

	<b>CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON</b>	<b>OFFICIAL MINUTES</b>
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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **FILLIN "Please enter the day." \\* MERGEFORMAT 25TH DAY OF FILLIN "Please enter the month." \\* MERGEFORMAT OCTOBER, 2006** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Potter, Presiding; Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten, 5.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; FILLIN "Please enter the Deputy City Attorney." \\* MERGEFORMAT Harry Auerbach, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and John Holly, Sergeant at Arms.

Item 1436 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	<b>Disposition:</b>
<b>1412</b> Request of Bruce Broussard to address Council regarding Portland Public Schools and the City budget (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1413</b> Request of Eric Bauer, Executive Director, Portland Rescue Mission to address Council regarding his commitment to work with the homeless (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>1414</b> Request of Michael Cannarella to address Council regarding annexation into the City of an unincorporated urban neighborhood (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIME CERTAINS</b>	

~~1415~~ ~~TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM~~ ~~TIME CERTAIN:~~  
\*1416 ~~9:30 AM~~ Allow Portland Hope  
to authorize revised application to the  
U.S. Department of Housing and  
Urban Development for the  
operation of an intergenerational  
community for adoptive families of  
foster children and seniors acting as  
foster grandparents (Resolution  
introduced by Commissioner  
Saltzman)

**Motion to accept amendment to add  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that**

**if the library levy receives voter approval,  
Multnomah County has  
stated it will open a new branch library in  
North Portland. The City of  
Portland is committed to assisting Multnomah  
County in its efforts to open  
the new branch in the Portsmouth  
Neighborhood:** Moved by  
Commissioner Saltzman and seconded by  
Commissioner Sten. (Y-5)

**Motion to accept amendment to add  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,  
that the City council will  
undertake a public process with  
the Portsmouth Neighborhood to  
identify perspective uses using the  
Hope Meadows proposal as a  
starting point for discussion,  
including but not limited to a  
branch library should the  
Multnomah County Library levy  
receive voter approval, market  
rate homeownership  
opportunities, retail store  
opportunities, etc.:** Moved by  
Commissioner Adams and seconded  
by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-2;  
N-3, Saltzman, Sten, Potter,  
Motion Failed)

**Motion to accept amendment on  
page 2 to replace the first bullet  
under BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED to Portland Hope  
Meadows return with a complete  
financial plan within one year  
and full funding commitments  
within two years:** Moved by  
Commissioner Sten and seconded  
by Commissioner Saltzman. (Y-5)

(Y-3; N-2, Adams, Leonard)

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AS AMENDED

<p><b>*1416</b> <del>DEMAND CERTAIN TO 11:30 AM</del> of Police  <del>Authorize revised application</del> to the  U.S. Department of Housing and  Urban Development and related  actions for a Brownfield Economic  Development Initiative grant of  \$2,000,000 to expand two  industries and create an industrial  loan fund (Ordinance introduced by  Commissioner Sten)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF  PUBLIC WORKS</b></p>
<p><b>*1417</b> Authorize revised application to the U.S.  Department of Housing and Urban  Development and related actions for  a Section 108 loan guarantee in the  amount of \$26,000,000 for the  Oregon Steel Mills and U.S. Barge  expansions and a new industrial  loan fund (Ordinance introduced by  Commissioner Sten)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF  PUBLIC WORKS</b></p>
<p><b>1418</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 11:00 AM</b> – Endorse  a new National Agenda for Urban  Parks and Recreation (Resolution  introduced by Commissioner  Saltzman)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>36450</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO  DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Tom Potter</b></p> <p><b>Office of Emergency Management</b></p> <p><b>*1419</b> Accept a \$35,888 grant from the  Department of Homeland Security,  Preparedness Directorate, Office of  Grants and Training to train and  equip Citizen Responders to plan  for disaster events (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180539</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance – Business  Operations</b></p> <p><b>*1420</b> Accept settlement offer from AIG  (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180540</b></p>
<p><b>Police Bureau</b></p>	

<p><b>1421</b> Delegate authority to the Chief of Police for engineering services for the Agreements in the Code of Home enforcement training (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>		
<p><b>1422</b> Delegate authority to the Chief of Police to execute Intergovernmental Agreements to provide other law enforcement agencies with access to the Portland Police Data System (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p> <p><b>1423</b> Extend the report due date to November 15, 2006 for Regulation of Lobbying Entities and City Officials (Report) (Y-5)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>		<p><b>1424</b> Authorize a contract and provide for payment for the construction of the South Airport Sanitary Sewer System Phase 3 Project No. 6792 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1425</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Education Service District 112 for Enviro-Corps crew revegetation services for the Watershed Revegetation Program (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>		
<p><b>1426</b> Authorize a contract with Brown and Caldwell for engineering services for the rehabilitation of the Multnomah section of the Fanno Basin Pump Station pressure main Project No. 8294 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>		
<p><b>1427</b> Authorize a contract with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants for professional engineering services for the Balch Consolidation Conduit Project No. 5510 and provide for payment (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>		

<p><b>1438</b> Authorize Mastertonish C&amp;H with  for wireless services for the  reinforcement of the main site  (Ordinance) the Fanno Basin pump  station pressure main Project No.  8293 - (Second Reading Agenda  1394)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180541</b></p>
<p><b>1429</b> Amend authorized budget for  Intergovernmental Agreement with  the Oregon Department of  Environmental Quality for oversight  in evaluation and control of  potential upland sources of  contamination to the stormwater  outfall system (Second Reading  Agenda 1395; Contract No. 52053)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180542</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Transportation</b></p> <p><b>1430</b> Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement  with Oregon Department of  Transportation to fund the design  and construction of the seismic  upgrade of the N Going Street  Bridge (Second Reading Agenda  1397)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180543</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b></p> <p><b>Water Bureau</b></p> <p><b>1431</b> Authorize intervention in Oregon Water  Resources Department contested  case (Resolution)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p><b>36448 B</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b></p> <p><b>Parks and Recreation</b></p> <p><b>1432</b> Accept a grant from Multnomah County  in the amount of \$243,516 for  operation of an integration program  for senior citizens who have  developmental disabilities  (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO  SECOND READING  NOVEMBER 1, 2006  AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

