</b>		
<b>*592</b>	Authorize application to the Oregon Department of Transportation and Department of Land Conservation and Development for two Transportation and Growth Management program grants in the amount of \$456,000 for transportation planning (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187169</b>
<b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz Position No. 1 Bureau of Development Services</b>		

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**593** Amend Seismic Design Requirements for Existing Buildings to update code references, add language to maintain minimum seismic design loads for existing buildings at current levels, revise definition of structural systems damaged by catastrophic events, provide a definition of occupant load and other previously undefined terms (Ordinance; amend Code Chapter 24.85)

**PASSED TO  
SECOND READING  
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## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **Mayor Charlie Hales**

#### **Bureau of Police**

**\*594** Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon, Department of Transportation for oversight, training and certification of Police Bureau officers who perform commercial vehicle inspections (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested  
(Y-5)

**187171**

#### **Office of Management and Finance**

**595** Accept bid of Moore Excavation, Inc for the Balch Consolidated Conduit Support project for \$2,081,865 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 117519)  
**Motion to accept the report:** Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz.  
(Y-5)

**ACCEPTED  
PREPARE  
CONTRACT**

**\*596** Approve FY 2015-16 cost of living adjustments to pay rates for nonrepresented classifications and Elected Officials, specify the effect upon employees in the classifications involved, and provide for payment (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested  
(Y-5)

**187172**

**597** Grant a franchise to Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC for telecommunications services for a period of 10 years (Second Reading Agenda 455)  
(Y-5)

**187173**

### **Commissioner Nick Fish**

#### **Position No. 2**

**\*598** Create Portland Utility Board to strengthen oversight functions for City water, sewer and stormwater services (Second Reading 554; repeal and replace Code Chapter 3.123)  
**Motion to accept Fish amendments to Exhibit A 3.123.010, .020, .040, .090, add emergency clause and effective date to the ordinance:** Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)  
(Y-5)

**187174**  
AS AMENDED

<b>Water Bureau</b>		
<b>599</b>	Authorize a competitive solicitation for the purchase of water system hydrants and valves at an estimated cost of \$5,220,000 (Second Reading Agenda 569) (Y-5)	<b>187175</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b> <b>Position No. 3</b> <b>Portland Housing Bureau</b>		
<b>*600</b>	Amend subrecipient contract with JOIN to add \$65,450 to create a landlord response program for veterans exiting homelessness for a total not to exceed \$1,846,191 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 32001124) (Y-5)	<b>187176</b>
<b>*601</b>	Accept three federal grants totaling \$703,876 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuum of Care planning, the administration of the regional Homeless Management Information System, and OTIS supportive housing programs (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187177</b>
<b>Commissioner Steve Novick</b> <b>Position No. 4</b> <b>Bureau of Emergency Management</b>		
<b>*602</b>	Authorize application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through the Oregon Military Department Office of Emergency Management, for the Emergency Management Performance Grant in the amount of \$385,027 for positions and programs (Previous Agenda 570) (Y-5)	<b>187178</b>
<b>Bureau of Transportation</b>		
<b>603</b>	Declare intent to initiate local improvement district formation proceedings to create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk and stormwater improvements north of NE Prescott Ct in the NE 136th Ave Phase II Local Improvement District (Resolution; C-10050) 10 minutes requested <b>Motion to amend to clarify that Argay will be the third neighborhood in East Portland with no unpaved streets, joining Woodland Park and Russell:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hales. (Y-5) (Y-5)	<b>37129</b> AS AMENDED
<b>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</b> <b>Position No. 1</b>		

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<b>Portland Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
<b>*604</b>	Authorize a contract with R&H Construction in the amount of \$790,000 to complete emergency structural repairs to the Director Park canopy (Ordinance) (Y-5)	<b>187179</b>
<b>605</b>	Approve the designation of five trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove the Heritage Tree designation from six trees (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 17, 2015 9:30 AM</b>

At 1:32 p.m., Council adjourned.

<b><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JUNE 10, 2015</u></b>		
<b>NOTICE: THIS ITEM WAS <u>RESCHEDULED</u> AND CONTINUED TO JUNE 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN</b>		
<b>606</b>	<b><del>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</del> Continued to June 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM Time Certain-</b> Consider the proposal of the City of Portland Water Bureau for Demolition Review and the Bureau of Development Services staff and Portland Historic Landmarks Commission recommendation of approval for the demolition of 1894 Reservoir #3, 1894 Reservoir #4 and the 1946 Weir Building, all contributing resources in the Washington Park Historic District at 2403 SW Jefferson St (Previous Agenda 485; Findings introduced by Commissioner Fritz; LU 14-249689 DM)	<b>CONTINUED TO JUNE 25, 2015 AT 2PM TIME CERTAIN</b>

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
Auditor of the City of Portland



By **Karla Moore-Love**  
Clerk of the Council

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**JUNE 10, 2015 9:30 AM**

**Hales:** Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the June 10th meeting of the Portland City Council. Would you please call the roll?

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

**Hales:** Good morning, everyone. We have some celebrations, proclamations, and communications up front. Our Council calendar involves sometimes mayoral proclamations about people or issues we care about, and that's part of our agenda this morning. Then we have five people signed up to speak to the Council, and then we'll talk about the regular Council agenda after that. So, let's start, please, with a proclamation that Commissioner Novick would like to introduce.

**Novick:** Thank you, Mr. Mayor. And I do have a proclamation to read, but I have a bunch of other stuff to say first -- so, get comfortable. The Council is honored to host a day of recognition and appreciation for Midge Purcell, who, for nearly 10 years, has served as the Urban League of Portland's Director of Advocacy and Public Policy. Midge, along with her husband, is returning to the United Kingdom where she previously worked as a social justice organizer and where her son and daughter now live.

Since 2005, Midge Purcell has led the Urban League of Portland's work on community organizing, civic engagement, and social policy advocacy. During her tenure, she spearheaded the State of Black Oregon report and coordinated the Urban League's efforts to implement the report's policy recommendations on employment, education, health equity, housing, child welfare, and criminal justice. The State of Black Oregon wasn't published simply to chronicle the persistent disparities that African Americans experience in this city and throughout the state. No, Midge Purcell is a woman of action, a leader and a true believer that we can and must do better to build a thriving community for all of us and our families.

The State of Black Oregon is a roadmap for action. In his introduction to the 2009 State of Black Oregon report, Marcus Mundy, former Executive Director of the Urban League, describes the report as, quote, "a bold policy agenda unveiled in the depths of the severe recession" and said that we must empower all our children here in Oregon with that knowledge and with the tools that they need to put it to work.

Midge Purcell led much of that work in many of the Urban League's initiatives over these last 10 years, and a lot of Midge's work has directly affected the City of Portland and has challenged us to institute policies and practices to improve workforce and community equity. Under her leadership, the Urban League was a founding member of the Diversity in City Leadership partnership within the Office of Neighborhood Involvement -- and I think that we have Amalia Alarcón de Morris here to say a little bit about that later on.

The Diversity and Civic Leadership partnership pioneered the community engagement of leadership development for communities of color, which are underrepresented within Portland's traditional neighborhood involvement structures. To support the DCL, Midge established the social justice and civic leadership program that has trained and supported nearly 200 community leaders, many of whom have gone in to

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make considerable contributions to boards, commissions, and other leadership roles within organizations and make changes within the county and regional governments and the state legislature.

During her time in Portland, Midge was also a founding member of the Public Involvement Advisory Council. She helped to develop guidelines and policy recommendations for citywide public involvement, and provided support and advice to the City on implementing shared public involvement guidelines and best practices.

Midge was the convener of the Partnership for Racial Equity in the City of Portland, which produced the racial equity strategy guide. This guide was integral to the formation of the Office of Equity and Human Rights, and increasingly used in City bureaus and regional government to help craft racial equity policies and practices.

Most recently, Midge's work with the City has been around initiatives to improve employment opportunities for those with the criminal histories, and ongoing efforts to increase the minimum wage and efforts to improve workforce equity. I also want to thank Midge for her support around our initiative to implement a socially responsible investment policy for the City of Portland.

In the state legislature, Midge was part of efforts to raise the visibility of communities of color in their issues in the state legislative process. Midge is the founder of the Racial Equity Report Card project, which tracks legislative progress and racial justice issues in the state legislature. The report was produced by a coalition of organizations, including the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Basic Rights Education Fund, Causa, the Center for Intercultural Organizing, the Partnership for Safety and Justice, the Western State Center and, of course, the Urban League of Portland. Midge also has been integral to coalition efforts such as the Oregon Health Equity Alliance and Fair Shot Coalition that have made a significant impact on rollout of Oregon's healthcare reform by elevating the equity and promoting cultural competency training for Oregon's healthcare providers.

Finally, Midge is a humble leader whose urgency and passion is infectious. Midge has been at the forefront of Portland's movement to create an equitable and sustainable community for all Portlanders and Oregonians. I would like to close -- well, not quite close - - but a comment that Midge made right here in these Council chambers. In reflecting on the tremendous outreach effort that led to the Portland Plan, Midge said, "Portland is going to look very different in 25 years, one way or another. We have a choice. Either we leave the communities behind and we allow poverty, poor health, and social and economic disparities to worsen, or we build a city that hundreds of Portlanders said they wanted to see, where everyone has the opportunity to prosper and contribute to a creative, innovative, and globally successful city." I am inspired by Midge's vision and hope that we can all commit to continuing to build that community where everyone has the opportunity to prosper.

Finally, I have to say that I think today represents the fifth great moment in U.S.-British relations. [laughter] We won the first round in the 1770s and 1780s, then we took over as the dominant world power after World War II, then the British invasion in the 1960s represented the step forward for Britain and a step back for the United States as their music took over. Then, we won a round when we got Amanda Fritz to move to the United States. [laughter] But now today, they win a round -- they won two out of the last three -- I guess that they're coming back. Thank you, Midge.

And now, the official proclamation. Whereas, the Urban League of Portland was established in 1945 to empower African Americans and other Oregonians to achieve equality in education, employment, and economic security; and whereas, Midge Purcell has advanced this mission during her tenure as the Urban League of Portland's Director of

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Advocacy and Public Policy; and whereas, at the Urban League of Portland, Midge Purcell has led the organization's work on community organizing, civic engagement, and social policy advocacy, and Midge also has established the social justice and civic leadership program that has trained and supported nearly 200 community leaders, many of whom have gone on to make considerable contributions to boards and commissions and assume other leadership roles throughout the state of Oregon; and whereas, Midge Purcell spearheaded the seminal 2009 State of Black Oregon report, which sparked the exponential growth of a social justice dialogue in Portland and guided the publication of the second State of Black Oregon report released in 2015, which provides an important update and a road map to address longstanding effects in our city and state; and whereas, Midge Purcell has coordinated the Urban League of Portland's efforts to implement the report's policy recommendations on the intersection of issues affecting the wellbeing and progress of Black communities, including unemployment, education, health equity, housing, child welfare, and criminal justice; and whereas, Midge Purcell convened the Partnership for Racial Equity at the City of Portland, which produced the racial equity strategy guide that is increasingly used by City bureaus and regional government to help craft racial equity policies; and whereas, Midge Purcell founded the Racial Equity Report Card project that tracks and evaluates legislative progress on racial justice issues in the Oregon state legislature; and whereas, through her endless energy, vision, and the demand for social justice, Midge Purcell has inspired a new generation of community leaders and social justice advocates committed to the civic participation and forward thinking needed to ensure Portland's socially sustainable future; now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, do hereby proclaim June 10th, 2015 to be Midge Purcell Day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. [laughter] [applause]

**Hales:** Hear, hear. [applause] Midge, we're going to give you a chance for a rebuttal, come on up. [laughter] Please come up, if you'd like. We would love to hear from you. There's Amalia -- we've got reinforcements. Good morning.

**Nkenge Harmon Johnson:** Good morning. I will be brief, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners. I'm Nkenge Harmon Johnson, the new president and CEO of the Urban League of Portland. Commissioner Novick, I want to thank you and your aid Bryan Hockaday especially for spearheading this proclamation and celebration of our own Midge Purcell.

I am delighted to be here today, along with the chairman of our board, Lorenzo Poe, and members of the board who in the room with us today, as well as two of my predecessors who are here, current and former staff who have also joined us in this room. I'd like to say, Midge, this is a testament to your leadership, to the passion that you have shown and that we will -- that we try so hard to emulate in our work that all of these folks have shown up here today to celebrate you. And many, many more, have done so online, on Facebook, on Twitter, and via email to say this is such a great idea to have a Midge Purcell Day, and we should have done it sooner. [laughter]

We know that you are leaving us, but we know that your heart remains. And we certainly appreciate all that you have done for the Urban League, for the city of Portland, and for our state as a whole. Thank you, Midge.

**Hales:** Thanks, Nkenge, thank you very much. Amalia, do you want to have the next word and give her the last word?

**Amalia Alarcón de Morris, Director, Office of Neighborhood Involvement:** I will. Good morning.

**Hales:** Unless there are others that want to speak, too.

**Alarcón de Morris:** Mayor Hales and Commissioners. My name is Amalia Alarcón de Morris and I am the Director of the Office of the Neighborhood Involvement. It gives me great joy to have been asked to speak today about Midge Purcell, a woman I love and

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admire very much. Midge has been working with ONI's Jeri Jimenez -- formally known as Williams -- managing our DCL partnership with the Urban League, but I personally got to know her during our efforts at the Portland Plan equity and civic and involvement tag.

For over two years, a core group of us bonded over the joys and sorrows of trying to convince our bureaucracy about the importance of equity for Portland's future. Midge's insights, clear analysis, strategic thinking, and her sense of humor kept us going through the endless rewrites and frustrations of having our rewrites rewritten. During that time, someone began calling our group -- comprised of Midge, Lisa Bates, Danielle Brooks, Dora Perry, Desiree Williams-Rajjee, and the late, great Afifa Ahmed Shafi and me -- the "equity ladies." On days that were especially frustrating, Midge dubbed us the somewhat less dignified "sad bastards." [laughter] And on days when we wanted to walk away, we would organize a sad bastard happy hour and recharge our batteries and come back to the table.

Midge will tell you that all her efforts were team efforts -- and that is true -- but it leaves out the fact that everybody team needs a leader, someone who points the way, jumps into the work, someone who inspires the team to keep going until the work is done. And that is Midge Purcell.

Leadership development, wildly successful get out the vote efforts, policy changes, not one but two State of Black Oregon reports, and the ban the box efforts are just some of the ways Midge has worked to make Portland a better place for all Portlanders. Her work and that of the DCL colleagues from the Latino Network, IRCO, NAYA and CIO was recognized this year by Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government for being one of their top 10 identified innovations in American government. I cannot say that enough. It makes me giddy. I'll probably say it again -- top 10 innovations in American government. That's Harvard University.

Midge is a brilliant woman. She taught me about getting clear and being strategic, about letting go of the battle in favor of winning the war, about releasing personal hurt from injuries caused by systems in service of changing those systems for the better. She taught me that if you can't change it right now, you can find fellowship, laugh at it and yourself, and get up and try again tomorrow. All this she did with the utmost humility and generosity of spirit.

I spoke with Midge yesterday and asked her if there was anything she would want me to say today. True to form, she said that none of the work she has done in Portland during her tenure would have happened without the ONI DCL grant that seeded the creation of her department. Though I doubt that, I will take it and maybe put in for my retirement -- [laughter] -- quitting while I'm ahead.

I feel privileged to have been a part of Midge's movement during her time here, glad to have worked with her and planned with her and grieved with her and celebrated with her. Saying goodbye to such a positive force is not easy, but it is mitigated by the knowledge that the next sad bastards happy hour will be in London. [laughter] Thank you, Midge Purcell, for your brilliance, for your friendship. We will carry on your vision. Portland's loss is London's gain. Safe journeys and godspeed.

**Midge Purcell:** Wow. Mayor Hales, Commissioners, I want to thank you all so very, very much for this recognition and also have the opportunity to thank Nkenge, the past presidents and CEOs of the Urban League that I've had the privilege to serve under who have supported my work unstintingly who are in the room -- Marcus Mundy and Michael Alexander. And we have several of our board members here, so I would like to thank them.

I am so aware that whatever achievements that have been made, they are not the achievements of one person -- never can be -- but of many. And many of them are in the room. I will, however, call out my staff. Again, I've had the privilege of working with the best

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team in the City of Portland. They are dedicated, they are smart, they are young, and they are invested into making Portland and this state a better place.

When I came to Portland 10 years ago, I had no idea what I would find here. What I found was one of the most engaged communities that I had ever experienced in my 40 years -- yes, I did say 40 -- 40 years of working in social justice. I found communities that were passionate about being strong advocates to address the needs of their communities - - which, as our state of Black Oregon shows, are many -- and also, the partners that we worked with within DCL and our coalitions, communities of color -- the needs of our communities are many. I found the City leadership in the Council, in our current Mayor, and our former Mayors Potter and Adams that want to do the right thing and understand that racism and poverty and disparity are unsustainable for a city. When I came here, our slogan was, "the City of Portland, the most sustainable city," and we had a discussion that it can't be sustainable if the disparities that we revealed continue. And I think that this Council and our former leaders understand that. They get it.

There is still much to do -- I won't speak very long -- but there is much to do, as our 2015 State of Black Oregon has revealed. And I know our organization and many people in this room will continue to do that work. We're looking forward to passing a strong ban the box ordinance -- plug -- in the City of Portland. We're looking forward to continuing to expand workforce diversity and employment opportunities and affordable housing in the city of Portland. We're committed to having strong and equitable contracting and procurement policies, and we are also committed to continuing to work for accountable policing in the city.

So, I won't be here physically, but I will be here in spirit, and I'm also accessible on Skype. I'm very opinionated about what happens to this city, and I hope that people will continue to ask me. Wherever I will be, Portland will always be in my heart. Thank you very, very much for this honor, and thank you very much for supporting the work that we've engaged in over the last 10 years. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Council members, comments? I would love to take a photo with you and perhaps current and former Urban League presidents, CEOs, and your board, but let's hear from our colleagues.

**Fish:** Very briefly -- Midge, you will be greatly missed. I hate to overgeneralize, but I think the world is divided into two kinds of people, people who talk about problems and people who roll up their sleeves and try to address and solve problems. And you are so conspicuously in the latter camp.

I was just reflecting as Steve read the proclamation on all that good fights that you've led and all the change you've brought about, and there were some things that weren't mentioned like the work you did to make sure that there was a community garden with the Urban League -- something that didn't get a lot of attention but wouldn't have happened without your passion -- and all the causes. We're losing your voice, but we're losing more than your voice. Today, we learn the Coalition for a Livable Future is closing its doors. So when we talk about what kind of sustainable future that we want, we're losing two powerful voices.

As we say goodbye to you today and thank you for your service, I think that we also have to acknowledge that we're all going to have to step up to fill the void. And that's the challenge that I think that you leave us with. So, thank you for your service and thank you for your friendship and thank you for just the outstanding way that you address the fight and the cause, and all of us are rooting for you in the next chapter of your life.

**Saltzman:** I just want to thank you again for all your service to our city, and I think that you really have helped to help the Urban League to sort of right the ship, and you and the previous executive directors and current executive director -- I think you've sort of have

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been there through leadership turmoil, and I think that the ship has been righted, and I look forward to the solid leadership that the Urban League has been providing over the last five, six, seven years and have really become a very effective voice in our city for all people in our city, and you've been part of that voice, so thank you.

**Fritz:** I was reflecting when Amalia was talking about the Portland Plan and the endless rewrites and the reports I got from both Dora Perry and from you, Midge, about how things were going. And it was difficult -- this has been really difficult work. And we're certainly not where we need to be yet, but as my colleagues have said, I think we're on the right path and that's in large part thanks to you, Midge, and the work that you and the Urban League have done establishing a partnership. And that's what we're hoping to do in the Department of Justice settlement process is to figure out how do we work together to acknowledge past hurt and correct it and make sure that in the future, everyone has the opportunity to be their best self. So, thank you very much. I will be in London in mid-August, so maybe we can get a head start on the rest with the pub crawl. Thank you very, very much.

**Hales:** Well Midge, I've had a couple chances to say thank you and bravo but let me add this -- I am proud of our city because of what you've proved possible, that it's possible for someone to come here and with passion and energy make a difference. And I like living in a city where that is possible, and I want to reflect your comments about that. And I think that you've also shown people how to lead, so that I think that you're going to lead that pattern of effectiveness behind you -- that you lead with both facts and numbers and hard and fast things, which the State of Black Oregon shows us. Here is a clear, empirically valid picture of reality, and you've been very insistent about that. But then you have to use your heart. And we've got the facts here, but here's why it matters. And I think that model is how you get things done. And you've really shown people that -- that again, you can show up, get your facts in order, make the case, and then with passion, move people's hearts. And I hope that we're always a city where it is possible for someone to show up, make a difference if they are passionate, if they are true to their beliefs, and if they are relentless like you've been. You really can do it. And I so salute you for showing people the way to lead, and I think that that's a great legacy that you have left here. And hopefully, we'll keep finding new leaders who will reflect that approach in how they take on the challenges that you've pointed out, so thank you. We would love to take photo too commemorate this with Amalia and Nkenge, and again, if we can invite Michael and Marcus and your board members. We would love to get everyone in the room who is your friend in the picture, but I don't think we have a lens that wide -- [laughter] -- so come up front. [photo taken]

Alright, we'll transition now to communications items. Let me talk through the procedures that we use for Council meetings. They apply to everything except proclamations, as you'll see. So, the purpose of the meetings is the orderly consideration of the public's business. We try to make sure that everyone can be heard in this chamber, and that's why decorum and our procedures matter.

Obviously, we welcome the community to come to these meetings. We allow people to sign up for individual testimony or communications on any subject they choose, but then once we get into the regular Council calendar, we're working our way through discreet items and we ask that people testify about those. There will be opportunity for public testimony on items on the Council agenda, and with the exception of the consent calendar. If you are here to speak on one of those items, you just need to put your name on the record. You don't have to give us your address. If you are a lobbyist, under the City's code, you are required to disclose that, and please do. If you are here representing an organization, let us know so that we know what organization you are with.

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Unless otherwise informed, each community member will have three minutes to speak. At two minutes and 30 seconds, you'll hear a buzzer and a light will flash on the box before you. At three minutes, you will hear four beeps and the lights will flash again. That's the point at which you need to yield the floor and let the next person speak -- and again, we'll have to remind you of that. We hope not, but we will if we need to.

Ask that you respect that time limit and we ask that we respect the ability of people to come to this chamber and have their say. Sometimes there are controversial issues on the calendar, so if you agree with someone and want to signal that, feel free to give them a thumbs up or a wave of the hand. If you feel compelled to show your disagreement, do likewise, but we ask that we not make vocal demonstrations in favor or against our fellow citizens' opinions in this room. If you have things to distribute to the Council -- handouts -- please give them to our Clerk, and she will distribute them to the Council members.

Again, these rules are here for obvious common sense reasons. If some people choose to disrupt that process, you'll be warned and you'll be asked to leave the chamber, and if you don't comply with those obvious common sense instructions, you may be excluded from City Hall.

Lastly, if needed, the Council will be taking a half-hour break at either 12:00 or 12:30, depending on the schedule. We watch the calendar and give the Council a break if we are going to run into the noon hour, so that may happen today depending on how our business goes. So, with that, let's move to communications items, please.

**Item 575.**

**Hales:** Welcome. Good morning.

**Adam Brunelle:** As was mentioned, my name is Adam Brunelle. I'm a first-year MERP student at Portland State University. When I first signed up to testify on this day, it was to express my strong opposition to the citing of a propane terminal on behalf of a destructive foreign corporation. The people of Portland will never again support fossil fuel infrastructure, nor the politicians who fail to take a stand against this. Acknowledging this, the City should thoroughly involve the public in exploring a fossil fuel export ban that includes coal, oil, and natural gas like propane.

We face twin crises here in Portland. One is catastrophic climate change. The other racial justice and inequality. But they are intertwined. I fear that in our attempts to solve the former, we exacerbate the latter. Portland is now the fastest-gentrifying city in the U.S. While we have seen a commendable emphasis on process, we end up with toothless community benefit agreements, lofty equity goals, and action plans without the resources to implement them. I worry that Portland will eventually achieve its equity goals on paper, but once low income residents and communities of color have been pushed outside of the city limits.

I implore the City to prioritize anti-displacement strategies as a primary method to build climate resilience. This means more affordable housing, living wages, job training for the new economy, and a just transportation system for all. I also want to challenge the City to lead the world when it comes to climate change. Vancouver, British Columbia committed to 100% renewable energy by 2035. France instituted eco-roof mandates for new construction. Boulder, Colorado took over its electric utility to provide more renewable energy to its residents. These are all policies that I think that the City should consider pursuing in terms of feasibility and implementation.

One opportunity to confront the aforementioned dual crisis while building resilience is through the Climate Action Plan's program, solar forward. The City should provide and consider providing more direct funding with a mandate to supply solar systems to low income residents. In Seattle, the Capitol Hill community solar project sited a solar farm atop an affordable housing complex, and in Oakland, grid alternatives provide solar panels

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for little to no upfront cost and trains low income residents on the skills necessary for solar installation. But that's just one of the many possible ways to build resilience.

I will end with a quote from Naomi Klein, the famous climate movement author. We're fighting to leave it in the ground. No new fossil fuel frontiers. We're fighting for the societies powered by 100% renewable energy. We're fighting for free public transit. We're fighting for the principle that polluters should pay, that how we pay for the tradition has to be based on justice. We're fighting for the principle that the people who got the worst deal in the old economy should be the first in line to benefit in the new economy. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Hales:** Thank you very much. Thanks for coming.

**Item 576.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Nick Caleb:** My name is Nick Caleb. I'm an adjunct professor at Concordia University, and I'm also the local climate law fellow at Our Children's Trust. We're a small nonprofit based in Eugene. We have a large mission, though, and it's to secure the right to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate for all present and future generations. We're also part of the climate action coalition, which as you know is fiercely opposed to the Pembina propane export project, so I want to say thank you to the Mayor for taking that off the agenda. That was obviously a difficult decision, I'm sure, and we really appreciate it. We also requested a series of amendments to the Climate Action Plan. Several of them were incorporated into the most recent draft.

Today, though, I'm here to encourage the Council to look beyond the Climate Action Plan much like Adam was mentioning. Despite recent awards, our leadership on climate action really can't be considered world class when you take into account what's going on elsewhere. Adam mentioned some examples. Nothing in the Climate Action Plan even approaches the audacity of trying to come up with a 100% renewable city in 20 years, and it's also not binding in a lot of ways, so we need to move beyond it and start to work on binding policy. I think it's a responsibility of cities like Portland to continually set a new high bar so that others can be inspired.

However, we are in a position to be leaders again. The local debate over the propane export terminal has revived community interest in pushing the bar beyond what has been considered possible or realistic. Although it was celebrated as clean transitional fuel, more intense scrutiny showed it to be anything but. And as such, if propane -- which is supposedly the cleanest of fossil fuels that we could deal with -- is not clean, we need to enact a strong local policy banning all new infrastructure for the storage, transfer, or export of fossil fuels, including natural gas and propane. This would set an extremely important precedent in the region that's already resisting the expansion of the fossil fuel economy in both rural and urban communities. And tribes are also rising up against this very strongly.

As you may be aware, Sideline Institute estimates that burning all the fossil fuels proposed for northwest export would constitute 5.5 times as much carbon as was slated to travel through the Keystone XL pipeline. And as you may know, the Keystone XL pipeline's contents, if burned, most climate scientists say that that's climate game over. We have no ability as human beings to try to stop runaway climate change at that point. So, our region is extremely important in this fight even though we're small.

Portland has a duty to do our part to block activities that could destroy future generation's chances of a habitable future. Going further, Portland should also actually enshrine in law the legal rights of present and future generations to a healthy atmosphere and stable climate.

Last year, after sustained youth campaign for strong climate action, Eugene, Oregon passed the nation's first climate recovery ordinance, which bound the city to

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reducing carbon emissions to its share of 350 parts per million. It tied the city to the best available climate science and unleashed a wave of creativity in their planning apparatuses for how to achieve those goals. We're going to have a youth training in Portland on August 25th, and I would like to make an invite to all the Commissioners to join us if you'd like. Mayor Kitty Piercy in Eugene spent a lot of time mentoring youth on climate action, and we would like to welcome you to that as well.

In conclusion, we stand at a serious civilizational crossroads. The city of Portland, as small as we are, is in a position to set major precedence for worldwide action. The fossil fuel economy is a road to ruin and we need to leave it behind as fast as possible. Thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thanks for coming. [applause]

**Item 577.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Angela van Patten:** Good morning. My name is Angela van Patten. I've been a resident of Southeast Portland for 26 years, where I've raised two daughters including caroline, who is here today. I'm here to comment on an uncertain status of the Pembina terminal proposal and related issues before Council.

I urge a binding climate action plan -- which includes gases, including propane -- as listed fossil fuels, not bridge fuels and that our City works towards divestment from the fuels. I thank Mayor Hales and Commissioner Fritz for taking a stand against approval of the Pembina terminal, and urge other Commissioners to do likewise.

There's two erroneous assumptions that come into play in these considerations that need to be made explicit -- that gases can be considered bridge fuels, and that we have more time than we actually do to address global warming. Gases are not bridge fuels, and here are two reasons. One, life cycle greenhouse gas emissions from natural gas are looking as damaging to the climate as coal. By the strict but distorted standard of looking at which fuels burn the cleanest, indeed gases such as methane and propane burn cleaner than oil and coal. The problem with these measurements is they are only a small piece of the bigger picture. Greenhouse gases are released at all stages of the fuel life cycle, exploration and use. Studies published in the Scientific American found natural gas fields may be leaking enough methane to make the fuel as damaging as coal to the climate over the next decades.

Two -- economically, gas exports fail as a bridge fuel on a number of fronts. An international study looked at the effect of a projected increase in worldwide natural gas usage. The study showed that unless there were explicit worldwide public policies expanding and protecting renewables, the political economic infrastructure for pushing gas would prevail. The models showed that long-term gas expansion through 2050, made possible through the use of fracking, would escalate the climate crisis because gas replaces other fossil fuels but significantly also renewable energy.

One of the most insidious ways fossil fuel projects affect the climate is contractual lock-in. These projects are expensive and require a long 20-year and greater contracts as - - to quote Naomi Klein -- these investments won't be recouped unless the companies that make them are able to keep extracting for decades since the upfront costs are amortized over the life of the projects. There are more aspects to this contractual lock-in -- too many to name here -- designed to ensure fossil fuels retain primacy in the economy for decades to come.

A myth we tell ourselves is we have more time than we actually do to address the global warming. As a people who have benefited to varying degrees from an industrial economy based on fossil fuels, we have a moral obligation to face the climate crisis and do

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whatever is necessary to keep younger generations from having to do all the heavy lifting of making the switch to renewables. Thank you for your time.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Item 578.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**April Smith:** Good morning. Thank you for hearing us. I'm April Smith, and this is my home. It's my dream home. I live on the Columbia River. My husband and I have experienced the Portland seasons here with our children and four grandchildren. We've hosted weddings, vacations, and even a memorial service from our deck, the river our witness. I'm a nurse, mother, grandmother, and one of over the 3000 Portlanders who wrote to you the commission to oppose the Pembina project. I was overcome with excitement and pride for our city when our voice was heard and Mayor Hales removed support for Pembina. Listening to the public, making decisions that are difficult and yet in the best interests of our city makes great leaders and a great city. I am grateful that the City is not considering this issue today. How wonderful to live in a city where our leaders listen to their constituents. Thank you.

My hope is that Portland can put Pembina behind us so we can return to the important things that we need to do in our city. Our focus should be on creating new job programs to retrofit the homes and public buildings, making them energy efficient. We should be improving our mass transportation, infrastructure, and bike safety lanes, putting fewer cars on the road and decreasing the carbon footprint.

I live in the closest community to Pembina, just over one mile from what could be massive storage tanks of explosive liquid propane. The quiet beauty of the river is my joy and the place where I want to live out my retirement years. I want to leave this beautiful place for my children and their children. Thank you for insuring that Portland's conservation habitat zone is not altered for a company whose project is not welcome in our city. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Thanks for coming.

**Item 579.**

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Ben Poe:** Good morning. My name is Ben Poe, and I chair the safety and livability team for the St. Johns Neighborhood Association. I have submitted a resolution by the neighborhood association noting our opposition to the Pembina project. You've heard all of that before, and it's been stated eloquently here this morning. I really want to commend Adam's big picture look on all of this. You've heard it from many voices.

What I want you to understand is that no matter how you arrange the data, whether the level of risk is high or low, whatever risk assessment tools they choose to use, I need you to understand that the folks in my neighborhood find the risk too high for their peace of mind. Sometimes, it seems to us in the northern provinces that the great city-state of Portland sees us as little more than landfill. But this time, we insist on being heard. This is our backyard. We asked the Portland City Council to stand firm in denying any variance to code that would impose this nightmare on our community. Our environmental regulations are there for good reason, much like the laws that protect person and property. They shouldn't be set aside for the sake of special interests, foreign corporations, and a handful of jobs. Thank you very much. Thank you for hearing us.

**Hales:** Thanks for coming. Thank you very much. OK, we're going to move into the rest of the agenda. First, let's take care of the consent calendar. I don't think that we have any requests to remove items off the consent calendar, is that correct? None? OK, then a roll call vote on the consent calendar as printed.

**Roll on consent agenda.**

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

**Hales:** And now time certain item 580.

**Item 580.**

**Hales:** Good morning. It's a big day.

**Debbie Caselton, Bureau of Environmental Services:** It is. Hi, my name is Debbie Caselton, I'm the chair of the Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland. We are an employee group that's all volunteer. Some of us have the support of management to incorporate this into our jobs, some of us don't based on our billable hours. So, I'm here on my own time, personally.

The Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland is an employee-driven group, where employees for employees -- we've been working for the City of Portland's over 8000 employees since 2007. We actually started meeting in 2006 to incorporate this group of people during lunch hours. We met and we have actually several -- I think five out of the 13 of us on the executive committee are founding members of that group.

This progress report is the first time that we've actually reported to you in eight years on how we're doing. I think it's about time is what we were thinking. Maybe we should tell them how we're doing!

Our mission statement is that we're dedicated to enhancing a work environment that is inclusive and supportive of the City of Portland's diverse workforce that is committed to quality public service. And as some of you know, I do definitely take public service personally, and that is my job working -- Commissioner Fish is my Commissioner for my bureau, Environmental Services, which is -- what I do as public involvement in community outreach.

Our executive committee -- which most of us are here today -- we have 13 members. And like I said, there are five of us that are founding members -- and if they are here, I would like to thank them and have them stand for recognition.

**Hales:** Good morning. Thank you for your excellent work. [applause]

**Caselton:** We just had our work retreat. We have an annual work retreat. So, we usually meet monthly for an hour, the group of us, and then on a biannual basis we meet with all of the leaders of the affinity groups as an affinity group Council and get information from them. And a lot of the leaders of the affinity groups are here as well, and I'd like to thank them and have them stand if they could.

**Hales:** Thank you. [applause]

**Caselton:** So, I'd like to call out who our executive committee is. We have a really broad range of committee members that represent gender, orientation, race, different bureaus and different ages. And that wasn't just intentional, that is representative of who we are at the City of Portland.

Janice McDonald is our new co-chair with me. We just elected her. She's with Transportation. Greg Wolley is our vice chair, he's one of the founding members, and he's with purchasing. Mary Hansen, the secretary, is with the Auditor's Office -- she works at archives. Delphin Kennedy-Walker, she's our historian and she's a founding member. She's with the Attorney's Office. Maximo Behrens is with Parks and Recreation. Dylan Carmody, who's with Transportation. Jim Fairchild with human resources at the Fire Bureau. And Yvette Gayomali with Environmental Services. Angie Harris is with Water. Carolyn Lee is one of the founding members -- as well as Angie is -- and she's with Parks and Recreation. And Dennis LoGiudice, he's with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and Thomas Nancarrow, he's with the Police Bureau. So, I want to -- without them, we would not be able to do this and they have been very dedicated. So, thank you.