<p><b>1433</b> Declare Portland City Council opposition to Measure 41 and Measure 48 statewide ballot measures on the communications antenna sites (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1434</b> Authorize Individual Site License Agreement with LCW Wireless, LLC for their use of a portion of the Children's Museum in Washington Park for wireless communication purposes (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>1435</b> Adopt the 5-year Golf Enterprise Business Plan designed to improve the efficiency and revenue generating potential of the City Golf Facilities (Second Reading Agenda 1403)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180544</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Erik Sten</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Housing and Community Development</b></p>	
<p><b>*1436</b> Accept a Lead Hazard Control grant from the Office of Lead Hazard Control of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the amount of \$3,000,000 and receive payment (Ordinance)</p> <p><b>Motion to accept an amendment as to how the money will be appropriated from the Federal Government:</b> Moved by Commissioner Sten and seconded by Commissioner Leonard. (Y-4, Adams absent)</p> <p>(Y-4, Adams absent)</p>	<p><b>180546</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p><b>*1437</b> Increase contract with Northwest Area Foundation for poverty alleviation by \$200,000, extend term to June 30, 2007 and receive payment (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 52780)  (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180545</b></p>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p>	

<p><b>1438</b> Declare Portland City Council opposition to Measure 41 and Measure 48, statewide ballot measures on the ballot in November 2006, and encourage the citizens of Portland to vote NO on Measures 41 and 48 (Resolution introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman and Sten) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>36451</b></p>
<p><b>1439</b> Establish a Set Aside of Tax Increment Financing resources for the development, preservation and rehabilitation of housing affordable to households with incomes below 80% of median family income (Second Reading Agenda 1376; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Potter and Commissioner Sten) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>180547</b> AS AMENDED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Tom Potter</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office of Emergency Management</b></p>	
<p><b>1440</b> Adopt revision to Basic Emergency Operations Plan as required by Title 15 of the City Code and to the specifications required by the National Incident Management System (Resolution) (Y-4, Saltzman absent)</p>	<p><b>36452</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office of Management and Finance – Technology Services</b></p>	
<p><b>1441</b> Amend contract with Structured Communication Systems, Inc. to provide equipment and software required to implement an enterprise Storage Area Network (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 40890)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Sam Adams</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>1442</b> Vacate a portion of SW Broadway Drive east of SW Davenport Street, subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance VAC-10026)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 1, 2006 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

<b>Commissioner Randy Leonard</b>	
<b>Bureau of Development Services</b>	
<p><b>1443</b> Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map and Zoning Map designations for portions of a three-parcel, approximately 2.2-acre site at the northwest corner of the intersection of SE Bybee Boulevard and SE 82nd Avenue from Low-Density Multi-Dwelling R2 to High Density Multi-Dwelling RH, and General Commercial CG (Second Reading 1405; LU 05-107223 CP ZC)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<b>180548</b>
<b>Commissioner Dan Saltzman</b>	
<p><b>1444</b> Authorize the renaming of Portland Boulevard, within the City of Portland, to Rosa Parks Way (Second Reading Agenda 1379)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<b>180549</b>
<b>Parks and Recreation</b>	
<p><b>1445</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland Public Schools to provide support for TLC-TnT summer camp program (Second Reading Agenda 1407)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<b>180550</b>

At 12:38 p.m., Council recessed.



A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **FILLIN "Please enter the day." \\* MERGEFORMAT 25TH DAY OF FILLIN "Please enter the month." \\* MERGEFORMAT OCTOBER, 2006** AT 2:00 P.M.

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OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; FILLIN "Please enter the Deputy City Attorney." \\* MERGEFORMAT Linly Rees, Deputy City Attorney; and John Holly, Sergeant at Arms.

<p><b>1446</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Planning and the Portland Development Commission (Report introduced by Mayor Potter)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Disposition:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b></p>
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At 2:07 p.m., Council adjourned.

GARY BLACKMER  
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Karla Moore-Love  
Clerk of the Council

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[ roll call ]

**OCTOBER 25, 2006            9:30 AM**

**Potter:** Before we begin the formal part of our council proceedings, each wednesday morning I ask the people who are watching this on television as well as you in this audience the question of, how are the children? And the reason that we ask that question is that we know that when the children in the community are well, when they are well educated, they have a roof over their heads, and caring adults in their lives, the greater community is well off too. So what we do is we invite experts in to talk to us about the state of children and youth in our community. We've got some great youth this morning from the s.e.i. academy, and four of they'll will be coming up, but could all of the students from s.e.i. stand up so we can show the folks in the room? Aren't these great-looking young people? [applause] could glen, akiva, ashley, and rachelle please come forward? Are there enough chairs up there? Good. Please have a seat. Often when I invite people up to speak no one is ever sure who is supposed to start. What I normally do is start at this end. Would that be ok this morning?

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

**Potter:** Please introduce yourself and say what -- tell us what you'd like us to know.

**Raeshell Duru:** My name is raeshell, and what I want to talk about today is how our role models are not coming back and helping in our community. They become very big and they become very political, and they don't come back to the community. Sometimes they come back and they help and our community has grown in the last couple of years, and I really enjoy seeing it grow a lot. And I just want to thank you, because since you've been mayor lot of things have changed, and I just want to say I appreciate that.

**Potter:** Thank you. I understand you have a 3.8 at school.

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

**Potter:** That you are a poet.

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

\*\*\*\*\*: And that some day you aspire to be a lawyer and a writer.

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

**Potter:** Good for you.

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

**Potter:** Wonderful goals. Thank you, rachelle.

**Akiva Hillman:** My name is akiva, and what i'm going to talk about is the budget cuts that were going to happen last year for s.u.n. schools and s.e.i. We did a big protest on how we didn't think it was very fair on cutting money for s.u.n. schools because it does so much for all of us. It does stuff for s.e.i. and other kids. It gives us free tutoring, it gives us a good place to go. So I just thought that we should keep the good programs that we have around for kids. We should keep those around because it's doing a lot for our community. Not opening is it helping us grow, it's helping the kids as well get their grades up. Just make their dreams a reality.

**Potter:** Thank you. I understand that you like basketball and volleyball.

\*\*\*\*\*: Yeah.

**Potter:** And that last year you were the -- in the sixth grade the president of the student body.

\*\*\*\*\*: M-hmm.

**Potter:** And I understand you're running again this year.

\*\*\*\*\*: Yeah.

**Potter:** Could you tell us why you want to be the student body president? I thought it was an interesting thing that I see here.

\*\*\*\*\*: Because I like power. [laughter]

**Potter:** That's what it had written down, but I didn't want to say it.

**Saltzman:** Thanks for being honest.

**Ashleigh Duke:** My name is ashleigh, i'm an eighth grader and I want to piggyback off what she said and say that I think a lot of people think northeast Portland there's a lot of gangs and violence and stuff, and, like, a lot of it is involving kids get nothing trouble. And the years the s.e.i. has been around it's been able to keep a lot of kids off the streets. And I think that when they tried to make the budget cuts to s.u.n school and s.e.i., they were creating a bigger problem. They were always trying to find a solution to the problem of keeping kids off the streets and then when a solution was found a few years later after it's been running the process, stuff is starting to get better, they try to cut the budget in half, and that will just make things go back to the way they were.