As I said, we were established in 2007. We work independently under the umbrella of the Office of Equity and Human Rights. I want to really thank the Office of Equity Staff,

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and especially the Director, Dante James and Deputy Director Joseph Wahl for their support. They're always there when we have questions or needs. They offer to help when we need it, especially reminding us of cultural celebrations and proclamations that we should be doing, which is great. So, I want to thank them for being here. Thank you.

DEEP oversees at least nine affinity groups at this time. We arrange for speakers and workshops, and educational opportunities and trainings. We assist with the City's cultural celebrations and events, since we work with the bureaus' individual employees to kind of combine the committees to create these and the affinity groups that put on the cultural celebrations as well. We provide peer support. We provide resources to employees. And like I said, we're an all-volunteer group of City employees for City employees.

Our affinity groups that we have at this time are the City African American Network, the Faith and Friends affinity group, the Filipino American City employees -- which we'll be merging into one group for Asian American Pacific Islanders, so they will be one bigger group, which is great -- the Free Thinker, Atheist, and Agnostic Secular Humanist Naturalist group, which we like to call "fashion" -- and believe it or not, the Faith and Friends and FAASHN have worked together at a conference together. They did a moderated group, and they have a lot of similar adversities, so it's very exciting to have them work together. The LGBTQ and Friends affinity group; PDC City Mamas which is working mamas or working parents; Unidos Latinos Americanos; Veterans Empowerment team; the Women's Affinity Group; and Disability Awareness Group, which is in the works - - it's not an official group yet, but we are working on that.

The affinity groups are voluntary and employee-driven. They are organized around a particular shared interest or dimension, and we -- one of the things we envisioned with affinity groups would be organized around the protected classes set forth in the non-discrimination laws that we have. And so most of those groups are organized around that. It's a networking opportunity to promote the professional development and advancement, and we discourage stereotyping, so it's really I think helped a lot with the affinity groups, and people being able to have questions and kind of breaking that stereotype of what the different groups mean or do. Promote a positive work environment. We bring concerns from the respective groups to top management and we work with other entities to address broader organization and community concerns.

We usually have about five active participants usually in leadership with the affinity groups who organize all of the speakers and luncheons, etc., with up to 100 members or more. There is low meeting attendance for affinity group meetings, unless a speaker or topic is arranged, because everyone is busy. And it's on volunteer time. It's not part of the work hour. Most affinity groups work together. So, like City Mamas, and the veteran's team. For instance, would work together -- or Faith and Friends and CAAN would work together on a different type of celebration, such as the cultural celebration. And a good example is the City African American Network and the Women's Affinity Group work together during those two months to create panels of speakers for their respective Black History Month and the Women's History Month this year.

There is a lack of leadership periodically, which we have to try to revive the affinity groups due to change in employment status, retirement is a big one, and medical leave, etc. So sometimes, the liaisons from the DEEP executive committee -- which all of us are assigned to different groups and some of us double up to assist the affinity groups in continuing their work. So, sometimes we end up taking up some of that leadership.

Over the years, one of the biggest things that DEEP is known for is arranging for many international and locally renowned speakers to speak to employees and the public. We've had Tim Wise, which was -- we had to have him speak twice in one day because it

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was just -- the auditorium was full. And we had Luke Visconti, Walidah Imarisha -- which we want to bring back this next year -- demali ayo, Ash Beckham, Lee Mun Wah, Gary Carp, Simon Tam and the Slants, and many more. I've kind of given you a rundown of who we have brought over the years in the report that I gave you. And attendance of those speakers usually range from 50 to 400 people.

DEEP also organizes events -- like I said -- usually centered on the designated cultural months. Our one kind of signature event that we do -- and I want to thank Mayor Hales for loaning us your wife for Kwanzaa this year. I know you were supposed to attend, but you were not feeling well, and Nancy was fantastic, as always.

**Hales:** You got an upgrade. [laughter]

**Caselton:** I wasn't going to say that, but --

**Hales:** It's true. [laughs]

**Caselton:** She was fabulous. And we celebrate at City Hall in December. It's a non-religious holiday and more of a community celebration, which is why we celebrate Kwanzaa. And we get more than 100 members and employees that gather together at City Hall, and a lot of the people that attend have never been to City Hall and didn't know it was so welcoming, which we all know that it is.

As far as trainings and workshops, etc., DEEP tries to purchase tickets to trainings and workshops, conferences for employees to attend. It's usually like a lottery type of thing -- first come, first serve -- and it's based on manager approval if these employees can attend. We've also provided trainings at various bureaus and other jurisdictions and conferences. Some of us have spoken per request, and we have done that for free.

We provide a peer support, which I think is one of the most important things that we do, because we're fellow employees and we're not -- we're peers, so most employees feel safe, anonymous, and do not fear retaliation when questions or concerns arise. And some of the topics employees have sought deep's advice include transgendered healthcare -- which we now have, thank you very much -- and potential layoff due to race -- you know, questions that come up.

**Fish:** Debbie, I just have to acknowledge that you've picked -- you selected a photograph that obscures me behind Charlie. [laughter] It highlights my son, and I would -- to that which I would say, bravo. Bravo. [laughter]

**Caselton:** I know what I'm doing.

**Fish:** He's the little guy off to the side.

**Caselton:** I remember that. That was actually last year's Pride, and I was the Spirit of Pride winner, and I was riding in the car and it down-poured that day. And I also accidentally stole your jacket, I remember that.

**Fish:** He held me hand the entire parade and had a blast.

**Caselton:** That was great. Well, I hope that he'll come this year too, which we'll talk about after this.

Random drug testing was a question that came up, what is that about? How random is it? It is very random. Bullying, language translation, and just resources in general are concerns that people have and they don't know who to ask, so a lot of times they come to DEEP, which is great. And we usually know who to ask and get a pretty quick response.

Some of our resources that we have available is obviously our website, which is the [portlandoregon.gov](http://portlandoregon.gov), and we have slash DEEP, which believe it or not took many years to get. We're not a bureau, and people didn't know what to do with us. We're this employee group -- who the heck are you guys, and what kind of jurisdiction do you have? And we don't. So, even getting a purchasing card was -- took like five years to get. And you can also email DEEP directly at [deep@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:deep@portlandoregon.gov). We also have a Twitter account, which is not as active as I would like it to be, and that's my fault because I work a lot. And

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then we also have been -- we just started this this year, the Vimeo account. You can look up some of our speakers that we've filmed, like Walidah Imarisha, and we're uploading more and more when we can. Again, that's on my time, so sometimes they appear late at night. We also -- Janice McDonald and I worked very hard in getting our DEEP library up. We have a track-it form where you can electronically check out books. We have about 45 books and videos. Very diverse topics that is all on our website. So, I think that -- am I under time? That's unusual. That would be good. Do you have any questions?

**Hales:** You may have a suggestion from one of your colleagues there.

**Caselton:** Sorry.

**Hales:** So questions? For Debbie or other members of the leadership group? Well, thank you.

**Caselton:** The one thing that I did want to say for sure is when we started this, it was when Mayor Potter was in office, and he -- actually, we did not have a place to meet, and he had us meet in his conference room. Which was great. And we felt really supported by the City Council, but specifically, I want to thank Commissioner Fritz for all of your support over the years. You oversaw us for many years and provided advice and counsel, and have always been extremely supportive, and I appreciate that.

It's really great when I see some of you at some of our events. We haven't specifically invited you -- I think it's kind of funny when I meet somebody for the first time related to my work, and they're like, "oh, you are Debbie Caselton, I get all your emails." But, you know, Commissioner Novick, I saw you at the event this year, and people actually bring that up to me -- how nice it is to see Council members just as an audience member as one of a fellow employee supporting this kind of work. So, thank you for that. I know you tried to sneak in.

**Novick:** I was there for the Wonder Woman Awards, which is a wonderful thing to witness.

**Caselton:** Thank you. That almost went under because we didn't have anybody to take that on. We have a new affinity group chair for the Women's Affinity Group, Meghann Fertal. She's fantastic and has the energy to -- so her and I worked on that together, and that was our sixth annual Wonder Woman Award. I think. Sixth or fifth, yeah. So thank you.

**Hales:** Great work. Well, while you are here, we have a proclamation because it's Pride week. So, I have the honor of reading this. Whereas, the City of Portland has been the site of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer pride celebration since 1970; and whereas, the City of Portland is committed to diversity, social justice, equality, and mutual respect as a fundamental aspect of a healthy community; and whereas, Portland's LGBTQ community contributes significantly to our city's economic, artistic, political, social wellbeing; and whereas, the long and ongoing struggle of transgender, queer, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and other minorities for basic civil and human rights continues to provide inspiration to all those who worked against discrimination and oppression; and whereas, Portland is home to three annual pride celebrations -- Pride Northwest June 13-14, Black Pride June 17-21, and Latino Gay Pride July 25-27 -- now, therefore, I, Charlie Hales, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses, do hereby proclaim June 2015 to be Portland Pride Month in Portland, and encourage all residents to observe this month and to thank DEEP for your great advocacy. Thank you very much.

**Caselton:** Thank you very much. [applause] I want to invite all City employees and Council, of course -- and much of you have responded already, and will be at the Portland Pride parade. It really means a lot to the gay community to have you there, and I've had never any hesitation from any of you about attending, which is great. I just want to thank you for that. We will be marching again this year, we're number 56 in line as far as I know at this point. And we'll be meeting at around 10:00 a.m. in Sunday, June 13th. All of you received the email, so thank you.

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**Hales:** Can we invite DEEP members up and take a picture with Council? [photo taken]  
We think that we need a motion is an order to accept the report.

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, we have a request for public testimony.

**Hales:** Oh, sorry, didn't wanna blow past that. Public testimony, please. Come on up.  
Sorry, Charles.

**Charles Johnson:** It's quite alright. I definitely want to thank her and all the people in DEEP for the strong work they do. I think we want to take note since we are here in Portland on Clackamas land that hopefully, Dante and some of the DEEP staffers are or DEEP volunteers will look at Native American employment within the City. I think that through the Grand Ronde, and Warm Springs, they have strong jobs programs for their people. But I think here, in their original lands, when we celebrate the diversity of people who've come to the wonderful city of Portland to try to make it a wonderful place that we would like to also make sure that the Native Americans feel welcome to work with the City of Portland and those that do are strongly supported.

For those who don't know and want to find out more about Pride and aren't comfortable just Googling that, there's pridenw.org on the web. I think that while we saw a great spread of diversity, one thing that DEEP and Dante could work is -- every time I come here and I see Amanda kind of stuck up there with you five guys, I wonder about the original glass ceiling issues in Portland. So, I hope that another report that we'll soon see will talk about the challenges that women still feel that they face in promotion. Perhaps we'll see a change of that with the next election cycle and the Mayor's office will rotate around, depending on what you choose, but you have strong representation there with Gail Shibley and Jackie Dingfelder, but I think that there are still institutional barriers in the broader society -- hopefully less in the City -- and that we can -- as well as we have done to recognize the rights of the gay, lesbian, trans, queer people, we can still look at that basic issue of paternal patriarchal structures that don't advance women, as well as they should. Thank you very much.

**Fish:** Charles, thanks for your comments. I'd would be remiss if I didn't observe, Mayor, that we were under the charter, five Commissioners and an elected Auditor. And in fact, we have had two women that have been elected and four men. So, I just want to correct that.

**Hales:** A little closer to equity than four to one, but nevertheless, opportunity for progress.  
So, a motion please to accept the report.

**Fish:** So moved.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Hales:** Further discussion? Roll call, please.

**Item 580.**

**Fish:** Debbie mentioned when she gave the report that she's employed by the Bureau of Environmental Services, and I could spend all day talking about what a valued team member that she is. I'll just acknowledge that Debbie has helped transform substantially the way that we communicate to the public, and she has become probably better known than anyone up here because whenever we have a capital project, a capital construction project that she's responsible for, we send out a newsletter with a cover letter from Debbie in which she gives out her cell phone number and signs it personally. And that's part of the innovation that she has brought to our bureau so that instead of having a nameless, faceless bureau connect with the public, there's a person who is responsible for managing the process. And she does a great job both as an employee and obviously as a leader in DEEP, and we're very proud of her and everyone else who stepped up to do this worthy work. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

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**Novick:** I had a wonderful time at the Wonder Woman Awards. It was just fantastic to hear about all of the wonderful women that we have working in the City and their lives and accomplishments, and I will try to make more DEEP events this next year. And Nick is right, Debbie is fantastic in all sorts of ways. Aye.

**Fritz:** It's remarkable to me that most of the employees who are part of this have now left the chamber because their lunch hour is up and they have to get back to work. So, I ask my colleagues to look into how we can provide some more work time for these employees because cohesiveness and furthering solidarity amongst different affinity groups is really part of our work, in my opinion. So, I appreciate their diligence and I appreciate the taxpayers investing a whopping \$10,000 per year to support the things that they do. It's quite remarkable the investment of volunteer time that our City employees do to make sure that everybody feels welcomed and informed.

I will have to say that I appreciate the reference to Mayor Potter and his establishment of the Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland, putting it in the Office of Human Relations, It was one of my brilliant decisions to keep it in the Office of Equity and Human Rights, along with various other choices, which the Council made under Mayor Adams and which Mayor Hales has now supported to recognize and support the Office of Equity and Human Rights and all of the work that we do internally and externally. It's great that this presentation followed on our proclamation recognizing Midge Purcell and the Urban League because we really have over the past six and half years established a much closer working relationship with the communities of color and underrepresented communities, both within the city and in our community. Certainly not done yet, and there's a lot of work to do but it's partly because we have great City employees who want to make a difference that we are making such progress and thanks to everyone who is involved. Aye.

**Hales:** This has been a warm and in some ways lighthearted presentation this morning. But, it's really -- there's serious stuff here, which is if employees feel welcome, they are productive. If they feel isolated -- or worse, harassed -- the employee has a bad deal but so does the organization that they work for and the people that they serve. So, it's a really good and healthy thing that we have DEEP and its affinity groups and that our employees - all of them -- feel supported in who they are and the work that they do. I'm very proud of this work, very pleased to accept their report, and look forward to hearing from them more often. Aye.

**Item 581.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mayor Hales, I am pleased to invite our two new appointees to the Home Forward board of commissioners, and I think the executive director, Michael Buonocore is also going to join us -- so if Michael and Miki and Damien Hall would come up. Miki is re-upping for another term but, but Damien is a brand new appointee of the City of Portland to the Home Forward board of commissioners, and I'm sure my colleagues are all familiar with the important work that Home Forward does. I'll will turn it over to Michael for a few words and then Damien and Miki could say a few words, and they are here to answer any questions you may have as well. Michael?

**Michael Buonocore:** Thank you, Mayor Hales and Commissioners. Thank you for having us, and happy Pride month. Thank you for that as well. I'm going to cover three areas really quickly for you today. I'm going to talk to you a bit about what's about to happen, I'm going to talk to you a bit about some of the important work that Home Forward is doing right now, and talk to you about how I think that we could work together going forward.

Home Forward was founded in 1941 -- which sounds like the beginning of a really boring story, but I'm going to rocket through history and just tell you that eventually, there

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was an intergovernmental agreement that between the City and Multnomah County, we began to serve the entire county, and in 1992, the City of Gresham entered into that intergovernmental agreement. So, we are now governed by a nine commissioner board, five of which are City of Portland appointees, but all of our appointees, regardless of which jurisdiction they represent, come through City Council -- this City Council for approval. And Damien and Miki, as Commissioner Saltzman said, are both City of Portland appointees. There are two appointees from Multnomah County and two from the City of Gresham as well.

So, a few words about some things that we're working on that are important to us. We recently completed our third and final HOPE VI project out in Southwest Portland called Stephens Creek Crossing. I know many of you have toured it. And that moves us into a new era as a developer of affordable housing. HOPE VI is behind us, and so we are now we are approaching the role with curiosity and an interest in partnership -- and of course, a deep commitment to increasing the amount of affordable housing that's available in our community.

We are engaging supportively and productively in conversations about how the development of affordable housing can be done more quickly and less expensively, and we will certainly do our part. And our role as a developer and owner we believe is to make sure that we are creating high-quality apartment communities that will be sustainable for the long-term with the deep commitment to long-term affordability, with the particular emphasis on the lowest income members of the community.

We recently introduced an initiative to project-based 500 vouchers in the next five years in developments that are either new or existing, recognizing that in this really hot rental market, the ability of voucher holders to meaningfully have choice in what neighborhoods they live in is dramatically vanishing because the rental market is so -- it's kind of crazy right now. And we think that that is a trend that in some important neighborhoods will not change, and the project-based vouchers gives us the opportunity to ensure affordable in places where otherwise it's being lost. And we're doing that in conversation with you and with the community about what's important to them in terms of where those resources are placed.

We also have a very significant preservation initiative before us. It's an effort we've been working on for a number of years now in a variety of ways. Again, having been founded in 1941, it means that we have a pretty old housing stock, and we've been successful in doing important capital work on a lot of it, and there's a lot of work that remains, and so we will be doing that aggressively and communicating as much as we can about the implications for the community as we do that work, and we'll be asking for help in doing it.

And then finally, I'll just touch on the obvious importance of our engagement with you in the Home for Everyone Effort to end homelessness in this community, ultimately. And I think that we are on a really strong path. I appreciate all the leadership and support that's been provided to that effort. And particularly, that it has shown up as a financial commitment in your budget. I know that that's a big push to make, and it is -- as you know -- incredibly, incredibly important to this community. And we are, of course, deeply committed to working with you in service to what the city of Portland needs and our other jurisdictions as well.

And then finally, I just wanted to -- actually, before I close, I did want to pause long enough to take a moment to say that that we're also joined today by our board chair, David Widmark; and our vice chair, Jim Smith, who are in the audience with us as well.

My closing thoughts are that, you know, we have all linked arms in a really important way around A Home for Everyone -- and again, appreciate the commitment to

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that effort. I think that the next thing that we really have to put our shoulders behind together is around the work that the Welcome Home Coalition is moving forward. We really desperately need a local permanent revenue stream that will fund the affordable housing. Affordable housing is our long-term systemic solution to homelessness, and as much as we are doing with what we have, we need more than that. We can't give up on the thought and the effort that the federal government should show up in a way that it has been -- it hasn't fully been for quite some time. We have to hold on to and fight for the resources that we need in that regard, and we know that we have to do something ourselves to change this.

I don't envy you the challenge of figuring out where to put your political effort when there are incredibly difficult issues that you are grappling with and need to ask the public to pay for and when to do that and how to do that. I can only imagine how difficult that is. I just want to tell you today not that I think that one thing is more important than another -- just to pluck one thing out, we need to fix our streets, absolutely, and if there was a check I could write today for my share I would do it, I'm all in with you. I just hope that we can not cast any of these choices as pitted against each other because as we have faced those difficult decisions, people are dying on our streets as they have been for decades now and this is a path that will help us to change that trajectory. We are here for you, we are your partner, and we work in service to you, and we will show up how you need us. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Damien, would you like to introduce yourself?

**Damien Hall:** Yes. Thank you. My name is Damien Hall, and I would like to start off by thanking Commissioner Saltzman for nominating me to potentially be -- with the approval of the Council -- a board member for Home Forward. The availability of quality, stable, and affordable housing I think is very important to social justice in the city and the county. It's one of the leading determinants in both physical and behavioral health as well as educational achievement, and I think it's one of the main ways that the City can help, along with the County and Home Forward to try and break the cycle of poverty that a lot of the citizens face. So hopefully, with the approval of the commission, I'll be able to assist Home Forward in the valuable work that they do in helping to meet the demand for that good, affordable housing.

**Saltzman:** Thank you. Miki, would you like to say a few words?

**Miki Herman:** Thank you. Good morning. I want to thank Commissioner Saltzman for letting me be re-upped and reappointed. My last year has been incredibly valuable, and it really makes me realize that human capital is one of the things that we have to offer in the city of Portland, and all citizens should get involved and to stay involved in meaningful ways. Home Forward is such an innovative agency. They do really good work. It's a complicated process, there are not enough pieces in the pie, but I've been really impressed with what they do with so little and how innovative they are. And I've been fortunate to participate in ways more than just sitting on the board. I'm also part of the finance and audit committee as well as their real estate committee, so I'm getting to put all my private sector knowledge to work, so thank you very much.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Thank you all.

**Hales:** Questions for the nominees?

**Fritz:** Thank you very much, both of you, for your service. I have a question. Are there term limits on the Home Forward board?

**Buonocore:** There are -- oh, why a quiz, I should have studied, I'm sorry. There are four-year terms. I believe folks can serve indefinitely, but there are term limits in our officer positions -- how long a person can hold an officer position.

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**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Other questions? Thank you all, thanks very much. Anyone else that wants to speak on this item?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we have two people signed up.

**Hales:** We'll get you to yield and we'll hear from them and take action. Thank you very much. Good morning.

**Rebecca Bacon:** Good morning. My name is Rebecca Bacon, I'm a student at PSU. I've lived in Portland my whole life. I've watched the housing market, the Section 8 with Home Forward. I watched it go from a nonprofit to a profit. Home Forward has a list -- that is to say the least -- it's just -- it's so long that nobody can get on it. The Section 8 list for Home Forward is impossible. People are looking for emergency housing. They come to Home Forward looking to sign up on some time of Section 8, and they're denied. The list is too full, people are waiting.

The other problem that I have with Home Forward is I lived out in an apartment in Gresham. There was a veteran placed in one of the apartments that I lived in. The manager decided that he did not want them here anymore. He wanted turnover rate, so he evicted these people. After he evicted them, they called Home Forward. Home Forward said their mandatory reporting book that he gave the manager. He took this man's benefits away, and he stripped him of his Section 8, he evicted him and Home Forward came in and did an assessment of the apartment and taxed him over 3000 because the apartment was not up to par. They have a lot of better issues that I wanted to speak about here today because I'm only going to get to speak to this one time. We have a new emergency meeting here called for a -- I am guessing the Council meetings' board race -- is that what's going on?

**Hales:** I'm sorry?

**Bacon:** Do you have an emergency meeting here today for the Council meetings' board race? I guess that wasn't put on the agenda this time?

**Hales:** It's not an emergency, no. Go ahead.

**Bacon:** Well, I'm going to speak about the water issues real quick. And the new --

**Hales:** No, you need to stick to the Home Forward issue. We're going to stay on this topic.

**Bacon:** I won't be able to stay for the whole entire meeting because I wanted to speak on the other issues.

**Hales:** We have to take the topics one at a time.

**Bacon:** OK. We now have a big proposal coming in, A Home for Everyone. It's one million dollars, you're asking for an extra \$65,000 for the response team for a landlord sort of management agency that helps with people that are having a hard time being placed or having a hard time with management. The problem we have with that is most of the people that are in management are looking for the high turnover rate. They're looking to move people out. If we were to create a landlord response team, we need to find better ways to suit these veterans. If you're re going to put them in with the operation veteran 402 plan by the end of 2015 to house all the veterans, you need to create more permanent housing. Apartment complexes are not the answer for these veterans. They fought for our country and going into apartment complexes where they're not able to adapt is causing problems. So, we need to look at better solutions. We can't build tiny homes. That's not a solution. We can't put our veterans in a box. But in the same sense, we can't put them into apartments that are so overly priced that it takes up most of their wages. What I'm asking the board to look at is a rental cap. An SRO should be 400, a one bedroom should be 500, a two-bedroom should be 600, and three bedroom should not go over 700. This can create a better place for everyone to find an apartment and be able to live in a minimum wage job and be able sustain the apartment. [beeping]

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**Hales:** Thanks very much.

**Bacon:** Thank you very much. Good morning.

**Charles Johnson:** Good morning, Commissioners. As you know -- and was mentioned by the testifiers -- we have a problem with the lethality of homelessness, of people dying on the streets, and I was very glad to hear that that was acknowledged in the testimony.

Many of the citizens of Portland have been concerned that during the past couple weeks, there've been sweeps going on, and that regardless of what the Home Forward budget is, we all know that there are waiting lists and limits on the capacity and that most of those people are not avoiding services, they're wait-listed for services. While I have some concerns about the operation of Home Forward, I don't want to diminish anyone's good intentions, but I want to encourage the people who have been reappointed on the Home Forward board to develop some elevator speeches. Because they keep telling us there are obstacles -- a shortage of federal money, and these things -- and I think that one of the responsibilities of being on the board of Home Forward is if you're not accomplishing what you hope to do, A Home for Everyone -- which we haven't done with the previous 10-year plan -- that they should not be shy about knowing specific -- you know, under this Republican Congress, there won't be very many -- but specific pieces of legislation and just realizing that when we want homes for everybody, that means not just looking to Home Forward, but also constantly engaging with Blumenauer and Wyden and knowing the Republican contingent so that our federal budget can be more sensible with less money going to drones and F35 fighters we don't need and more money going to -- as the fellow testifier just mentioned -- providing homes for people who have put their lives in jeopardy for the national interests -- or supposed national interests. But not just veterans. We need to realize that most veterans when they fought for the United States didn't fight so that they could get a subsidized apartment that overlooks somebody sleeping on the sidewalk. I think any veteran worth their salt wants to see a government that puts people in if not basic housing, emergency shelter. We know that we're not going to fix the housing problem before this time next year when there might be more appointees, but we also know that the City has no plan to put those people in clean hygienic cots with access to showers and such during the next year. I hope that other homeless activists outside of Home Forward -- and within -- that these board members will be agitators who not just look at the complicated issue of funding MFI capable apartments for 30% MFI and 60% and 0% MFI, but also respect basic human rights so that the people we walk past at 10 o'clock at night in the doorways of 2nd and 3rd Avenue are there by choice instead of saying there's no cots, there's no showers, there's no beds available for them. I hope you also continue to expand programs like R2D2. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Anyone else? Then a roll call on the resolution, please.

**Item 581 Roll.**

**Fish:** First, I want to thank Dan Saltzman for putting this on the regular agenda. Historically, these often are on the consent, so we are deprived of the opportunity to have this discussion. So thank you, Dan, and I think that's an important change and I hope we do it consistently with all members and reappointments.

I want to thank the leadership of Home Forward for being here to join us for this occasion. And I want to thank Damien and Miki for agreeing to serve. Damien, you have an amazing resume and background, but when I saw you were a USC graduate, that sealed it for me. And Miki, thank you for doing a second term. Having served on the board of what used to be called the Housing Authority of Portland, I know that this is service at its highest calling. And it is not easy work, and you're not serving at an easy time, so it makes it all more important to us to thank you for your service and support you as you go forward.

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I also want to thank Michael Buonocore for doing something we often don't do in this chamber, which is coming forward and acknowledging the success that we've had working together. There's something about progressives where we leave that out of the conversation and we feel virtuous in doing so, and I think it's a big mistake. And I think the more we do it, I think the more we are actually seeding the ground of people that don't even share our basic value system. So, I think it's very important when Michael comes forward as the executive director and talks about the success. And you know, the Home for Everyone, which we started to put in place two or three years ago, has great promise. And it really is potentially going to change things because it's gonna to bring an unprecedented level of collaboration among the key players. The decision by your board to project base 500 vouchers it is a huge milestone. Your predecessor was a little more parsimonious with those vouchers. And to connect the dots, because of that initiative, Commissioner Saltzman, will be able to deliver on the Council's commitment to affordable housing in North Macadam. Without those vouchers, it becomes -- obviously the biggest challenge we face is on the service side. The collective efforts that you and the City have done over the last few years to reform the VASH voucher program and to go from an underperforming to an over-performing jurisdiction -- which means we're getting more vouchers, which means we're going to reach the audacious goal we set of ending veteran homelessness is possible.

You haven't just closed out your third HOPE VI. Stephens Creek Crossing is sort of the culmination of everything that the agency has done, and it reflects a values proposition that we cannot forget, which is opportunity housing. Stephen Creek Crossing is in a desirable neighborhood with strong schools and great services. And we must insist even that though that may be more expensive in the long run, that low-income families have a choice of where to live and that includes not just being on the margins of our community but living in strong neighborhoods. And I hope we never walk away from that principle.

Your preservation agenda is important. You do have an aging stock. We could go on and on.

But I want to close by acknowledging the elephant in the room. If a growing chorus of people in Washington D.C. or who are serving as candidates for high national office have their way, there will no longer be a Home Forward. And when the principal candidates for major political parties get up and say "we're going to end the federal role in housing," it means we would no longer have a Home Forward. And let's not kid ourselves, if you take all of the housing dollars -- which we keep shrinking because of sequestration -- and we bundle them in a block grant, what will happen is over time, it will continue to wither and you will have some very tough choices to make about your long-term survival. But it seems hard to me to imagine in 10 years that we're going to have a Home Forward going down that path.

We are entering into an election season and I think it's about time that collectively, we raise our voices again and say that if we are going to make progress ending homelessness and providing a range of housing choices for Americans, there must be a strong federal role. And I cannot believe that we're having a conversation in this country about ending a federal role at the very time that the federal government's role is needed for than ever. Let's also be clear, the Welcome Home Coalition is doing great work in laying a foundation, Home for Everyone is very promising. We will not succeed without a strong federal partner. Let's not kid ourselves. We cannot locally solve a national problem. I can't think of a national problem that actually we would be charged locally with solving. And it's actually outrageous to suggest that it is our problem to solve. It is a national problem.

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So, Michael, thank you for laying out both the accomplishments and the challenge. Thank you, Dan, for bringing this forward. Thanks to the Mayor and the Council for putting real housing dollars in this budget above and beyond our ongoing money. And welcome and thanks to our two board members. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I want to welcome our returning board member and our new board member, Damien and Miki. Thank you, Michael, for your great remarks, and also want to acknowledge the chair and vice chair, David Widmark and Jim Smith. Thank you for being here today, too. And Michael, I wanted to also -- I think Nick more or less alluded to it a minute ago, but stepping forward with project-based vouchers for South waterfront or North macadam affordable housing is really a tremendous opportunity. It's a great opportunity area, and we will have some good mixed income housing there. And also recently, your commitment of project-based vouchers to our Pearl District property that we just acquired from Hoyt Street Properties -- that will allow us to do some very low income family housing again in an area that has lots of amenities and opportunities. So, it's a good working relationship we have, and I know our board members will -- our board commissioners will make sure that we continue to have good relations. So, thank you. Aye.

**Novick:** Thank you, Damien and Miki; thank you, Michael, thanks for all of your work; thank you, Commissioner Saltzman. And I also appreciated Commissioner Fish's pointing out that unless we have a strong and in fact stronger federal partner on these issues, we are going to continue to struggle. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much to the Home Forward board members. It's a huge commitment of time, and I appreciate your volunteer efforts and your partnership with the organization and with governments. We need to work together and there aren't enough resources, and that's very difficult for all of us, so working together to make sure that we spend the resources as wisely as possible is hugely important. Thank you. Aye.

**Hales:** Well, neither the housing market -- which is in an inexorable, enormous force -- nor a beleaguered citizen like the one we heard from today who's trying to find affordable housing acknowledges or cares about a bureaucratic turf. It doesn't matter. The market cares not whether we have one housing agency, 15 housing agencies, good coordination or the lack of it. And again, the citizen trying to find a foothold here doesn't care either. But what they ought to have a right to expect and what the market might respect a little bit is if the City and the County and the housing authority are an effective partnership of public agencies doing coordinated work. And I believe we have the structure for that now, and I appreciate Home Forward's engagement in that. And then now having created that effective management structure, it's incumbent on all of us -- the Housing Commissioner, me, all five of us, and you and your board -- to be very innovative and very aggressive in trying things, trying new things, trying to find more ways to address this problem with resources we have.

The City is a big player here. You know, I think sometimes we think it's normal that there's a housing bureau in city government. I think we may be the only one in the state, but there certainly aren't a lot of them. There are 22 housing authorities around the state, but there aren't a lot of housing bureaus. And as Commissioner Fish noted, we're dedicated \$100 million -- or nearly that -- in City funds towards housing. That's great. That's to be celebrated. But we better make sure that we are using all of those dollars and the ones that you have creatively and effectively in a red hot real estate market to try to find opportunity for more people, whether it is to get indoors because they're sleeping in a doorway or to be able to afford housing now that they finally got a minimum wage job. So, there's a lot of work to do.

We appreciate the volunteer role that you as board members play. It's the same thing here with the Planning Commission and the Design Commission and Human Rights

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Commission and others we rely on for citizens to help guide policy. Look forward to working with you very much and appreciate very much the partnership that we have. Aye. Thank you. OK. Let's move on to 582, another housing issue.

**Item 582.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mayor Hales. We're very excited to bring this project forward for your approval. This will bring 47 new units of affordable housing to inner Northeast Portland -- and again, it's a good opportunity area -- and it will provide much-needed services to people in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. Here to talk more about the project, our Assistant Director Javier Mena and Karl Dinkelspiel, and then we'll I also have Ed Blackburn from Central City Concern and Michael Booker from the Miracles Club will follow them. Javier?

**Javier Mena, Interim Director, Portland Housing Bureau:** Good morning, Mayor Hales and Commissioners. It is a great pleasure that we're here today to present for your approval the funding of the Miracle Center, which is a great project and it's a great segue from what you previously saw in terms of collaboration and partnerships that we have in front of you today in regard to this project. And with that, I'm going to very quickly turn it over to Karl who will give you some project detail and then we can answer any questions, and obviously we will have presenters regarding the project.

**Karl Dinkelspiel, Portland Housing Bureau:** Mayor Hales and Commissioners, thank you very much. I'm Karl Dinkelspiel, senior program manager now at the Portland Housing Bureau. I just want to just say some brief things about the project because I think this is about partnerships and stuff that we have talked about this morning so I want to have enough time for our partners to tell about why this is such an important project. The bureaus are excited about the project. It really is about partnerships with the community. And so, Central City Concern as well as the Miracles Club are our partners in this deal. And Ed and Michael will talk about how they see this project.

I do want to say, as we've seen recently through both the State of Housing report which we just got as well, as the point in time street count -- that there remains and there still is an alarming disparity for people of color in terms of housing opportunities. They are disproportionately represented in terms of people that are homeless and in certainly greater need of housing affordability in general. So, this project really in a lot of ways addresses those kinds of issues.

We chose the project on the 2012 notice of funding availability. Project was awarded in 2013. As Commissioner Saltzman said, we have 47 units total. All of the units will be affordable at 60% of median family income or less, so that means folks that are earning \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year maximum. So, a lot of people will be earning less than that. There's ground floor space that will be for programming for Miracles Club and for Central City Concern to work with folks that are dealing with addiction issues in recovery. And then it's on land -- as I think Javier mentioned -- it's on land that bureau owns and was a great location. It's sort of the intersection of Rose Quarter and Lloyd district. So, super convenient, a great place to be, and lots of amenities there.

As with all of our projects, lots of funding partners involved here. In this case, it's National Equity Fund, Chase Bank, Oregon Housing Community Services. PHB's participation in the project will be \$7.1 million that leverages another about \$6 million in other funding.

And then last of all, I will say that with your vote today, we expect to close on the project within the next few weeks and then construction should start in July or August at the latest. So, coming soon to neighborhood near you. Ed Blackburn is here, Executive Director for Central City concern; as well as Michael Booker, who's Interim Executive

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Director for Miracles Club; and I believe Pastor Hennessee here as well and they will talk about their roles in the project and we're happy to answer questions after they're done.

**Saltzman:** Why don't we bring them up?

**Fish:** Let's ask questions first, if we could, as we have staff here.

**Hales:** Yep.

**Fish:** So, seven million bucks roughly of TIF, right, from the urban renewal district?

**Dinkelspiel:** Right.

**Fish:** Is this a grant or a loan or some hybrid?

**Dinkelspiel:** It is a cash flow dependent note. So that means it's a loan and whether there's payment on it will depend on the cash flow from the project.

**Fish:** So, Karl, put that in plain English. Because when we had the audit, there was -- one of the issues that came up is just being clear about when is something a grant, a loan, or some hybrid, or effectively becomes a grant, since the cash flow may not support repayment. Where does this fall on the spectrum?