**Potter:** Thank you very much. I understand you have a 4.0 g.p.a.

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

**Adams:** Wow.

**Potter:** That's very impressive.

**Adams:** That is.

**Potter:** And also that you do meals on wheels and you participate in the cascade aids walk.

\*\*\*\*\*: M-hmm. Yeah. We -- it's like required for a lot of the students, is to do meals and wheels at least once every year, so we go and we deliver food to elderly people and disabled, and then the cascade aids walk was a few weeks ago, and anybody that wanted to go, we all met at a school and then caught a bus downtown and then did the march.

**Potter:** Thank you for doing that.

**Adams:** I never got a 4.0, ever. I'm impressed.

**Leonard:** No comment. [laughter]

**Adams:** Shocking to all of you.

**Potter:** Go ahead.

**Glen Foster:** My name is Glen, I'm in the eighth grade, and there's not too much I want to talk about because they already took my ideas. [laughter]

**Leonard:** Get used to that, Glen.

**Potter:** Except you are currently running for student body president too, right? So we've got two candidates for student body president?

\*\*\*\*\*: Three.

**Potter:** Three?

**Adams:** Let's host a debate. First question --

**Leonard:** Candidates gone wild.

**Adams:** Kidding.

**Potter:** And you are on the honor roll? That's wonderful, Glen. You're also on the S.E.I. drum line. What is that?

\*\*\*\*\*: It's a drum line that's sponsored by S.E.I.

**Potter:** You are a published poet as well?

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

**Potter:** So we have poets, we have high-achieving students, this is our future. Thank you. Thank you for being here today. Really appreciate it.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Let's give them a hand. [applause] and you're more than welcome to stay for the rest of the security council, but you'll probably find it a bit boring at times of the you're welcome to leave or stay. Thank you for being here, folks. [gavel pounded] city council will come to order. Karla, please call the roll. [roll call] [gavel pounded]

**Potter:** I'd like to remind folks that prior to offering any public testimony to city council, a lobbyist must declare which lobbying entity he or she is authorized to represent. We'll begin with communications. Please read the first communication.

**Item 1412.**

**Potter:** I don't see Bruce here. Please call the next.

**Item 1413.**

**Moore:** He has to reschedule.

**Potter:** Ok.

**Item 1414.**

**Potter:** Thank you for being here this morning. When you speak, please state your name for the record. You have three minutes, sir.

**Michael Cannarella:** My name is Michael Cannarella. I live at 1565 Southwest Highland Parkway in the city of Portland. What I'm bringing to you today is a tax equity proposal. If you look -- you've got -- should be putting a map up here, I'm not sure how I do it, but there's a map of the unincorporated areas of the city of Portland on the west side. The next slide is a map of the -- of a particular area on the west side, and that's the Highland Road area. This is an unincorporated area in the city of the what services do they receive from the city, or what services do they not receive from the city in this unincorporated area? They receive all services from the city. Everything is provided by the city to these folks in the

unincorporated area, including maintenance of their road and -- of the street that they live on. So there's a couple of annexation possibilities, and I'll give you another map here. It's the same as what's over here. One way is through what's called a double majority. That's where the people in the unincorporated area bring a petition and they request to be brought into the city. It's called double majority because the majority of the people in the area plus the majority of the registered voters have to sign that petition. It comes before the council and then it goes out to a vote to the people in that area as to whether they want to be annexed into the city. The other way, common way of people being brought into the city is through an island annexation process, and this was a process that was used extensively in east county in the mid 1980's. That provision says that if an unincorporated area is surrounded by the city, that it need not be a vote of the folks, it can be a council resolution. So that's my proposal to you, gentlemen, is that this area could be brought in to the city by council resolution. Map four has -- I don't have time to go into this, but in the mid 1990's the city, 1996, the city brought an annexation of just the road, just the street, not the properties, and as a result of that, there were four exceptions. That's the red circles. So not the entire street was brought in to the city, but the street minus those red circles. And the reason that occurred is because if the entire street had been brought in to the city, the -- it would have created three islands. And the people in that neighborhood objected strenuously, and the boundaries commission at that time consented to make these exceptions. If you look at the map, it also has a black circle, and that would be this area right here. This is highway 26. This is right away of the for some reason this is an unincorporated piece. What this -- what my proposal is asking you to consider is to annex this piece here that belongs to ODOT, ODOT can initiate it or you can initiate it. Once that is accomplished, this entire area becomes an island. And then it can be brought in via the island provision of the annexation statutes. So the reason why do that? Folks in this area are paying approximately \$6.50 less per thousand, and they're getting all city services. Average house easily value is \$1 million in this area. So we're talking --

**Leonard:** Can I ask you a question? Is that the area we call Dunthorpe? Riverdale school district?

**Cannarella:** No. This is Highland road, Sylvan.

**Sten:** Dunthorpe only borders us. This is 100% surrounded by the city except for a technicality of a little road that the state owns. This is next to the zoo.

**Leonard:** Ok.

**Adams:** I understand that green property, upper left, has some interesting story to tell, and because we've just asked you a question you can go I understand beyond the three minutes.

**Cannarella:** Actually, the resident who lives in this house now isn't present here, but at the time in the mid 1960's when the rest of this -- all this white area is in the city, by the way. All the area over here. When the rest of this was brought into the city in the 1960's, one property was excluded from that annexation, the person who lived there was the chief county assessor for commercial property. His name was Kenneth Neff. And somehow or other that little piece was exempted. It's been that way for the last 40 years.

**Adams:** Was it --

**Potter:** It was a coincidence.

**Saltzman:** Mapping error. [laughter]

**Cannarella:** So by council -- what i'm asking you to consider is by council resolution, or by asking odot to annex this piece, that creates an island, then by council resolution these folks can be brought in to the city. They're getting all city services. I don't like to use this analogy, but i'll use it -- people are always saying how government should be more like business. What business would not enhance revenue without taking on any additional responsibilities? And that's really what the proposition is. They already get all city services.

**Sten:** I know this is not a two-way discussion, but it would be appropriate to ask transportation and the office of management finance to prepare a response to this for the council?

**Potter:** Yes.

**Sten:** I think he's doing a public service. This is 40 years overdue.

**Potter:** It probably would be good to research all those pockets on the west hills.

**Leonard:** And what is it about dunthorpe that's unique that that wouldn't also --

**Sten:** My understanding, i'm not an expert, the way annexation law works, if in an -- in an area is an island, entirely within any municipality's boundaries, being served 100% by the services, the municipality has a right to annex it by resolution. Because it's -- they're receiving all the services. If it's adjacent to more than one municipality, it has to be done by the residents inside of it or state law.