**Dinkelspiel:** This is a loan, absolutely, we'll start with that. And our projection is that there will be some cash flow that comes off of the project, probably in year '15 or something like that that the bureau will be partially repaid on that loan. And that will go on for 60 years depending on the financial stability of the project. I would doubt that the project -- that the \$7.1 million will be paid by the end of the 60-year term.

**Fish:** So, why not just make it a grant? What's -- why the structure?

**Dinkelspiel:** It's important for the bureau to support other projects, and having cash flow -- it does a lot of things. One of the things is it allows for the potential to support other projects in the Oregon Convention Center, and it also has an appropriate balance between our mission to provide affordable housing as well as our mission to sustain that housing. And so it's important for all of us to share in that -- those responsibilities. And the bureau and City cannot support projects if we don't have any money. So, it's important to have money that is available -- and Javier, do you want to --

**Mena:** If I could add to that. Last year, we brought forth an updated loan guidelines that specifically detail as to how we should move forward in underwriting projects, which spoke to the audit that was provided. And as we underwrite this project, the criteria that met in terms of the terms of the project, it was the cash flow loan, which it is a loan and it is depending upon the performance of the project that we reap payment on that loan.

**Fish:** But just so we're clear, I think if anything I took away from the audit is just being clear about the product and our expectations. The truth is that this could be a very successful project, and we still would not recover most of this loan within 60 years and the Council could still declare victory, correct?

**Mena:** Correct.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Hales:** OK, other questions? Thank you both. OK. Let's invite up the other three panelists, please come on up.

**Saltzman:** Ed Blackburn, Michael Booker, Pastor Hennessee?

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Ed Blackburn:** Good morning. I want to thank you for having us here today. My name is Ed Blackburn, I'm with Central City Concern. We are the facilitating sponsor of this project. I just want to comment on what Commissioner Fish said -- for the record, it's not unique to this project, this financing methodology that was just described. I want to make that clear for the record. It's commonly used in affordable housing at this point.

**Fish:** Yeah, no -- what we learned last year, Ed, is that there's complete confusion about the range of options that we have. And frankly, I might err on just making it a grant and not a loan where it effectively acts like a grant because we don't have an expectation of

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payment. My only intent is to be clear that we have minimal expectations over 60 years of being repaid and that the public benefit is so great that that's OK. And if we say that, then I think we're clean.

**Blackburn:** Thank you. Thank you for clarifying that. This project, as you know, is very important given all of the data that has come out on homelessness and disparities particularly affecting people of color and in particular, the African American community.

Central City Concern provides about 1600 units of very low income housing, a fairly robust health care delivery system, alcohol and drug treatment, mental health services, and employment services. But what attracted us to this project in particular in the very beginning was this idea of a low income housing project in the Lloyd Center district, which really needs more diversity in the types of housing, particularly when it comes to income levels in that area. But it was also the location of the first African American community in Portland. And it was through efforts through urban renewal many decades ago in building the Coliseum that that community was moved out of this area.

The area now is full of amenities. It's got street car, it's got light rail, it's got a lot of bus service, it's got a lot of services in the area, it's got a lot of access to healthy food. And to me there is an element of rectification here in providing this kind of housing project, particularly available for African Americans to come back in this community and be able to take advantage of those amenities that are available with this project.

The second issue that was very important to us was our particular association with the Miracles Club -- and this is a real honor to be in collaboration with Miracles Club. Many of our staff and many of our clients participated in the Miracles Club. It's an organic relationship that's gone on for many years. Some of our staff were founders of the Miracles Club. And when we were deciding about the RFP and how to approach it, a group actually asked for a meeting with me at Central City Concern and asked us to collaborate with the Miracles Club on this project. So, there's also equity issue that we're trying to address here.

This is the first time that Central City Concern has developed a property where we said another non-profit can, if they choose, within three years of closing this financing on this project be equity owners in the building. So, we look forward to that day.

But the other thing is the cooperation and collaboration on the services. Miracles Club will provide mentoring services for individuals and families that will be living in the building. Central City Concern will be providing employment services. 100% of the residents there will have access to our employment services, and they'll also have access to the Old Town health care center if they choose to go there. So, there's a lot of reasons for this project, and we're looking forward to the work here.

I want to really appreciate the work that the Portland Housing Bureau has put into this because it is a unique approach to low income housing, and they showed a lot of insight, I think, in supporting this project and have been very helpful in getting us this far. I want to also express my appreciation to Commissioner Saltzman. He's been making sure we're doing the things right and we're moving forward in a way that the City can support.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**J.W. Matt Hennessee:** Good morning, Mr. Mayor, members of the City commission. My name for the record is J.W. Matt Hennessee, the pastor of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church here in Portland, and also a member of the board of directors of Miracles along with my colleague Ross Cornelius who is also here today as well. Our board chair, Eric Martin, was not able to make it. But we wanted to be here on the one hand to again thank you for the amazing amount of support that has been there for Miracles historically, the great work that the community feels about the work that Miracles has done as well.

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This tremendously unique opportunity for Miracles and Central City concern to work together in a wonderfully collaborative partnership -- which, on the one hand, as is described, from a services standpoint, but also a partnership standpoint which is really important.

The last thing I want to say it's great to know that this project has come together in all of its unique ways from a competitive process as well. And we are certainly sensitive to that and appreciative of that. And certainly, again thank you Commissioner Saltzman for your great leadership and help over the years and certainly for the great work that we believe will come of this partnership. Again, we know that there is and cannot be emphasized enough adverse impact from a housing standpoint anyway -- but particularly in the African American community -- this will be very, very helpful, and we thank you.

**Hales:** Good morning.

**Michael Booker:** Good morning. My name is Michael Booker, I'm the Interim Executive Director at the Miracles Club. To the Mayor and Commissioners, I would like to say I'm very humbled and grateful to be here this morning to speak on the behalf of the Miracles Club.

The Miracles Club is an African American social club. Been around 23 years. For the last five years, we've been building this five stories -- thank you Dan Saltzman and Ross Cornelius for your efforts. What we do is we specialize in peer-to-peer services. We help people that come out of institutions, we help people who come out of recovery treatment programs to find jobs, to put families back together. We help people as far as better their education. We try to help people as far as continued recovery.

One thing that is very important is that we have 17 different meeting groups that come in there 365 days a year and do 12-step meetings. The housing we have -- second floor to the fifth floor is 37 units. We have people who are in recovery. I feel the collaboration with Central City Concern is so important because we have people who are trying to change their lives, but they have nowhere to go. I think the importance is that them knowing to have efforts and them being accountable and putting efforts forward to try to be a part of that to keep them from staying on the streets. If they feel that, their self-esteem will grow.

I think it is very important especially for people of color that the opportunities are more so enhanced now than they've ever been. The Miracles Club has been very instrumental in the Northeast and the North community, even though the gentrification has changed, but we are still the treasure of North and Northeast Portland. We're right in the heart of MLK. It's important for people. We have people who are homeless who come through there. We have people who are on staff at Miracles came through there that were homeless. There are now mentors, peer-to-peer services. So, by the grace of god last month, I celebrated 21 years and I've been a part of Miracles since then. So, it's a program that works.

Given the opportunity with this collaboration with Central City Concern, I think would enhance people's lives. People are looking forward to it and we just are grateful for the opportunity to make this happen. Thank you.

**Saltzman:** Thank you. Thank you all.

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

**Fish:** I have one question, if I could, for anyone on the panel. We funded LifeWorks a couple of years ago, and it took them about three different tries to get the funding -- had to keep improving the proposal. But one of the things that the City looked at was viability of the proposal, competitively scored, and then LifeWorks had to demonstrate that they were effective in doing what they do. Mr. Booker, you said that -- you've talked about the success that your organization has had. We're a little handicapped in this regard because

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there's nothing in our packet that talks about the success of your nonprofit. In fact, I don't ever remember us getting a presentation on the work you do and outcomes. So, I think it's fair at this point to ask, what does success look like, and what objective measures do we have to give us confidence that you can reach those goals?

**Blackburn:** Well, this is a permanent housing project and it's recovery-oriented housing. It's very comparable to some of the other buildings that we operate for people in recovery. And the building that's most like it -- Sally McCracken building -- has an 85% retention rate in terms of people coming -- they're coming into recovery and they're getting placed in that building. Out of that 85%, there's 15% that are discharged on a yearly basis, but more than half of those are positive discharges to permanent housing in the community. They've chosen to leave because they have developed a relationship, it may be that they got a job in another part of the region and they are going to move to that region. So, it's well over a 90% success rate.

We also work with about 350 employers in the region, and we place annually about 500 people in jobs. So, I -- the things that we're going to be looking at is that housing retention -- that long-term recovery -- permanent placement outside of that building of people who so choose, but also their employment and income outcomes. So, there are measurable outcomes.

**Fish:** Ed, we obviously have a long history with the City. So, what are the goals for this project that will determine whether this is a success? Because this is -- this is the first time you've worked together, is that correct?

**Booker:** Correct.

**Fish:** And so there is -- and this is a unique opportunity. So, in five years, when we get a report, what does it say -- what's the benchmark that we're shooting for?

**Booker:** I think part of that is what Central City Concern has to offer and what Miracles has to offer. Again, our success rate has been based off of the peer-to-peer service we have provided to people. 50% of the people that live in the Miracles complex now -- apartments -- are people who went through the peer-to-peer services through Miracles.

I think that in a five year term, people have opportunities -- what happened was at some point we will lose people that are housed there because their credit will be better, they have opportunities to buy homes. I think the opportunities of us doing a peer-to-peer service at the new building will help people enhance their lives and families, and I think it's a growing relationship. And what Central City Concern has done over the years -- and I think with part of what Ed mentioned -- a lot of their employees come out of Miracles. And so, I think collaborate and build relationship to help people save their lives, continue recovery -- it's an ongoing basis. It's true, everybody is not going to get it the first time. But the opportunity will be there, the workers will be there, the service will still be provided to help people. And what Miracles has had a 90% of success rate as far as helping people change their lives.

**Fish:** So, I support the program. I applaud Dan for bringing this forward. I'm just reflecting on the fact that this is a Housing Bureau. And the Housing Bureau tracks things like getting people into homes, keeping them in homes, creating pathways of opportunity, and other kinds of things. They're not really in the business of measuring the success of service providers. And since this is so integral to this, I think at some point the Council is interested to know, what are the goals and how has this partnership -- how have you -- have you achieved those goals? And if not, what are the barriers? Because it's housing plus services here in a very profound way and it's unique, but I'm still not clear -- I guess I'm not clear what the core benchmark is other than you both have reputations for the work that you have done coming into the project.

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**Blackburn:** But it's no different. It's housing retention, it's permanent housing placement over time, it's sustainability of recovery. Because the addiction issues are so intertwined with other issues that they're facing, including homelessness and issues around unemployment. So, employment we'll be tracking -- all of those things we will be tracking.

**Hennessee:** I'm sorry, Mr. Mayor, Commissioner Fish -- I think it's a great opportunity, really, for us to work together and create that report card and get that information back to you.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Other questions? Thank you all very much. Anyone else that wants to speak on this item?

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

**Hales:** OK -- oh, there's someone. Come on up. Good morning.

**Lightning:** Good morning. My name is Lightning with Watchdog X. I like the project. I don't have any concerns on Miracles, Central City Concern doing this project and doing what they need to do. My only concern again is when we talk on the loan being repaid back per cash flow.

We know that the cash flow is going to be low for many years. But we also have to project out if we're going out 30 to 60 years and we all know in the mid-'90s, over in Northwest Portland, studios and one bedrooms were as low as \$300. We know where they're at right now -- \$1000 plus. And that's not within a 60-year time frame. Now, it's difficult for me to understand how you can't project out some cash flow because if anybody in this room wants to say well, in 20 to 30 years rents aren't going to go up double, triple -- I disagree with you. The rents will continue to go up a certain percentage as your overall expenses on the project.

One of the concerns I have -- I want to make sure that this loan is paid back. I would like a contingency on this agreement that they agree to apply for a grant from a foundation to assist them in paying this loan back in a timely manner. I want outside foundation to see their progress -- how well they're doing -- and I want them to step up and begin to fund back these loans by performance on these development projects. And I know that this is going to perform quite well. I know there's going to be foundations out there that will have an interest, whether it's a small amount or some possibly even a higher amount. The main thing we have to establish here is that if we get foundations begin to fund back to where the City gets their money back, they can utilize that money in other services. And Mayor Hales understands the importance of having a surplus budget.

We can all talk about the economy and this and that, well he's sitting there as the Mayor when this is happening and the past administration had a deficit. You can talk all day long -- reality is that you have to look at the numbers at the end of the day and understand where these new services are being funded and the benefits on somebody being able to do that. So, again, I'm asking that there is a contingency in here that this loan will be repaid back and they will go out to various different foundations, apply for money and grants to pay this loan off in a timely manner. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. OK. Questions for staff? Anyone else -- come on up.

**Ross Cornelius:** Hi, I'm Ross Cornelius, member of the Miracles Club board. I just want to acknowledge the Council's vision in helping put this together and also the partnership with Central City Concern.

Miracles Club was on the verge of being displaced from Northeast Portland in 2007, I think it was. And thanks to the efforts of the Council and Commissioner Saltzman, they stayed on Martin Luther King and now have a permanent home there. And now, they'll have another base of operations in Northeast Portland. So, I think we've -- through this effort and the work of PHB and the Council, we will now have an African American based

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grassroots organization that has not been displaced and continues to offer services in partnership with a really good partner in Central City.

The other thing I would add is that Central City's experience with asset management of affordable housing real estate will be a great help to the board and the Miracles Club as they enter into ownership and potential purchase down the road of the property.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Cornelius:** Thank you.

**Fish:** Javier, couple of questions. Who is Multicultural Development Group?

**Mena:** It is the development team of the project and it is made up of -- actually, Karl would be better able to speak to that --

**Dinkelspiel:** Yeah -- sorry. Multicultural Development Group is the developer in name. It's four members all together -- Guardian Real Estate Services, Chris from LMC --

[indistinguishable] -- and who is the fourth? Somebody help me here -- [indistinguishable]

**Fish:** Will MCDG have any ownership interest in the building?

**Dinkelspiel:** No.

**Fish:** OK. You did a competitive NOFA process -- notice of funds availability --

**Mena:** In the fall of 2012.

**Fish:** How many responses did you get?

**Dinkelspiel:** We had three for this site and four for the OCC TIF, tax increment financing.

**Fish:** Three?

**Dinkelspiel:** Three.

**Fish:** Is there something uniquely challenging about this site? Because we sometimes get dozens for sites.

**Dinkelspiel:** To be clear about our NOFA, we typically get 15, 16, 17, 18 applications for *all* funding. So, this is specific to Oregon Convention Center, and one of the interesting things about the Oregon Convention Center is that it's not really a lot of property, so we have really one of the only sites that was available for affordable housing.

**Fish:** And this came out on top of the scoring?

**Dinkelspiel:** There was -- it was a very close competition. I wouldn't venture to guess exactly -- all sort of very close to each other.

**Fish:** Well, did this come out first?

**Mena:** This came out as the first project. And it went through an internal and an external review committee.

**Fish:** OK. And then, as I was listening to the testimony, I was thinking about how you maintain culturally-specific programs in the face of the Fair Housing Act, which is something that we have to struggle with all of the time. And so there's a good answer here, but I'll let you share it with us.

**Dinkelspiel:** [laughs] Well, so, that's a good point. We're always working with Fair Housing. So, in this case, marketing and lease up is really a key aspect of how this is going to function. And so, we are unrestricted around who we can market to. We have to take a fair housing approach to who actually gets into the building, but if we emphasize certain audiences for the marketing, then the likelihood increases that those folks will apply.

**Fish:** And then, as I understand it, through this unique partnership with Miracles Club, it ensures that clients referred by them would have access to this building and that, in turn, is more likely to be people of color.

**Dinkelspiel:** Correct, but obviously in the context of fair housing, yeah.

**Fish:** Thank you. Why is this an emergency?

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**Dinkelspiel:** We are hoping to close -- I know my partners in the audience will be very interested in this answer -- we are hoping to close on June 25th, I believe.

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

**Hales:** OK.

**Mena:** In terms to going back to Commissioner Fish, your concern about tracking -- and we do --

**Fish:** Let me be clear, Javier, because I have great confidence in you and what you do. It's maybe less about tracking and just understanding, what's the standard going into this that we expect? And you're bringing in blue chip organizations, so there's some expectation, and that is just -- and quantifying it. I didn't see anything in the materials. And whatever you choose to do in terms of tracking and reporting to Council, I'll defer to you on that. It was more in terms of, what's the standard that you're looking to that you will hold them accountable for? And I didn't see anything in the materials to address that.

**Hales:** OK. Other questions, concerns? Alright. It's an emergency ordinance, we'll take a roll call vote.

**Item 582 Roll.**

**Fish:** Looks like a good project. Dan, thanks for your leadership on this. Thanks to the partners who came before us, and we wish you the best of success. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, as you've seen from the presentation, this is a very exciting and a very important project not only for the African American community but also for people in recovery. Michael, I want to congratulate you on your 21 years coming up. That's a great accomplishment. And I just wanted to thank Ross Cornelius -- who was a little modest -- who is on the board of Miracles Club. He started out working with me to find Miracles Club a permanent home on Martin Luther King Boulevard, and also to make housing for people in recovery above the club. So, without Ross's involvement -- and I'm really pleased that he has stayed on with that involvement as a board member of Miracles. Pastor Hennessee, appreciate your leadership as well, and I appreciate the good work of the Portland Housing Bureau on putting together this agreement, and look forward to a very speedy ground-breaking and getting this up and going. And just final thanks to Shannon Callahan in my office who's been involved with Miracles Club for quite a long time, as well as Brendan Finn, my chief of staff. Aye.

**Novick:** To quote Al Michaels, I believe it was -- do we believe in miracles? Yes. Aye. [laughter]

**Fritz:** I hate having to vote after Commissioner Novick. [laughter] Thank you very much, Commissioner Saltzman, for your continued championing of the Miracles Club and for the community partnership. This is a great project. Aye.