**Leonard:** So lake oswego or Portland in that case.

**Adams:** And it has to be with the concurrence of the property owners.

**Sten:** Yes. So it's the island issue.

**Cannarella:** I've touched base and talked to someone from each of your staff, given them information. They have my contact, i'd be glad to facilitate. I have more information that i've researched, but you've got the basics of what i've done.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Do you live in this area?

**Cannarella:** I live right over here. I don't know anyone here. I don't have a vendetta.

**Leonard:** I would have guessed you don't live in the yellow area. [laughter]

**Adams:** Touche.

**Potter:** Thank you for coming in, michael.

**Adams:** Psychic.

**Sten:** Just had a feeling.

**Potter:** We'll -- that's the communications. Is that correct?

**Moore:** That's all.

**Potter:** So we will now go to the consent agenda. Do any of the commissioners wish to pull any items from the consent agenda? Does anybody from this audience wish to pull any items from the consent agenda?

**Moore:** We have commissioner Adams, 1436 -- commissioner Sten's item. 1436.

**Sten:** I guess we'll do that after consent.

**Potter:** After the regular --

**Sten:** Whenever. It's a technical amendment.

**Potter:** Go ahead and do it. 1436.

**Moore:** Do you want to take the balance of consent first?

**Potter:** We'll vote on the consent and then go to that. Please call the roll.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Item 1436.**

**Sten:** On the item we just pulled, mayor, it's actually very good news. Bhcd was successful in getting \$3 million grant to take on the issue of lead poisoning in low-income housing, which is a huge health problem that I think is under addressed in this country. I just have a technical amendment. The way we're going to appropriate the money from the federal government is that -- is different than the ordinance, so we just have a copy of the amendment that I shared with the clerk and can pass out if people would like to see it, it just changes the language around.

**Potter:** Could you read the --

**Moore:** Item 1436, accept a lead hazard control grant from the office of lead hazard control of the u.s. department of housing and urban development in the amount of \$3 million and receive payment.

**Potter:** So do you have a copy of the amendment?

**Sten:** I would move that language replaces the existing language.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Potter:** Ok. Please call the vote.

**Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Leonard:** That was on the amendment.

**Potter:** Please call the vote on the ordinance.

**Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** I think -- aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the 9:30 time certain.

**Item 1415.**

**Potter:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, mr. Mayor and members of the council. I remember probably about a year ago, and I think the mayor was, there maybe other members were all huddled under a tent on a very rainy day out at the site of the future rosa parks elementary school for the groundbreaking of rosa parks elementary school. And I remember thinking it was pouring down rain, there was nothing but a tent, and the school district said, by the time the school year starts this year, we're going to have a new elementary school here. It's going to replace the old ball elementary school, which I believe is 50 years old, on a septic system. We're going to give these kids a brand-new school. I'm thinking, wow, that's pretty ambitious time line. Almost less than a year to complete a school. And it was a bold endeavor by the Portland school district to build a new school in a district where many think we should be closing schools, not building new schools. And they did it with our help. In our last year's budget we approved \$800,000 to help them build this new school. So we in a partnership with the housing authority, the school district, the neighborhood, and the city, made that a reality. I think it was a bold move, and it was a striking move, and it is for the better. Many of you probably attended the opening of the school, which was

just held last month, or september. Today we have the chance I think to make an equally bold move. One that will help children in our city who often don't -- often don't receive the help they need. Those are particularly children in foster care. We are a state with over 10,000 children in the foster care system on any given day. On average, a foster child will have eight different placements in their young lives, eight different families. And I can tell that you moving from family to family, there's nothing more traumatic. And it doesn't create a sense of permanency at all. The statistics are stacked against them. Less than 25% of these children will find permanent, loving, and stable homes. For foster children who never find permanency, statistically their future is bleak. They are far more likely than other children to become homeless, incarcerated, and poor. They are more likely to suffer from depression, anxiety, and mental illness. In fact, they're twice as likely as Iraq war veterans to suffer from post-traumatic stress syndrome. Many don't finish high school or go on to college. I can think of no higher calling on our part than to help find our city's foster children loving, permanent, and stable homes. To me, to us, I believe it is the utmost important importance, and it's all of our responsibilities to look after the children of our community, especially the most vulnerable children. Earlier this year when council adopted -- voted to adopt the children's bill of rights, we as a city affirmed our commitment to our city's youth. We affirmed that all of the city of Portland, quote, have a right to a loving care and healthy environment at home, closed quote. Today is our first opportunity since adopting the children's bill of rights to match actions with our words. Fortunately a proven program exists to give foster children the future they deserve. The family, home, and community they need. That program is called generations of hope. Hope meadows. Hope meadows provides adoptive families and foster families the support and information they need to be nurtured emotionally, intellectually, financially, so that they can raise healthy, happy, and successful children. Hope meadows has been working successfully for over 10 years in Illinois. And the hope meadows model has a proven adoption rate of over 90%. Hope meadows achieves this success by creating an intergenerational community. An integral piece of the hope meadows model is offering many older adults the opportunity to feel they belong and they can be productive in giving something back to the community. Hope meadows. In exchange for acting as honorary grandparents, they receive a rent stipend and the rewards of nurturing a new generation. In short, this is an incredible program which will be able to make a difference in the life of many children, seniors, and families. And it does not require any city funding. As well, it fulfills council's commitment to draw more children school aged into our neighborhoods as we committed to the schools family and housing initiative this year, Portland hope meadows will bring a minimum of 32 new children into the community. Before I introduce the panel of guest who's are here to talk about the hope meadows model and how it would look here in Portland, eye lie -- i'd like to talk about the community surrounding the ball school property. In february of this year, I approached the portsmouth neighborhood association to inform them that the city had purchased the ball school site and to also tell them about the concept that I would like to see happen on that site. Portland hope meadows. I appreciate the neighborhood communicating the result of the survey they conducted of 40 neighborhood residents and the preference for a library in the portsmouth neighborhood. As you'll hear, the hope



meadows advocates have also done canvassing, extensive canvassing and have spoken to over 150 people who have all expressed support for hope meadows. If the residents of Multnomah county approve the library levy next month, there is funding included for a small branch library in north Portland. As commissioner in charge of parks, I have been in communication with county officials who would like to see this north Portland branch library in the portsmouth neighborhood. Currently at the county's first preference for a library is right next to the new rosa parks elementary, and the university park community center. And I think we have actually a drawing that we have put together that would show where that potential location on parks property land that would be made available to the library. This preliminary drawing shows the location of the proposed library. However, I am aware some members of the neighborhood would prefer a library on lombard or even on the john ball school site. Wherever the county decides to place the new library, I am committed to working with county officials to bring a branch library to the portsmouth neighborhood and to memorialize my intention, I'm introducing the following amendment to this resolution. I'll read it and then pass it out. The amendment says, be it further resolved that if the library levy receives voter approval, Multnomah county has stated it will open a new branch library in north Portland. The city of Portland is committed to assisting Multnomah county in its efforts to open the new branch in the portsmouth neighborhood. So I want to move on now and get our invited guests up here. Our first panel will consist of rhonda meadows, who will speak about the Portland hope meadows project and the replication of the illinois model here in Portland. She'll also speak about the support Portland --

**Moore:** Did you want to do the video first?

**Saltzman:** In a second.

**Moore:** Ok.

**Saltzman:** Why don't we get rhonda up here. We'll get rhonda up here, we also have tamela newsome, a community member, an adoptee herself as well as a parent of an adopted child, and she's also the brand-new principal of rosa parks elementary, and then we have misty menashe, a community member who the Portland hope meadows team met when they conducted outreach to 163 members of the portsmouth neighborhood. We're going to begin this by a quick video. Do you want to introduce the video?

**Rhonda Meadows:** I would like to introduce the video. Good morning mayor Potter and city commissioners. My name is rhonda meadows, I'm the president of the Portland hope meadows organization.

**Potter:** Can you move the microphone toward you? Thank you.

**Meadows:** My passion for this cause and for Portland hope meadows to come to the ball school, it really goes back years ago when a teacher at chapman elementary school asked me to take in a young man who had just been placed in the foster care system. The teacher told me that he spent many nights all alone on his apartment stairs waiting for his mother to come home. Without dinner, without many nights ever. Being able to go into a warm home, he came to school many times hungry and cold. So alan lived with our family for you? And he left late I learned he moved three times in two years. With your help, securing the ball school site, we can make a difference in our own back yard by replicating

the first hope meadows model. Like commissioner Saltzman said, this model has been successful for 10 years with a 90% adoption rate for foster children. It has been appropriately dubbed the little village a big miracle -- of big miracles. Now i'd like to show a three-minute segment of what this community looks like.

\*\*\*\*\*: Report of problems with foster care are both sad and common, which is why an innovative approach first got our attention four years ago. Now that program's record of achievement has drawn us back for a second look. That's tonight's sunday cover, a return visit to hope meadows.

\*\*\*\*\*: It's a joy. It's a joy to see this.

\*\*\*\*\*: If brenda sounds like a proud parent when she talks about hope meadows, she has good reason. The program has developed into an entirely new approach to foster care.

\*\*\*\*\*: Four years ago we were really focusing on the children.

\*\*\*\*\*: With a million dollar grant from the illinois department of children and family services, she purchased 80 homes in a former military base. She recruited families willing to raise hard-to-place foster children and senior citizens willing to lend a hand. Most of the children placed here had spent years in the foster system, moving from home to home, never finding stability.

\*\*\*\*\*: They've come here from very neglectful environments. And sometimes abuse as well. They are not children in the sense that they rarely smile.

\*\*\*\*\*: Now four years later the children really are well on their way to healing.

\*\*\*\*\*: When we visited hope meadows in 1996, the program was only two years old. We weren't allowed to show you the faces of many children here because they were still in foster care status. Since then, almost all of the children have been adopted. When we last met the calhoun family, they were raising seven children. Since then, they've adopted three more.

\*\*\*\*\*: Now we're running out of space.

\*\*\*\*\*: God ain't going to give you too much, where it's going to be a burden on anybody. And I firmly believe that.

\*\*\*\*\*: If children are the heart of hope meadows, then seniors are its backbone. In exchange for reduced rent, they act as surrogate grandparents, volunteering as crossing guards, tutors, and baby-sitters. It's not just the children who benefit.

\*\*\*\*\*: Most of the seniors that come here will tell that you they felt that they were washed up. That's the words they'll use. That their life didn't have a purpose. And when they come here, they get so excited because there's so much for them to do.

\*\*\*\*\*: When prior moved to hope meadows just after losing her husband last year.

\*\*\*\*\*: He died in august, august 25, 1999. And I moved in here november 6, 1999. I didn't waste any time. You have a grief period, and I went through grief, but this was something to help me.

\*\*\*\*\*: Many of the seniors say that their physical health has actually improved since joining the program.

\*\*\*\*\*: You're so busy, you don't have time to sit and worry about whether you feel good or not.

\*\*\*\*\*: Everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their age, no matter

what their race, everyone has a contribution to make to help make the lives of others better.

\*\*\*\*\*: And that is the idea behind hope meadows. Bringing together marginalized groups.

\*\*\*\*\*: I can stay with my mom forever and ever. I have two sisters and one brother. They are adopted too, just like me.

\*\*\*\*\*: To judge the success of hope meadows, one need only listen to the children who live there.

\*\*\*\*\*: The most loving home I ever lived in. I just want to say I love you. [applause]

\*\*\*\*\*: Brenda receives plenty of calls from people who want to start their own hope meadows, and she says she's willing to help once she's certain the original is on a sound footing. We'll be right back.

**Meadows:** As we continue to look for viable, sustainable solutions to this horrific problem, and so many children in our foster care system, this is a solution to the problem. This model is a solution, and we need it right here in Portland, Oregon. And with that I'd like to introduce Tamela Newsome who works in the community. She's a very strong supporter of this model.

**Tamala Newsome:** Good morning, Mayor Potter and commissioners. It is a privilege for me to be here today. Not because of what I do as a principal of Rosa Parks elementary school, but rather who I am, which is an adoptee. I cannot begin to tell you how much that has meant to me in my life. I know without a doubt that is why I sit here today in front of you. Yes, I've accomplished some things, but it's only been because I've had a family and stability to ensure that I had a safe and happy and healthy place to grow up. I know firsthand what it's like to have a family, to have an extended family, to have a church family, and to have a community that supports your upbringing. I'm also an adopt -- my husband and I are adoptive parents, and our oldest son, who is 18½, came to us when he was 19 months old. By the time he was 19 months old, he had lived in three homes. Two of them which was foster care. I hope that what we provided him and was able to give back to him individually was just a little bit of what I received as a child growing up. A stable family, a loving home, an extended family. When I think about where my son could have been, had we not had the opportunity to step in and become part of his life, it just brings tears to my eyes. Because there's so many other children that we couldn't step in and save. And yet we have an opportunity today, you have an opportunity to make a decision that can impact generations to come. And I think about the fact that Ball School opened in 1948, this is the year 2006, so 58 years later as I drove by the school this morning and demolition is well underway, that this land, this piece of property has the opportunity to again to serve children and families if the vote is taken today that will support the opening of hope meadows. This model was created and can so easily be duplicated. I just hope that we take the opportunity to duplicate a model that will truly provide support for our children. The mayor said it best when he opened it up this morning about our children checking in on our children, how our children doing. Without safe, happy children, we do not have safe, happy, strong communities. It does take a village to raise a child, and I think hope meadows is truly put into action those exact words. The benefits will be long felt. We will save children from going from home to home, we will save our children. I am committed

personally on my time to be part of this village, to ensure that more of Portland's children have the opportunities that I had to have stable -- a stable home, a stable family, and a stable community. And I invite you today to lend your support to hope meadows, to creating a strong, healthy community, and our children. Because they truly are our future. Thank you.