**Hales:** You could upstage him by singing it, but. Great project, great partnership, really look forward to it. Well done. Aye. Thank you all. Let's move to the next item and I might want to announce or suggest take the next item, item 583, and then take a half hour lunch break. But we can insert that where you think makes sense. We've got staff standing by for long periods waiting for this -- some of these items. Let's do the time certain and then see.

**Item 583.**

**Hales:** OK, so we have Kathleen Saadat and Jimi Johnson here to report. Please come on up. Good morning.

**Kathleen Saadat:** Good morning. I'm Kathleen Saadat. I'm the newly-appointed community liaison working with the Community Outreach Advisory Board, and the COCL, which is a group that's contracted to oversee the implementation of the settlement agreement between the City of Portland and the Department of Justice. That's a long title. I'm here this morning with Jimi Johnson, who is chair of the community engagement and outreach plan subcommittee, to provide Council with an update on the Community

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Oversight Advisory Board's outreach and engagement efforts. So, we will start with listening to Jimi.

**Jimi Johnson:** Good morning, Council members. I see the Mayor's not here and Nick's not here, but good morning. My name is Jimi Johnson, and I'm the community engagement outreach oversight committee chairperson.

We are guided by the settlement agreement, and our focus is several things that I'm just going to break it down what our focus is. Advising the Chief of Police and the Police Commissioner on a strategy to improve community relations, providing the community with information on the agreement and its implementation, contributing to the development and implementation of the Portland Police Bureau community engagement and outreach plan, and receiving public comments and concerns.

One of COAB's biggest jobs is to make recommendations to inform the Portland Police Bureau's community engagement and outreach plan. In order to make these recommendations, we are charged with seeking public input into the Portland Police Bureau's current community engagement and outreach efforts, and there are a few ways of doing that.

Community survey. The settlement agreement calls for a representative community survey. On May 28th, the COAB unanimously accepted our committee's recommendation to ask the City to contract with DHM Research to conduct this survey. In order to use earlier survey data as a baseline, the upcoming survey will replicate the methodology of the 2013 survey and ask many of the same questions. The COAB has had input into the survey, and additional questions will be posed to the community. Later this month, the survey will go out to Portland -- will go out to 6000 Portland households. The goal is to get 1000 responses from households that statistically represent Portland overall. The survey team will be oversampling African American and Latino households.

Focus groups. While the COAB recognizes that the representative survey is valuable, we need to do an in-depth outreach into communities, especially those the household survey may not reach -- for example, houseless communities, communities of mental health areas, or folks with mental health, outreach to the LGBTQ communities. Now that have moved the representative survey forward, our communities will be focusing on focus group plan with a goal of meeting with communities later this summer.

Broader public feedback. We will also share this survey with the city at large and welcoming any Portlander to fill it out once the representative survey is returned. While the results of the representative survey and the broader survey outreach will be analyzed separately, they will both provide valuable insights as we form our recommendations to the Portland Police Bureau.

The settlement agreement calls for two public hearings on the Portland Police Bureau's existing community outreach and engagement efforts. The first was held in April of this past year. Our committee has debriefed and discussed lessons learned and we're working towards a second public hearing that provides meaningful opportunity for the public's feedback on police community engagement to be heard. The public is also welcome to provide feedback on the public forum online at [cocl-coab.org](http://cocl-coab.org). That's [cocl-coab.org](http://cocl-coab.org).

We also hear public comment at every full COAB meeting. The community members often sit with us at the table and take part in the conversations during our subcommittee meetings. Our subcommittee is exploring additional ways to reach out to Portlanders, such as creating a speakers bureau and visit community organizations.

At this time, I'd just like to thank you for this opportunity to brief you on our efforts. This is important work and the members of the COAB are dedicated to working with the

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community to fully implement the settlement agreement and improve the relationships between the Portland Police department and the community. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Thank you very much.

**Saadat:** And I want to tell you a little about what it has been like, what I've seen since I have been in this role -- which has not been very long, except it seems like a really long time.

The biggest elephant in the room is mistrust. The groups don't trust one another, they don't trust what gets said, and so this is a big issue that we need to address. And that means continued transparency, continued clarification, continued interaction to reduce the amount of distance between human beings, and to increase the information flow. So, one of the things that we really need are structures that will help us communicate back and forth and among ourselves. And we are building those structures -- we're trying to build those structures at this point in time. So, we need to be able to transfer information, collect ideas, give people back the information on what we did with their ideas, and continue a dynamic dialogue among all of the parties.

I am not sure yet whether people in Portland really understand how important this effort is, what an amazing opportunity for Portland this is, and what amazing opportunities it presents for the various communities of Portland to participate in a process that helps to shape how they are policed and helps to give them more confidence in the police, more confidence in their government, more confidence in the people who patrol their areas. This is a wonderful, wonderful opportunity for us.

I think that it means that we need to understand how much this needs to be lifted up into visibility across the city. Not just in the pockets here where there are complaints, or in the pockets here who have knowledge and some of us who are just junkies on this kind of stuff, but everybody in Portland needs to know about this. And so, we need to build structures to help that happen. It's really hard within that to help people understand what the COAB is not, and what we can do -- the limits of what it is that we're about. So, that's another task that needs to be taken on, which, again -- dialogue, clarification, say it again, say it again, say it again, show it.

We have an enthusiastic group of volunteers. They work hard. This is not 10 hours a week, this is not 10 hours a month. This is almost like a full-time job for some of them. For the ones who really care about what's going on, the reading is -- you know, lots and lots of reading. There's a lot of talking that needs to happen. There's a lot of thinking that needs to happen. And so people are spending quite a bit of time with this, but they remain optimistic.

I see a part of my role as needing to continue to clarify the role of the COAB. I also see it important to bring more voices into the room. The first meeting was very large and there were a lot of voices, and we need some of those people back. We need to hear from them. They are people who have opinions and we can figure out what it is -- we can translate that into something that we can use to help shape policy.

I want to invite you to our meeting tomorrow night or on the 25th at the Montavilla United Methodist Church at 232 SE 80th, which is where the COAB will be meeting. And tomorrow night, they'll be giving their feedback on the quarterly report.

I'm excited. You know, I've retired two or three times already, but this is exciting and this is important and we can do it. And I believe we can do it, but we cannot do it without your support. We need you to talk about it. We need you to care about it. We need you to read it -- read what comes out of these committees or out of the report. We need your opinions on it. So, we need your involvement in this effort because it does affect the entire city and has implications for the entire nation.

**Fish:** Can I ask you a question off of that comment?

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**Saadat:** Sure.

**Fish:** Are there any tools that we have not given you -- based on the -- first of all, I would assume that you would put your phone on do not disturb so that you don't get these call, since you retired, but you answered the phone and you are here --

**Saadat:** I answered the phone, yes.

**Fish:** But you're going to suggest a number of ways we can support your work. Let's go back to a foundation stone. Are there any tools that we have not given you to for you to be successful?

**Saadat:** Well other than, you know, just another brain. We are getting our -- we've gone through the process of selecting and have almost selected a new administrative support person. So, that's been helpful and we now have space. So, what I -- right now, I cannot think of anything, but then I don't think I know enough yet -- very frankly. I haven't been in this long enough to say, "oh, we need that." What I do know conceptually is we need visibility, we need creditability, we need accountability. Those are the things that you can give us.

**Hales:** Other questions for either Ms. Saadat or Mr. Johnson? Thank you both very much.

**Saadat:** Thank you very much for your time.

**Johnson:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Look forward to more. Anyone else who would like to speak before we accept this report?

**Moore-Love:** I have two people signed up, Charles Johnson and Dan Handelman.

**Hales:** Come on up. Good morning.

**Dan Handelman:** Good morning, Mayor and City Council. My name is Dan Handelman, I'm with Portland Copwatch. One of the most important things to talk about today -- because I don't know really that much about the outfit being recommended to do the survey -- is to talk about what happened before, and how we got here. That PSU did a fairly good survey, but a very biased analysis last time. We testified about that. I think it was about a year ago. And the City Council put on hold Chief Reese's effort to give that team a three-year contract so that the COAB would be able to do what their agreement tells them to do, which is to find the firm that will do the survey. And they originally voted on that with a vote of 7-4, and by their own bylaws, they had to have eight members vote on this because that would be a majority of their 15 voting members for a major decision like this. And to their credit, the Chicago COCL recognized this issue, allowed them to engage in further research and discussion.

From an observer's standpoint, though, the COAB said they wanted to be given a list of all possible contractors to make a recommendation, and the final vote appears to be based on some kind of internal list that the City has of on-call contractors and to avoid a b process. I don't really understand how we got here. That's, to me -- what I'm trying to get at is as we move forward, there should be a lot more thought about what we do at the front end, like the lack of training for the COAB that's now being corrected, the poorly planned outreach meeting that Jimi referred to -- and that was more of a PR effort by the police than an outreach effort -- and this process could have been streamlined and smoothed out by opening up the job up front four months ago and asking for bids instead of kind of hastily putting this together at the end.

I guess the other main issue I want to bring up in general is transparency. I'm glad that Kathleen mentioned that, especially because we welcome Ms. Saadat as the new local COCL person. It was very disruptive, I think, to the process when Justice De Muniz -- who had spent a long time getting to know people in the community -- had to leave for health reasons. And I think she's a good person to have on board with this.

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However, the announcement of her taking the position came at the meeting two weeks ago without any public knowledge that the search had come to her doorstep, and I think there could have been more inclusion and open and transparency done in her hiring and announcement to the community so that we weren't learning about it at the meeting when we stepped in the door.

And I also -- you know, at the same time, COCL's office moved from East Portland to a police building now downtown without any public discussion. So, there's a whole bunch of transparency and process issues, and I think that we all know how Portlanders need to be part of the process and I hope that you continue to think about that as we move forward with the DOJ settlement.

**Hales:** Thanks very much. Questions? Thanks, Dan. OK. I think that covers testimony and motion to adopt the report.

**Fish:** So moved.

**Saltzman:** Second.

**Hales:** Further discussion? Roll call.

**Item 583 Roll.**

**Fish:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** It's a very thorough report. I look forward to the results of the survey, and very excited to have Kathleen Saadat as the COCL. Aye.

**Novick:** Thank you, Mr. Johnson; thank you, Ms. Saadat -- and Kathleen, I've already heard rave reviews of your brief tenure so far. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you to Mr. Johnson and Ms. Saadat for their report. I would love to meet with you, Ms. Saadat, if you could make an appointment with my scheduler. I agree that we need to raise the profile and have more investment and involvement by the Council, but that's a longer conversation than we have time for here. Thank you very much. Aye.

**Hales:** I appreciate very much the presentation. I also am really impressed by the survey instrument itself. I think it's asking the right questions, asking them the right way, trying to get to clarity about how people in our community are being served and how they perceive they're being served. And I want to compliment that work. I think it's just been very thoughtfully and carefully crafted, so I'm looking forward to hearing what we hear from fellow citizens in this process.

I want to join my colleagues in thanking Ms. Saadat for taking on this role and once again finding retirement less interesting than community service -- however she wants to characterize it -- but I also appreciate the fact that she was explicitly clear about her conditions for this role, to be able to speak unvarnished truth to us and to the community and come here and to any other forum and to be clear about whether this process is working or not. And I appreciate that about her very much as well. So, good work so far. The point about making sure that we all take the responsibility of raising the visibility of this work is heard and accepted, so thank you. Appreciate this very much. Aye. OK. Let's take if we can item 594 so that the sergeant can get back to work here, and then we'll see where we stand.

**Item 594.**

**Hales:** Sergeant Voepel, good morning -- good afternoon.

**Robert Voepel, Portland Police Bureau:** Mr. Mayor, Commissioners, thank you for hearing me early. Gonna teach a class at VOAC at 1 o'clock.

The item before you is just an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Oregon, ODOT for truck inspections. We typically have truck inspections. We have an agreement with them over a grant funding process. This year, ODOT decided not to work with the federal government on the grant process, so they don't have that available to us. And in order to continue working with them, we need to have that intergovernmental agreement

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established and placed so our currently 16 inspectors can continue doing truck inspections, which is vital for traffic safety in the city of Portland.

**Hales:** Questions? We had a particularly gruesome reminder just a couple of weeks ago of how big and powerful trucks are compared to people on bicycles or on foot or even in a car. This is important work. Thank you.

**Voepel:** The semi-trucks and the large trucks that we inspect, they're -- most of the time there are fatalities when they hit a pedestrian or bicyclist or vulnerable user.

**Hales:** Yeah, way out of the scale. Thank you very much. Anyone else to speak on this item? It's an emergency ordinance. Roll call vote.

**Item 594 Roll.**

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

**Hales:** Than you. Let's check on the sense of the Council. We have a couple of options, one would be to power forward to get done or the other would be to take a break. Just looking at the agenda, this may be less than 30 minutes or only about 30 minutes work. What do you think?

**Fish:** I'm guessing an hour, but -- my suggestion would be that we take a 20 minute break -- because I think we'll be here -- I'm guessing an hour plus or minus.

**Hales:** If we take a break until 12:30 and come back, does that sound good? Sorry folks, we're going take a recess until 12:30 and then return then to finish the morning's agenda.

At 12:04 p.m., Council recessed.

At 12:31 p.m., Council reconvened.

**Hales:** OK. The Council will return to order and we will pause for just a moment not just to wait for Commissioner Saltzman but to celebrate Commissioner Fritz and her leadership, because she's going down shortly to attend the signing of Senate Bill 921.

**Fritz:** Oh, thank you.

**Hales:** On behalf of Council, thank you.

**Fritz:** Wow, that's very kind of you.

**Hales:** Thank you for doing the right thing for Oregon.

**Fritz:** Yay.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much. [applause] Thank you colleagues, I appreciate it very much.

**Hales:** Good work. OK, let's go to the next item on our regular calendar, which is 595.

**Item 595.**

**Hales:** Good afternoon.

**Barb Gibson, Office of Management and Finance, Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services:** Good afternoon, Mayor and Council members. I'm Barb Gibson, procurement manager for Procurement Services. Today, you have before you the Chief Procurement Officer's report recommending contract award to Moore Excavation, Inc. for the Balch consolidated conduit support project for the Bureau of Environmental Services.

The construction contract cost based on bids received is \$2,081,865. The engineer's construction estimate was \$1,800,000. In January 2015, the City issued an invitation to bid number 117519 for the previously-noted project and on May 19th, six bids were received. Moore Excavation was deemed responsive to the bidding requirements of the solicitation and identified 24.4% or \$74,315 of the subcontracting dollars going to minority, women-owned, and emerging small businesses.

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Darin Wilson from the Bureau of Environmental Services is here with me to answer any technical questions you might have about the project. If not, I will turn this back to Council for any questions regarding the solicitation process.

**Fish:** I have one sort of standing question on these things. The original estimate was 1.8 million, and the bid that you're recommending we accept is 2.08 million, so it's about 10% above the original estimate. We know that the market is heating up and we're not getting as many bids below the estimate that we did during the peak of the recession. Any thoughts as to why we were off by about 10% in the estimate?

**Darin Wilson, Bureau of Environmental Services;** Commissioner Fish, to answer your question -- in this particular case, we have several different risks on this particular project that was reflected in all the bids. Primarily, there's contaminated media, so all excavation material must be disposed of in a RCRA landfill. We anticipate that's some of the reason for the higher-than-estimated engineer's estimate.

The other part of it is we're also excavating through the Guild's Lake area, which is primarily composed of sluiced fills of the West Hills back 50-some years ago. And so within that loose unconsolidated material, the contractors run higher risk in excavating in that. So again, that's reflected in some of the bid amounts.

**Fish:** I think that's very good to know. We're talking about RCRA, the federal law that governs how we dispose of hazardous materials. You've got regulatory issues that are uncertain. So, the market discounted -- sort of looked at those risks, and it's reflected in the bids which were slightly above the estimate.

**Wilson:** We believe that's true. Yes.

**Fish:** OK, thank you.

**Hales:** Other questions? Thank you both very much. Anyone want to speak on this item? If not, the motion to adopt the report.

**Saltzman:** So moved.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Hales:** Roll call, please.

**Item 595 Roll.**

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

**Item 596.**

**Hales:** Good afternoon.

**Elisabeth Nunes, Bureau of Human Resources, Office of Management and Finance:**

Good afternoon, Mayor, Councilors. My name is Elisabeth Nunes. I am your class comp manager and I'm here to present the ordinance to provide 2.1% cost of living increase adjustment to the compensation rates for non-represented employees, as well as the opportunity for elected officials to receive that.

In the ordinance, you will note that of the \$3,037,000 that this is going to cost -- it's already been budgeted for -- 1.372 million comes from the general fund and 1.665 from the non-general fund bureaus. It's effective July 1.

**Fish:** Elisabeth, when I served with Commissioner Leonard, he always used to bristle at the idea that a cost of living increase was a pay increase. His theory was that COLAs, which are awarded to social security recipients, to represented employees, to all kinds of -- are designed to cover the impact of inflation. And that in fact, from Randy's point of view, if you did not take a COLA, you're actually seeing a pay cut. Where do you come down on that?

**Nunes:** I agree with him wholeheartedly. If I said pay increase, it was a misstatement because it really is an adjustment to the range. And over the years, if you sort of track what the COLAs or cost of living adjustments have been, you'll see that sometimes we stay up with the cost of living and sometimes it's not quite -- the cost of living goes up a little

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higher. And so, the theory that if you don't take it you're getting a slight pay cut -- I would say you're going to be behind in overall ability to pay for goods and services.

**Hales:** Other questions?

**Novick:** Elisabeth, I think I know the answer to this, but -- elected officials have until July to figure out whether they want to accept the cost of living adjustment, right?

**Nunes:** That is correct. July 2nd.

**Hales:** Anything else? Thank you very much. Anyone want to speak on this item? Come on up. Good afternoon.

**Lightning:** Good afternoon. I'm Lightning. I represent Watchdog X. As I stated last year, I have a real problem with the bureau directors making more money than the Commissioners and the Mayor.