**Meadows:** Conducting our canvassing efforts in the month of July, my board and myself walked 33 streets and we met a wonderful woman named misty menashe who would like to speak today.

**Misty Menasche:** My name is misty and about a week after moving into my new home in the new columbia, they -- a woman by the name of julie came to my door and said we've got this petition we'd like to talk to you about it. I welcomed her in and I was so excited to find out that there was going to be a program hopefully in my own neighborhood. I told her I would love to help in any way I could, and especially with sharing my story. It was 20 years ago that I entered the foster care system in Portland, Oregon. The first eight years of my life I lived with my mother, various shelters, on the streets, whoever would take us in at that time. Really fending for myself. She was addicted to drugs and alcohol. And at the time I also have a brother who is 10½ months young -- younger than I am. And we had each other. When we were placed into foster care, the middle of the day, they came to my classroom, said we needed to come to the office, and there were two uniformed officers. And they said, we're sorry, but you're not going to live with your mom right now. And my mom was there and was crying, and said I just need to you go somewhere until mom can get better. At recess my brother and I walked across the playground with these officers and got into a police car in front of our friends and in front of the only community we had known for those -- for the school year. And we were put into not only a new home with a parent we didn't know, with children her own children, and other foster children, we had to go to a new school. All we had were each other. We didn't have our mom anymore, regardless of how she cared for us, she was our mother and we loved her. We didn't have our friends that we had met at school, we didn't have our school teachers. We only had each other. That's so important, and it's been vital to my healing, that i've had my brother through my venture in foster care. The -- we went to a new home, and new school, new teachers, new friends, it's not enough to have a roof over your head when you don't have a consistency and a nurturing environment that is there forever. You can get love for the three, four months, five months when you're -- one year you stay in one home, then you've got to learn a new family, new rules. The meals taste different. Everything is different. The one thing I loved about hope meadows is they've got children that are adopted together. Sibling groups. And I think that's very, very important. I was very fortunate, I was only placed four times. I did age out of the foster care system at 18. But along the road we got a permanent family, it wasn't an adoptive situation, but they are my family, and it's why i've succeeded. But even with that, I still encounter the problems. A lot of foster kids did. And it's really important that I have my family to help me get through depression that i've been prone, to or anxiety. Did I make it through college. I found scholarships and grants, you know. It's possible. But only with that permanency. There's no way i'd be where I am today if I didn't have just that somewhat permanency of eight years with this particular

family. So I really, really urge the board, the commissioners to really consider this so that 20 years from now another child can be saying that they succeeded too.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks.

**Saltzman:** Did you want to briefly talk about the outreach efforts? How many people you talked to, and --

**Meadows:** Sure. Can I excuse these ladies? I know they have to go back to work.

**Potter:** Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Did I invite the other two board members to come up?

**Saltzman:** Sure. We're going to have thomas brooks, kristin simmons and brian carlton.

**Meadows:** As commissioner Saltzman stated, for the last two years we've been working hard and have been very dedicated to do all the right things to make it positive for this day. And one of the things we have been working and dedicated to is getting support. Not only from nonprofit organizations, but for profit organizations as well. One of the first letters of support I received that was addressed to commissioner Saltzman was a letter from bruce goldberg, the director of department of human services. I'd like to read that you letter today. We're pleased to provide this letter regarding the efforts underway with the replication of the hope meadows concept in the city of Portland. Hope meadows is an innovative and proven program to serve cross generational communities with specific attention toward serving foster and adoptive children. This innovation supports a department of human services efforts at keeping children safe and finding permanent families for children. The advocates surrounding this project in the city of Portland have done an admirable job keeping us informed of their progress and have engaged us in meaningful dialogue along the way. I was also pleased to learn of the recent collaboration with the kellogg foundation in development and foundation funding of this project. I look forward to the partnership with the city of Portland and the community in the development of a site to replicate this program to serve children and families. Thank you for your continued effort for serving children and families of our community. Sincerely, bruce goldberg. The other support letters that we received had to do with a lot of meetings, a lot of interaction with folks that also believe in permanency for children, for foster children. Some of those people are of course brenda, the founder of hope meadows illinois, and she's very excited because the kellogg foundation has recently gotten involved and is very committed to this. Ted chin from the kellogg foundation flew out here, walked the ball school site, was very excited about Portland being the first urban model to replicate and he sees the urban model being very positive throughout our united states, and one that would be replicated most. Jay bloom, the past president of the morrison of children and family service assist very excited about this model not only for adoption of foster children, but for seniors as well.

**Leonard:** I was actually interested in the question commissioner Saltzman asked you, I think all of us here are absolutely totally on board with this model, and what you do. And it's great that you're reading the letters of support. But his question to you was specifically about the survey you did of the residents. And i'm waiting for you to get to that.

**Meadows:** Oh, ok. Can I just -- i'll get to that. I just think it's important to understand the

corporations and organizations that are supportive of it.

**Leonard:** We do. I think we all get that.

**Meadows:** Ok. Let's move on to the canvassing efforts. In your handout I also -- one of our board members -- i'd actually like our board members to stand.

**Leonard:** The handout is where?

\*\*\*\*\*: They were given to you yesterday.

**Potter:** Is it this?

\*\*\*\*\*: This, yes.

**Adams:** I don't have it. They were given out yesterday?

**Meadows:** That is my understanding. But I want to recognize the board because we've worked very hard together. In the month of July each Saturday morning the board went out and canvassed 33 streets and met with over 160 people in the community. And yes we were able to talk -- we were able to talk -- it looks like this. So we were able to meet with folks in the community from people who were in the park, the -- walking to the pool, to just door to door. And the surrounding area. So we've highlighted the number of streets that we canvassed, the 33 streets, and we've also listed the addresses as well as the signatures of the individuals that we met personally, and we felt it was very important to talk about what this model is, because I think there's been some confusion, commissioner Leonard, especially -- I know the Portsmouth Association conducted their own canvassing efforts and they listed us as youth foster homes. So we wanted to make sure that the community was really understanding of what we really are. And what we're there to do and how community friendly this project is.