It's my understanding that City Human Resources Administrative Rule section 8.4 compensation for elected official provides that salary rates for the Mayor, Commissioner, and Auditor shall not be assigned to a salary schedule, it shall be established separately by the Council. Now, with that in mind, you've shown a surplus budget this year -- obviously, that equates to good performance -- and why the Commissioners and the Mayor are not receiving at least the same as the bureau directors is a big concern to me because I think that's what it should be. I think there needs to be an adjustment made. I think the bureau directors need to step up and make this adjustment. In my opinion, if you don't, I'm going to step in and actually drop your salaries down. I think to be fair and equitable to the Commissioners and the Mayor, I think you need to really look at this close, have some input and understand that your salaries -- some as high as close to \$200,000 a year -- is what the Commissioners' salaries should be also and the Mayor at the very least. And so I have a real problem with this and I would like this addressed, because when you're showing a surplus budget -- and I know that if you were working at a large corporation and you made \$50 million surplus budget and they just gave you 5% bonus that would be \$2.5 million. Now I know this isn't a major corporation to look at, but you're earning every penny if you were at \$200,000 and you should be recognized for that and compensated for that at least at the same level as the bureau directors. And that is my opinion. My understanding is that change could be made, and I hope it is made. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Fritz:** I was hoping you would go on, Lightning. It's so rare that anybody comes in and says anything like that. [laughter]

**Hales:** Thank you for very much for making that point. Anyone else? And let's see, I forgot to look to see -- it is an emergency ordinance. Let's take a roll call vote.

**Item 596 Roll.**

**Fish:** That's apparently nothing controversial about the component of this ordinance which awards a cost of living increase to our hard-working non-represented employees. I think we're all in accord on that, and we are no different than virtually every other level of government that does this. And I guess we should continue to applaud that inflation is relatively low.

Now, the question is always going to come up -- should electeds take it or not? Every elected will make their own decision. For the bulk of my service, we were in a recession where we were laying employees off and we were making tough decisions, so I and some other colleagues chose not to take a COLA effectively in solidarity with the workforce that was having to share the pain during tough times. Last year, I took a COLA. I intend to take one this year. I do not view it as a pay increase, I view it as a cost of living adjustment. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Aye.

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**Novick:** I'm very glad that we're not in a position where we have to ask our hard-working non-represented employees to take a pay cut, which as Commissioner Fish points out, is what we would be doing if we were not allowing for a cost of living adjustment. Aye.

**Fritz:** My speech is almost exactly the same as yours, Commissioner Fish, that this is keeping up with inflation or attempting to keep up with inflation. Like you, I didn't take the COLA during the recession but I plan to do so this year. Aye.

**Hales:** Our employees do indeed deserve to keep up with the cost of living, so that's why this ordinance overall is appropriate and reasonable. Let me say something about the subject of elected official compensation, because I appreciated Lightning's testimony very much, and that is, at some point -- not this year -- at some point I would like to appoint a salary commission to review the issue of the compensation of Commissioners and the Mayor with respect to those of bureau directors because we do have an absurd imbalance, but it's also a huge political hot potato for any Council to take up. And so my notion about that is some point we ought to have a salary commission convened at the City to look at the issue and set the salaries for our successors. And the five of us or whoever is here at that point should vote on the salaries for our successors, and we should push the reset button on the structure of compensation for the future. I'm not sure exactly when that moment comes, but it should come sometime soon.

On the larger question in the state of Oregon, the subject of local official compensation is absurd. I believe the City of Gresham just approved a charter change that finally pays the mayor of the city of 100,000 people that was entirely a volunteer job before that. That makes I believe three cities -- maybe four -- out of the 240 cities in Oregon where Council members or Mayors are paid. Despite the fact that some of the cities -- places like Salem -- are pretty good-sized cities. So, this is a subject rife with injustice and absurdity. Eventually, we might be able to rectify one more piece of that -- at least for those that come after us. For the moment, we'll walk along with our bureau directors in lock step -- albeit, quite a ways behind them. Aye. Thank you. Let's move to the next item.

**Item 597.**

**Hales:** Second reading, roll call.

**Item 597 Roll.**

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

**Item 598.**

**Hales:** I understand you have some amendments, Commissioner?

**Fish:** Yes, Mayor, thank you. We have a little housekeeping and I'm going to try to keep this as organized as possible. Karla, could you please hand out the proposed amendments? Ben Walters is here to make sure that if I stumble, I get back on the right path. We'll try to do this as efficiently as possible. I have a brief narrative to walk you through these and then we'll offer -- Mayor, it's my intention to offer the amendments as a package, and then to offer -- seek permission to slap an emergency clause on this so we can dispose of the matter today.

By way of background, colleagues, last week we voted to adopt Commissioner Fritz's amendment to strengthen the process for selecting and appointing PUB members. Today, Commissioner Fritz and I are introducing an amendment to ensure that non-represented and represented bureau employees have a voice -- a meaningful voice -- during the annual budget review process. Under the amendment, they would serve as ex officio members of the PUB for a limited period of time to correspond with the budget process. We are also adding language -- proposed language -- that would require public comment at all PUB meetings.

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Commissioner Saltzman and I are introducing an amendment incorporating some proposed language from Mike Houck -- specifically, references to watershed health in the underlying documents.

You have before you the proposed amendments. I think they are pretty straightforward. 3.123.010 and 3.133.020 are amended to incorporate some suggested language from Mike Houck. 3.123.040 new sub C contains the provision which would allow up to three ex officio non-voting members to be appointed. And this is designed to compensate for the fact that historically, both the Water Bureau and Bureau of Environmental Services had bureau advisory -- budget advisory committee has had two -- a represented and non-represented person. Now we've collapsed this to a single nine-person body, and I think it was a very good suggestion of Commissioner Fritz that we should have the flexibility to appoint ex officio non-voting members during the period of the budget so the PUB would have the benefit of the experience and the input of both represented and non-represented employees. And then 3.123.090 is the new subsection which reflects the requirement there be public testimony and opportunities for public comment at all PUB meetings. Mayor, I would move this collectively as amendments A.

**Saltzman:** Second.

**Hales:** Further discussion? Roll call on including the amendments.

**Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Mayor, beforehand -- point of clarification from the drafter. This got rolled up into a single document. The language about a single underline really only applies to 010 and 020, and actually, those don't represent the changes from last week at this point in time. So the double underline is the in new language in 010 and what should be 3123 -- not 133 -- 020. That's the new language from Mike Houck. And then 040 and 090 -- that single underline is all new language in both those sections.

**Hales:** Alright, so we'll adopt those as a package.

**Fish:** And Mayor, since it's a fully integrated document and it contains the emergency clause and the effective date, I would move the entire package of amendments as amendment A.

**Fritz:** Second.

**Hales:** That's actually what I thought you had done. We'll take it once more with feeling. Any further discussion? Roll call on accepting the amendments.

**Roll on amendments.**

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

**Fritz:** Thank you very much, Commissioner Fish, for working through me as you promised you would last week looking at these amendments. I'm very pleased we were able to incorporate the Public Involvement Advisory Council's guidelines for the makeup of bureau budget advisory committees as part of your new commission. Aye.

**Hales:** Good thing made better. Aye.

**Fish:** Mayor, again I appreciate the collaborative way that my colleagues have engaged the amendment process. I think this is demonstrably stronger. I would also note that we received a letter this week from the Portland Business Alliance giving their strong and enthusiastic support for this package, and that has been made part of the record. And now, we have the amended ordinance with an emergency clause on the table before the Council.

**Hales:** Since we've amended the ordinance, we want to provide the opportunity for anyone to speak who would like to testify. Hearing none, then with the emergency clause that has been added, we'll take a roll call vote.

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**Fish:** Thank you, Mayor and colleagues. I want to take just a moment to reflect on how we got here.

At a work session in December of 2014, we heard the preliminary recommendations of the utility oversight blue ribbon commission. They proposed a new Portland Utility Board to replace the existing Public Utility Review Board, or PURB, and the individual utility budget advisory committees. They also proposed that the PUB would operate year-round, assisted by full-time dedicated staff, and that they would report directly to the City Council.

The idea was that this new PUB would work in conjunction with the outside oversight of the Citizens Utility Board of Oregon to strengthen transparency and accountability at both the Portland Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services. I'm pleased that their good idea has now found its way into an ordinance which has secured the support of my colleagues.

Once we adopt this ordinance today, we will be launching a full-blown recruitment effort for potential members to the PUB. I have placed on my website information about how to apply. Applications will be received until about the middle of July. It is our goal to have the PUB up and running by late August so that it can fully participate in our next budget cycle.

At this point, there's a number of people that I would like to thank. Mayor Hales, I would like to thank you and Jackie Dingfelder for your strong partnership. I'd like to acknowledge again Chair Dwight Holton and all the members of the blue ribbon commission whose thoughtful work has brought us to this day. I want to thank the Citizens Utility Board of Oregon and Janice Thompson. This is a unique relationship with a public utility, and I think if we look over the last year, it's clear that this has been a mutually beneficial relationship that's especially good for our ratepayers. I want to thank Dan and Amanda for the way they approached the amendment process and for the good ideas they placed on the table which as I said I think strengthens this ordinance. I want to thank Ben Walters for his invaluable assistance as a lawyer, and his patience and his guidance throughout. And I want to thank my team -- in particular, Jim Blackwood and Sonia Schmanski and Liam Frost -- who have been working on this for quite some time and probably never thought this day would come. But I think collectively we are proud that we are at this moment.

And again, I thank everyone who has had a hand in shaping this process, all the folks from the public that have weighed in, and we commit to moving forward to having this up and running by late August and then to fulfill the promise of this PUB, which is strengthening oversight and accountability at our two utilities. Aye.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Commissioner Fish, for your leadership in bringing this home. I appreciate the work of the blue ribbon commission and I look forward to getting some good members appointed to PUB and get them up and running to keep a good eye on our rates. Aye.

**Novick:** Congratulations, Commissioner. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Commissioner Fish, for the collaborative spirit and the leadership you've shown on this. As I was looking through the amendments last night, I noticed that there are no term limits for the PUB board members, which is of concern to me. I concur with you that now is a little late to bring it up. I'm looking forward to the discussions that you've promised over the next month to perhaps bring back an amendment to set term limits. I think it's probably -- what I have done in my two bureaus is look into the term limits -- as maybe you will remember, we added term limits to the golf advisory committee a year or so ago and got some turnover after 20 years or more of folks serving. I know from my experience on the Planning Commission that it was very meaningful to me as a citizen volunteer to get that experience and to learn some of the things that enabled me to run for

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City Council. I want to make sure this board has certain stability but also some opportunities for new people to come on board from time to time. So I'll look forward to having that discussion with you. Again, thank you very much for presenting this new oversight body, which I do believe will strengthen our system. Aye.

**Hales:** Well, just reflecting a little bit, two and a half years ago Commissioner Saltzman was among those who recommended that I refresh bureau assignments and move things around and, Commissioner Fish, asked you to take on a big job of having both utilities understand one roof at a time when there was a lot of turmoil and controversy. Frankly, we are at this point here today with this kind of accord and stability and reliability about how we're operating our utilities is a really strong testament to your leadership.

Secondly, the fact that we've gotten to a level of real and effective oversight through this process is an assurance to the whole community that you meant that and we meant that. So, very proud that we're at this point. Really appreciate what you and your team have put together here and look forward to this particular vehicle of the PUB really giving the community a clear view of what we do and why, and question what we do carefully so that we always do the right things. This certainly is the right thing. I'm very pleased and proud to vote aye. Well done.

**Hales:** Let's move on to 599.

**Item 599.**

**Hales:** Second reading, roll call.

**Item 599 Roll.**

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

**Hales:** Commissioner Novick didn't say it, but I can't resist -- the dogs of Portland are having a good day. Aye. [laughter] That many fire hydrants! [laughter]

**Item 600.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mayor. Through the Home for Everyone coordinating body that the City and County serve on, a plan has been created to end veteran homelessness by the end of this year, 2015. The City Council in the spring BMP authorized funds to create a landlord recruitment program to help bring private landlords to the table to assist in our efforts to house veterans experiencing homelessness. Through a competitive process, JOIN was selected to lead the creation and implementation of this program, so this item awards that money to JOIN.

**Hales:** Great. Anyone want to speak on this item? Then it's an emergency ordinance, roll call vote, please.

**Item 600 Roll.**

**Fish:** Mayor, I have ex parte contact to disclose. We did a BES outreach meeting in Hollywood yesterday. The entire JOIN family was there for a meeting -- they were having pastry and coffee at Fleur de Lis. And they are among our very best partners in the work to address homelessness. This goal of ending homelessness among our veterans should be at the top of the list. Thankfully, we have a president that shares that view. Thank you, Dan; and thank you, Mayor. Aye.

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

**Hales:** This is an important piece of a great collaborative effort that does include the Veterans Administration, includes the City, the County, the whole team we heard from earlier today really working in harness together to get to a really good outcome. I think it's gonna show a lot of people that we can actually make progress. I'm real excited about this. Thank you, Dan. Aye.

**Item 601.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Saltzman.

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**Saltzman:** Thank you, Mayor. I think the title as read by our Clerk said it all. The acceptance will support activities of the Portland Housing Bureau and nonprofit service providers to provide services to homeless individuals.

**Hales:** Great. Anyone want to speak? Roll call vote, please.

**Item 601 Roll.**

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

**Item 602.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Novick.

**Novick:** Jonna Papaefthimiou will explain with this application is all about.

**Jonna Papaefthimiou, Bureau of Emergency Management:** Hi, I'm Jonna Papaefthimiou for the record. I'm the planning manager at the City of Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. Briefly, on the emergency management performance grant application -- this is a bread and butter grant for emergency management. It comes from the Department of Homeland Security to the states and from the Oregon State Office of Emergency Management to us. We've received it each year since 2007 and it supports rent, salaries for three staff people, and our phone bill from BTS.

There's a 50% matching requirement for each item that's funded, so they pay half the person's salary and we cover the other half from general fund. In addition to the 50% match, we promise to keep our emergency response plans up-to-date, conduct regular training and exercises, and report on our activities like public outreach. We got \$385,020 last year, and we're asking for the amount again this year. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**Hales:** Questions?

**Saltzman:** You said it pays the phone bill?

**Papaefthimiou:** Yes. Phone and internet from BTS.

**Saltzman:** Nice.

**Papaefthimiou:** We have a lot of phones.

**Fish:** Jonna, I can't help but say this -- when I was a kid I dropped my middle name because I couldn't say it or pronounce it or spell it.

**Papaefthimiou:** Is that a suggestion? [laughter]

**Fish:** I just want to say, my heart goes out to you thinking about you as a young person.

**Papaefthimiou:** As a young person, I was Jonna Beth Anderson. [laughter]

**Fish:** So you had it easier then.

**Papaefthimiou:** Yes.

**Fish:** It got more complicated.

**Papaefthimiou:** Yes.

**Fish:** You chose this name -- this is through marriage?

**Papaefthimiou:** I did.

**Fish:** My sympathy. [laughter]

**Hales:** Thank you very much.

**Papaefthimiou:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Anyone else want to speak on this item. Looks like we have added the emergency clause, is that right? I haven't asked -- it looks like an asterisk --

**Moore-Love:** It is an emergency, I just left the asterisk of the agenda.

**Hales:** It is an emergency and we're going to vote now. Roll call, please.

**Item 602 Roll.**

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

**Novick:** Thank you, Jonna. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you for all your good work. I also appreciate Director Carmen Merlo for getting back to me with responses to the concerns about the UASI grant we had before us

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a few weeks ago. I was very impressed with the thoroughness of you and your team's response. Aye.

**Papaefthimiou:** Thank you so much. I'll pass that on.

**Hales:** Aye. Thanks, Jonna.

**Item 603.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Novick.

**Novick:** Mr. Aebi, proceed.

**Andrew Aebi, Portland Bureau of Transportation:** Thank you, Commissioner Novick. Good afternoon, Council members. Andrew Aebi, local improvement district administrator. I just have five slides to show you, if we can switch to the presentation. We're now on the second slide.

This is just a refresher from last year. You may recall that we had the final assessment hearing on the NE 136th Avenue phase one LID and we heard property owner testimony that there was an interest in getting the street completed all the way down to Prescott Court. You may recall that we had only improved the north half of the block, and there was interest in improving the south half of the block. So, that particular final assessment ordinance was amended to direct a Council-initiated LID, and we're bringing that here in front of you today.

The properties that are shown on this map in orange and in pink participated in that second LID in Argay to improve the northern part of NE 136th Avenue. The properties shaded in green would be financially participating in the NE 136th Avenue phase two LID, and the properties shown in blue are part of the original LID in this area about 10 years ago, the NE 135th and Prescott LID. So, none of the property owners that have participated in the two previous LIDs would again be financially participating in this LID.

Moving on to this slide, this is the before and after picture of the first project we did in argay about 10 years ago. This is what it looked like shortly before completion.

Then the last slide that I wanted to show you is -- we currently have 15 neighborhoods in Portland that have no unpaved streets. Two of those neighborhoods are in East Portland -- they're shaded in orange -- Russell and Woodland Park. I've handed out an amendment. When I wrote the resolution, I had only mentioned Woodland Park and I wanted to be sure to add Russell if you approve this LID and we would bring it back for an LID formation ordinance. So, if the LID is ultimately approved then Argay would be the third neighborhood in East Portland and the sixteenth neighborhood citywide that would have no unpaved streets.

I would just respectfully like to request Council to approve that amendment and the resolution as amended, if you're so inclined. I'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

**Fritz:** Since we're being picky -- could I suggest adding the word "the" before third in the sentence.

**Aebi:** The which?

**Fritz:** It just says "becoming third neighborhood" rather than "the" third neighborhood. I wouldn't have suggested that if you hadn't brought the amendment, but since you obviously got that attention to detail -- which we know you for -- I will sponsor the friendly amendment.

**Hales:** She will see your attention to detail and raise you. Second that amendment. So then shall we act on the amendments?

**Fish:** Andrew, I just have one question. Were you a Pilots fan in 2005 when Megan Rapinoe and Christine Sinclair won the national championship playing together?

**Aebi:** I was. As a matter of fact, in 1998 and 1999, I was an adjunct professor of finance at University of Portland when they were winning the whole enchilada back then. And the

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feeling on campus was just amazing. I think I made about \$400 a term for teaching a class, but it was worth every penny to be on campus and part of all that excitement.