**Leonard:** The Portsmouth did their own --

**Meadows:** They did their own canvassing efforts as well. They talked to 40 people is my understanding. They visited with 40 different mechanics of the community and out of that they sent a letter to the mayor and my understanding is the -- but we felt like because we were misrepresented as youth foster homes, we felt we needed to go out and conduct our own survey. That's why we went out and visited with over 160 folks, one of which was Misty Menashe, who was just here. We have the signatures of the folks we met indicating -- and there's quite a few pages, 150 signatures of neighbors who said they were not apiece to this being in the community. There were nine people out of -- who would not sign in the --

**Adams:** What statement did they sign?

**Potter:** The very back.

**Meadows:** They signed --

**Adams:** Not opposed, ok.

**Meadows:** A notebook piece of paper we walked around with, just at the top of it stating that i'm not opposed to the Portland Hope Meadows project. And so that's, through the month of July we conducted our survey with the community.

**Saltzman:** I believe Kristin and Thomas will talk about the financial aspects of Portland Hope Meadows and also the time lines for Portland Hope Meadows development.

**Adams:** Commissioner Saltzman, who is the expert on the Hope Meadows program?

**Meadows:** We all have an expertise.

**Saltzman:** The three people here are board members of Portland hope meadows. Brian carlton is the architect and he's going to discuss some of the proposed sketches.

**Adams:** Can I ask a question? I attended a community meeting for this over a year ago as a citizen, and one of the concerns raised about the program is that the success that has been achieved obviously from the news reports been achieved on a much larger scale, that the project was done on a much larger scale. That was one of the concerns raised. I'd like to give you an opportunity to address that concern.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I'm not -- I have to say I have no concern about that, because we are an urban city, and we are developing an urban model which is smaller. Which is more condense. And so I -- we are building --

**Adams:** How many acres is the other project?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** 23 acres.

**Adams:** And how many acres is this?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Two acres.

**Potter:** Wasn't it a former military base they took over?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** And we looked at over for a former base, but we couldn't find one. [laughter]

**Adams:** So how have you changed your approach or scaled your approach to ensure success on this much smaller site?

**Meadows:** Well, we have -- we are -- we're actually doing it on a lot lesser scale by only building eight homes versus her 18 to 20 homes. We are scaling down the number of seniors, but we want to make sure the kids have the support they need with the seniors who are involved. So we have scaled it way down because of the fact that we are an urban city. And land is precious.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** One other point, we have obviously been working very closely with both generations of hope as well as with the kellogg foundation to validate how we're adapting the model for Portland.

**Adams:** Besides the size and the number much people involved, there's no change to the program?

**Meadows:** No. Well, I will say this. Once we have actually offered an individual, the position of executive director to continue to organize and develop our model, and this individual certainly will look at the overall -- the structure of the organization and one of the things we would like to add to our model that is not in the model, we would like to set aside monies for the families that when they leave the hope meadows Portland hope meadows model, they will have money set aside to go out and buy or put a down payment on a home. So we are -- that is a critical piece for us. We believe in that, we believe that families give up years of their life to dedicate the children, so we want to make sure when they do leave, they will have money set aside to own their own home.

**Adams:** At the meeting that I attended, I think you were there, I can't remember exactly, I want to -- if you could up front before we move too far along in some of the details, you've heard the concerns by some in the neighborhood about this project. If you could address the phish if you could state the concerns you've heard and how you sought to address them, I would be grateful.

**Meadows:** We heard the concerns of density, which brian will discuss the -- how that will

look, the density, the discussion with safety. Which this model is no more safe than any other neighborhood, so the safety is to me is not -- should not be a concern. These are loving parents and -- so this is a very special community. The other concern was obviously that the number one choice was a library, which I think commissioner Saltzman talked about today a solution to that. So I -- those were the three things that I remember, commissioner Adams.

**Adams:** The only one I would add to the list, and if you don't feel capable of answering it, that's fine. It was a concern out of the neighborhood that they were -- as other neighborhoods that have had surplus property coming from a variety of different agencies, including the school district, the other concern I heard at the meeting that the neighborhood had never been consulted up front about what do they want for this site. Do you have any response to that? That it was a forgone conclusion. That it would be hope meadows.

**Saltzman:** I think I would add, this proposal is still subject to a land review process. We are simply today declaring that Portland hope meadows has the first option to make this happen. But there still has to be a land review process, and as I stated earlier, we are open to looking at things like a library, if in fact the county wants a library there. Or other option that's would be done in consultation with the neighborhood through the land use process.

**Leonard:** I would just add that -- I want to be clear how I say this, that I think all five of us here appreciate this program and what it does, and we all five believe there's a place for it in this community. I have learned that great ideas like this, and dan Saltzman is -- his career is characterized by initiatives like this, and we give him as much deference on these issues as we do commissioner Sten on housing issues. There's no question in my mind about what you're doing. But i've also learned since i've been here with some of my ideas, which I think are equally good, don't get received as well if I don't do a good job working through a neighborhood process. So kind of just what i've picked up in the last week is there's something wrong. Because this is a good program, is it a good idea, and I would expect that if it was a part of a number of choices that the neighborhood have, I would be surprised if this wasn't picked. But sometimes people object and rightfully so, only because they feel like they haven't been considered, or they've been -- some of the terms have been run over that i've received. So I guess i'm a little concerned that you had -- you went out with your survey, they went out with their survey, that's a sign that something is askew, and -- i'm just wondering how do you -- did you try to engage the neighborhood association, what happened with that? I don't have answers, I just know there are problems and i'm trying to sort them out to see what the right thing would be to do.

**Meadows:** Sure. I will say that when -- after commissioner Saltzman went out to the neighborhood and was able to communicate his vision about the ball school property, that after his visit he asked me to go out and communicate or sit in on the portsmouth association meeting and get a feel for the -- and actually make a formal presentation of the Portland hope meadows model. Because I think there was a lot of misunderstandings and misconception about what the model is. And that's very clear with us being listed as youth foster homes. So on three different occasions I talked to tatiana, asked her if we could make a formal presentation o three different occasions I was told no. The board does not want to hear from you. So --



**Leonard:** Did anybody from commissioner Saltzman's office make that request, or was that just you?

**Saltzman:** Our office made similar requests to meet with the board, and we were also basically told no.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I guess --

**Leonard:** And -- so I have to ask why. There's something that doesn't make sense.

**Meadows:** I don't know why they wouldn't let us make a formal presentation.

**Saltzman:** I think there are members of the neighborhood association here, they're probably in the best position to answer that question.