**Fish:** And for those of you who love women's soccer, the two great stars of the World Cup right now -- the Canadian striker Christine Sinclair, who may end up being the top goal-scorer in the history of the game if she stays healthy; and Megan Rapinoe, who seems to be the most effective player on the U.S. team -- played side by side on the 2005 team that won the national championship beating UCLA four-nothing. Pretty extraordinary thing that a school of less than 3000 students would have two players who will go down in history of the greatest women soccer players of all time.

**Aebi:** I'm also honored to share a birthday with Malia Shim.

**Hales:** I love this conversation. I was sitting around the office yesterday with a meeting about to start and my Chief of Staff and City Attorney and someone else were in the room -

**Fish:** Martha, probably.

**Hales:** Yeah, maybe it was Martha. And there were two men were sitting there quietly listening to three women talk detailed sports talk before the meeting began. I thought, "this is cool. This is a good thing about Portland." Thank you, Andrew. Any other relevant or off-topic questions for Andrew?

**Aebi:** I don't believe we have any of the property owners here today.

**Hales:** Anyone want to speak on this item? If not, then we'll take a roll call on the resolution.

**Moore-Love:** The amendment -- [speaking simultaneously]

**Novick:** May we vote on the amendment?

**Hales:** I thought we already did, I'm sorry. No, we have not acted on the amendment. Let's take a roll call on the amendment.

**Roll on amendment.**

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

**Hales:** OK, and then on the resolution itself.

**Item 603 Roll.**

**Fish:** Thank you, Andrew. Aye.

**Saltzman:** It's always good to have another neighborhood with paved streets. Aye.

**Novick:** Thank you, Andrew. Aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much for the report and also for showing us that list of 15 and soon to be 16 neighborhoods. I didn't see any in North Portland. Maybe one in Southwest -- is Hillside in Southwest or Northwest?

**Saltzman:** Northwest.

**Fritz:** I don't think there are any in Southwest and there are none in Southeast. We still have a lot of work to do, and I appreciate every step towards that. Aye.

**Hales:** Yes, I like that box score, appreciate seeing that. It shows us how far we have to go but it shows us that progress is possible. Now that we're going to finally light up the out of the mud program, there will be another tool in your kit to get the work done. Aye.

**Item 604.**

**Hales:** Commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you. I'll turn it over to Kia Selley from Parks.

**Kia Selley, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Thank you, Commissioner Fritz. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Kia Selley, I'm the planning development and asset manager for Portland Parks and Recreation. I'm here to request Council authorization for a contract with R&H Construction to complete emergency structural repairs to the Director Park canopy.

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Last fall, Parks staff learned that the wood beam supporting the glass canopy of the pavilion at Director Park had moisture damage and required replacement. We developed an emergency plan to close the area under the canopy in the event of heavy winds or heavy snow or ice, and we monitored the structure for safety throughout the winter. We also immediately began working with the original designers of the canopy, ZGF Architects. ZGF has been a full partner with us and has funded and completed the project repair design with our input.

As partners, we have agreed to use steel beams instead of wood beams because steel there have a much longer life cycle and much lower maintenance cost.

ZGF recognizes the importance of this canopy to the community and they have generously agreed to fund the majority of the repair costs. Parks will fund the difference in terms of the cost between wood and steel beams. We're going to use existing funds from our major maintenance emergency repair funds.

After collective deliberation, R&H Construction has been selected as the contractor for this work. They have a track record of success with very complex construction projects. This was an important early decision for ZGF so that they could have their project repair plans reviewed for constructability and estimated for costs early on so that they could deliver the best value and approach for the community.

Many community stakeholders have been notified about this work, and more information will be shared with the community as we draw closer to construction. Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of September and to be completed in early December, with the majority of the work completed before the holiday street moratorium -- excuse me, street closure moratorium -- goes into effect. I'm happy to take any questions you might have.

**Fish:** Kia, just a couple of questions. First, I want to acknowledge in the six years or so since this park went online, it's really had a catalytic impact in that area. I'm reminded that no restaurant had been successful in the second floor of the Fox Tower until the Ringside came in on an interim basis and then stayed. One of the great features of that space is that it overlooks the park, and at night overlooks the extraordinary light show that accompanies the pavilion. And there's a lot of development around that area, so it's been phenomenal addition. I read a comment recently online where someone complained they went and it was too crowded. I was thinking, "boy, this is a successful urban plaza that is attracting a lot people and families and kids and that's good."

Two questions. First, does the shift to steel change the aesthetics of that canopy or in any way alter the original vision for the site?

**Selley:** That's a great question, Commissioner. We looked very carefully at this question because that came to mind for us as well, because wood is obviously a very different kind of material than steel. As I mentioned, ZGF Architects are the architect of record for the pavilion. They actually helped us through this decision-making process and also worked with Laurie Olin, one of the other original designers -- he's landscape architect for the plaza. We all agreed that we would have -- that steel would have the same kind of rhythm and the same kind of airiness and lightness as wood. It will definitely have a different kind of look just visually, because the wood is yellow, it's warmer, and the steel will actually have a metallic-type reflective type finish, but it will still have the same rhythm and lightness as the wood has early.

**Fish:** Well, Laurie Olin of course did one of the parks in the River District and it's world-famous. My sense is if the Parks Bureau, Mr. Olin, and ZGF all conclude it's consistent with overall aesthetics of the site, then that's good enough for me.

The second question is, could you just remind us what happens to Elephant's deli during the construction phase?

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**Selley:** During the actual construction work, because Elephant's deli -- their annex is located under the pavilion -- they will actually need to close. Keep in mind, they actually have their main restaurant just across the street from Director Park, so that will remain open. So for all of those customers that are concerned about the closure of their store under the pavilion, they will be able to go to the Director Park area and still access Elephants. We will during that closure period and abate the rent. And we have anticipated some of this and they have already been contacted, so they are fully aware of this coming up.

**Fish:** And finally -- my recollection on this project is, thanks to the generosity of Tom Moyer, Jordan Schnitzer and some other people, this was about a 60-40 split private-public. Is that right?

**Selley:** That's my recollection.

**Fish:** About 60% was private, about 40% was public, which, on a project like this in such a location is a good split if we believe in public-private partnerships. Our total cost on this towards whatever the cost of fixing this problem is \$188,000?

**Selley:** That's correct.

**Fish:** Thank you.

**Hales:** I just wanted to make sure I understood a point you made in passing there, which was the design firm is taking the majority of the responsibility for this. And that was negotiated, not litigated, is that correct?

**Selley:** That's correct.

**Hales:** Thank you.

**Selley:** They came to the table as willing partners.

**Hales:** Good. Appreciate that very much. Any other questions for Kia? Anyone want to speak? Thank you very much. We'll take a roll call vote.

**Item 604 Roll.**

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

**Novick:** Thank you, Kia. Aye.

**Fritz:** I'm so honored to be the Parks Commissioner and to work with Kia Selley and the rest of her team at Parks. When challenges come up, knowing that there are great people ready to dive in and deal with them in a collaborative manner is really special. Aye.

**Hales:** Aye.

**Item 605.**

**Fish:** Mayor, could we take a one-hour break -- [laughter] -- oh, gosh! Sorry.

\*\*\*\*\*: I know you're only kidding.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Mayor Hales, and thank you Chair Meryl Redisch of the Urban Forestry Commission, for waiting so long to give this presentation which I know is a delight to all of my colleagues. Thank you for being here.

**Meryl Redisch:** You're welcome. It's helpful to be somewhat semi-retired. Actually, my colleague, Brian, who chairs the heritage tree committee, who have liked to have been here, but he had some obligations -- work and childcare. So, I'm here and I also wanted to thank Angie DiSalvo, who's with the Urban Forestry staff who has done a terrific job. She's the point person for the heritage tree program.

I'll start by saying I bet if you're like me you really appreciated the trees this past week when the temperatures reached 90 and above and you were able to bask in the shade and coolness of the trees. So once again, it's a reminder of how important our canopy is for all of us.

The heritage tree program is actually one of the programs -- the only program -- that protects trees in the city. So it's a really key, critical program, and one that we as the Urban Forestry Commission and the forestry staff take seriously.

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Today, I would like to present five trees that we ask for you to approve as heritage trees. They were nominated through a very rigorous and intensive procedure, and they are important to the city because of their size, their age, type, historical association, or horticultural value. They were nominated by members of the public, and if privately-owned, there needed to be consent to designate by the owner of the property. Only a few of the nominations make it through this rigorous selection process, which weighs both the above factors along with the trees' health, the available growing space, and the distribution of trees throughout the city. So I don't know if you have those shots --

**Hales:** We're gonna activate --

**Redisch:** Oh, I can do it?

**Hales:** There we go.

**Redisch:** Alright. The first one, American elm, *ulmus americana*, is in the right-of-way in the Sunnyside neighborhood. This large tree has a circumference of 13 feet, a height of 73 feet, and a canopy spread of 111 feet. As you know, the elm population not only in Portland but across the United States was decimated by Dutch elm disease, and so Portland has about 3000 of these trees left. We want to make sure we protect as many as possible. So, this elm, which is native to the east coast, was nominated as heritage tree.

The next tree is also an *ulmus americana*, another American elm. This is in the Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood. It has the widest canopy spread of any tree in the heritage tree program. The tree spreads 120 feet wide -- it's 120 feet wide. It stands 85 feet tall and has a circumference of almost 15.5 feet. This classic vase-shaped tree can be seen for blocks, especially given the low canopy levels in surrounding blocks. Neighbors have been advocating for heritage tree status for this particular tree for years.

Next is an apricot, *prunus armeniaca*. This unusual apricot tree is located in front yard of a Vernon neighborhood. The property owner estimates the tree was planted in 1912 near the time the home was built. It has a circumference of just under 10 feet around -- 9.8 -- and it's an impressive fruit tree that still bears buckets of tasty golden apricots. Although the tree is over 100 years old, it can easily live another 100 years with proper care. It will be the only apricot in the heritage tree program.

Next tree is the Gravenstein apple, *malus domestica*, and it's a private tree owned in the inner Southeast neighborhood. This is another fruit tree, and it's in the Reed neighborhood with a circumference of 9.5 feet, stands 35 feet high and has a canopy spread of 40 feet. The home was built in 1916 by Charlie Woodward when an orchard stood on the site. The neighborhood has changed much in the past 100 years -- like all neighborhoods have -- and it is now surrounded by ranch homes that were built in the 1950s. So, the tree really stands as a testament to what the neighborhood used to be. Today, the tree grows on the edge of an oversized corner lot where the owners maintain a grassy lawn for neighborhood kids to play, and the tree's shade hosts the annual block party. Many neighbors submitted handwritten cards with nominations for this tree, and the Thompson-Oyster family sums it up best. They wrote, "in addition to the unique and historical attributes of the tree, its presence provides an important cultural and neighborhood resource. The tree is valued by neighborhood residents, adults, kids, and even dogs love it" -- I don't know how great that is -- "preservation of green spaces in neighborhoods is something Portland does or has done well. Commending this tree as a heritage tree would help protect and acknowledge this tree's presence in our neighborhood.

The last tree is the *aesculus hippocastanum*, or a common horse chestnut. This is a tree that lives in the Cathedral Park neighborhood, and it was nominated by the Cathedral Park tree team, which is a group of Portland park volunteers. When these folks learned that there were no heritage trees in their neighborhood, they launched a search for

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nominees. Using inventory data, they decided that this was a tree they would nominate. This glorious horse chestnut grows adjacent to a stately home built in 1900. The tree is 11 feet in circumference, 65 feet tall, and has a canopy spread of over 60 feet. Right now, it's in all of its glory with beautiful white blossoms.

So those, Council members, are the trees that we wish to designate as heritage trees for 2015. Thank you.

**Hales:** Thank you. Commissioner Fritz is right, we all look forward to these presentations. I was here for the first one with Jane Glaser, so it's a great tradition. I'm glad you're continuing it.

One curious point -- this resource of the American elms that we have in Portland is pretty amazing. I didn't realize it was a total of 3000. Do we know where that stands among other cities in the U.S.? Is it the largest?

**Redisch:** I don't know, Mayor, but maybe -- Angie, would you be able to answer that question?

**Angie DiSalvo, Urban Forestry, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Thank you. Angie DiSalvo, Urban Forestry. We certainly have some of the largest trees compared to the east coast being more geographically far away and our population has been fairly isolated and we have slowed the spread of the Dutch elm disease. We get lots of comments from visitors from the east coast who are very impressed with the trees that we do have, and we have a fairly aggressive DED program where we monitor trees and inoculate those specimens that are very important for us to hang on to.

**Hales:** I think it might be the largest stand in the U.S.

**DiSalvo:** It may be. I don't know totals, but really there are not many -- especially of large size -- on the east coast.

**Hales:** My dad was an activist on that cause, and when he moved to Portland he was amazed -- because he was from Virginia -- by the amazing number and size of the elms here. Other questions?

**Fish:** We're also saying goodbye to six trees. One of them is a big leaf maple. We bought our house in part because there was this enormous big-leaf maple in front of it. The week after we closed, the tree collapsed onto our house and damaged the house, had to be removed, and totally changed the relationship between the street and the house. [laughter]

**Redisch:** And do you love the house as much as you did?

**Fish:** I've learned to rely more heavily on the other tree that survived, which unfortunately is also hollowed out and someday we will lose that as well. We're growing a replacement.

**Redisch:** Good. That's what I like to hear.

**Hales:** Thank you both.

**Novick:** I actually do have a question for Meryl and the Commissioner. Last year, I recall we had a discussion about the fact that one of the criteria for designating heritage trees is age, but then old trees after a while die. And several of the trees that died last year had only been heritage trees for maybe like 10 or 20 years. I was wondering if the bureau could take a look at maybe altering the criteria -- the age criterion -- in such a way as to allow more heritage trees to enjoy their heritage-ness.

**Fritz:** I have thought about that very phrase, "enjoy their heritage-ness." I do remember it. We have been a tad busy with tree code implementation and are likely to be so. There's been various other programs within the bureau that have had to slow down a little bit. I think often, we might have had more than the number of trees we have nominated today because there's been a more extensive outreach capacity within the staff to try to organize volunteers. I can't promise you that we'll be able to get to that. Of course, we will be hiring a new policy person and looking at some code amendments -- there's a myriad of

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challenges with looking after our trees, but it certainly is still on my list as is the quarter inch pruning regulation in the tree code.

**Novick:** Thank you, Commissioner.

**Redisch:** And if I can, Commissioner, along those lines -- we have had a onslaught of people nominating trees -- over 40. So, we'll be coming back to you perhaps earlier rather than later. I wanted to just bring up that the paradox walnut tree that was in the news last year was just designated and signed and notarized by the developer yesterday. We had a little bit of a little event, a celebration. This is really a good example of how a developer really had to listen to the community because the community really rallied around saving this 100-year-old walnut. And the development looks good and the tree is definitely protected, and so with your permission, I would love to bring that tree to your attention sooner rather than later.

**Fritz:** Great.

**Hales:** Where is that?

**Redisch:** SE 50th and Mill.

**Hales:** Well, thank you both. I don't know if anyone else wants to speak. There is. Come on up.

**Jay Wilson:** Good afternoon, Mayor Hales, Commissioners. My name is Jay Wilson. I'm a resident in Sellwood and I am one of the advocates of the second elm tree that has made it here today. In its recognition, I just want to share a short anecdote.

This tree was planted in the 1880s on Umatilla Street by the families that owned two of the oldest houses there that were built in the 1880s also. For me, a personal note is in 2009 on an early spring day, I looked across the streets and on one of the lower bows of the tree, one of the proudest moments in living in Portland is to look out and see a bald eagle with a salmon -- probably that came right up from Crystal Springs Creek. That to me was just sufficient a testament of the work that our City has been making to make living wild in the city possible. So, I'm always very proud to share that story to be honored to have that right on my front doorstep in Sellwood -- as well as the notoriety that this tree has for its status. It's right on the corner of the Springwater Trail, and people are often coming down the street to look at it as they go by on their bicycles because it is commanding. So, I appreciate so much the work that was done in helping this tree get this recognition.

**Fish:** Mayor, I have to say -- I love that anecdote, but I'm a little chagrined at the same time. All the time and energy we spent to bring the salmon back to Crystal Springs and all the spawning that's going on -- to know that the great bald eagle is working at cross purposes with what we're trying to do there. But that's for another conversation.

**Hales:** [laughs] That's OK, that's allowable. Thank you very much. This passes to second reading not being an emergency ordinance, so it comes back to us next week. I want to thank you all for your work on this. We appreciate you very much in this process and just want to put in a quick plug for the Eastmoreland neighborhood elm inoculation that takes place this weekend. Volunteers are still being recruited, I think.

**Redisch:** Thank you.

**Hales:** Keep those elms around.

**Fritz:** Thank you for your support and thank you to my two colleges to the left who, with me, supporting the continuation of the elm inoculation program during the depths of the recession. It seemed like it was on the chopping block every time, and we managed to keep it going. Thank you to Angie DiSalvo and your team in Parks. That's terrific.

**Fish:** Commissioner, this was a wonderful guide that came out today. Madame Chair, how might we get additional copies of this?

**Redisch:** Angie could help you.

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**DiSalvo:** You can contact me. Those were put together by an intern and printing paid for by PGE. Just a good example of more volunteer work that goes into the program.

**Redisch:** Yeah, a good partnership. It's really nice. Thank you. Thank you for bringing that up, I forgot about that.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much for that. Before we close, colleagues, I want to thank you for your support on the Fritz-Fairchild Act, which I'm about to go down to get signed. I very much appreciate that. And even better news -- sick time passed the senate, 17 to 13. That goes to a house vote and it looks pretty clear that we're going to have earned sick time throughout Oregon, which is a great satisfaction to me.

**Fish:** And it specifically allows Portland to have a lower threshold?

**Fritz:** Ours is almost the same as what we passed. It doesn't give us the provision for people in the trades that I was hoping for.

**Fish:** But in terms of the jurisdictional standard?

**Fritz:** Six employees is the cutoff in Portland, 10 everywhere else.

**Fish:** Well done.

**Fritz:** It's a great day.

**Hales:** That's great. Good work. Thank you all. This goes to second reading. Our item scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today has been rescheduled, so we are adjourned until next week.

At 1:32 p.m., Council adjourned.