**Leonard:** Thank you.

**Adams:** Let me try my question one more time. Which is commissioner Leonard followed up on it, i'm the first city commissioner to come from north Portland since 1972. So I declare my sort of interest and/or conflict depending on your point of view, I don't live in portsmouth, I live in kenton, which is a couple miles away. But --

**Leonard:** Suburb of portsmouth.

**Adams:** That's right. We aspire to be portsmouth one day. Let's be blunt. You go to a neighborhood association and you say, this is what we're going to do with this site, tell us what you think. It's a very different question than going to a neighborhood association and saying, we've got two acres, that is going to be redeveloped in some way, whether it's open space or whatever by redevelopment I mean the sues going to change from a school, and you'll get a different reaction. And I don't know that -- maybe this is also for commissioner Saltzman, i'm not aware that the city ever approached the neighborhood and said, we're going to procure john ball, it's being abandoned, what do you want to see happen? From what I can tell in the meetings I attended, it was, we're going to procure john ball for hope meadows, these are the reasons why. What do you think?

**Saltzman:** I would say that as I said earlier, I went in february to inform them that the school -- that we now owned the school site, and that my preference for what happened there is hope meadows. But I also clearly said the ultimate decision is the city council's. And I hope that if you agree with me that there is nothing in this community aimed at helping foster kids succeed and find permanency of this type of a model, a proven model that you will endorse the decision today. We're calling upon this council to make this decision in the same bold spirit that the school district decided to move ahead with a brand-new elementary school against, at the time, considerable odds. So this is the process, this is the decision. There still will be a land review process.

**Adams:** Land use review is a totally different and separate track from how we choose to deal with property that we own and have options for its future use. So you've mentioned land use three times, and I don't think it's incredibly pertinent to the underlying question of, what's the best use for this site. Hope meadows has convinced me that it has succeeded in the past on a larger scale, I -- besides sizing it and scaling it down, I still think that this could work. There are other places in the city that don't have as much of these kind of facilities in them, north Portland has a considerable number of facilities such as this that I think it's a fair question to raise in terms of is this the best fit, is this the best program to go in at this site. It's a fair question to raise. The question was never raised, nor thoughtful

process provided, to give a thoughtful answer. I think it's a fair question to raise.

**Saltzman:** It is a fair question, and I think it's a fair question for us to answer today. If you think the Portland hope meadows is the best use, then endorse it. If you think --

**Leonard:** That's not the point. That is not the discussion.

**Adams:** And I find that last statement incredibly unfair for you to say anything else but hope meadows. That is not what i'm saying. What i'm saying --

**Saltzman:** I'm not saying you're saying, that but everything i've seen from the neighbors talks about why not affordable housing, why not mixed retail.

**Adams:** You're getting the natural and predicted reaction to any neighborhood in this city that is not involved in a meaningful way up front to chart -- to be part of the decision making about a piece of their neighborhood, the future use of the piece of their neighborhood. This is incredibly predictable and you could go into any neighborhood in the city with the same process and nine times out of 10 you'll get a similar response from the neighborhood association. Either right or wrong, we did not involve this neighborhood association in a discussion about what their ideas were for this site before we got to the hope meadows option.

**Saltzman:** How about the fact they canvassed three times --

**Leonard:** Commissioner Saltzman, I appreciate the -- do not misunderstand this discussion. In fact I wish we were having it so you weren't hearing this so you didn't misunderstand. This isn't about your program. And it isn't about your earnestness and sincerity to my recollection but please, you know better than to bring this in and call this neighborhood involvement. You and I have been doing this a long time, and I don't want to go on a lot more than what commissioner Adams has just said better than I can --

**Saltzman:** Let's finish --

**Leonard:** This isn't about your program, and it's certainly not about placing it here and it's not about finding the appropriate place. It's not about that. It's about just as commissioner Adams just characterized it, making sure that we go through a process where this is laid on the table and frankly, i'd be surprised at the end of the day after learning what I have, and I have read about your various programs, stuck it into google, found it spoken -- I have not found one negative thing about it. It's a very positive program. I would be surprised at the end of the day if we had a discussion with the neighborhood group and they heard what you're doing versus these other uses, plus commissioner Saltzman's commitment to find another site for the library, this wouldn't end on up top. So it's not about the program. So please don't misunderstand. It's about making sure people are involved early on. Because i've learned i'm not the smartest guy in the world. And every once in a while I hear something that challenges something that I presumed was just the way it was. And I realize it's not. So maybe in that process you hear something else that's either complimentary to or compatible with or maybe even different than this that you might agree is a more appropriate use for that site. But I think the commitment here is to find a site, this just makes too much sense. It's a great program, so it's not about that.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I would like to make a couple of points. One, the neighborhood association I think it's a mischaracterization to think of the neighborhood association as fully representative of the entire neighborhood.

**Leonard:** We do not want to go there. I've been there, and believe me --

\*\*\*\*\*: That's fine.

**Leonard:** I hear you. I'm just saying that isn't --

\*\*\*\*\*: We attempted to work through the neighborhood association, we went to a meeting, how many people were in the meeting?

**Meadows:** Our first meeting there were six people and the second there was 13. But I will say, commissioner Leonard, the first meeting that I attended, which is the meeting that commissioner Adams came to, we all wrote down what we felt would be a good possibility for ball school, and we all put our little stickys on the wall. We went through a process of saying, with the six people that were there, who -- what do you want? What do you want to see?

**Adams:** There were more than six people.

**Meadows:** Maybe eight, but it was under 10. We put these stickies on the wall and there were all different kinds of ideas. Including the Portland hope meadows model, there was the library, there was a senior housing center. So we went through that process. Then the second meeting I attend in June was a discussion about the canvassing efforts that the portsmouth association did that I didn't know they did. So they announced that they conducted -- they sent out 400 cards, and that they did -- conducted a canvassing effort with 40 different neighbors. And then they compiled the data and they sent the data in to all of you. And you received a copy of the canvassing efforts of the portsmouth association. And -- that went on. So to me that is a process. So I'm not -- I'm just not sure -- so -- and we felt the need to do our own canvassing because we felt we were misrepresented in their canvassing.

**Leonard:** And I hear you, and everything you're saying I am very empathetic with. And some people sitting here know that I've said some of the same things. I have been in huge battles on some of these same issues that you're talking about. My last campaign for this position was kind of centered around some of those issues. So I hear you. But I also learned from that. And I can't sit up here and not share with you the experience I had, which again, I think commissioner Adams articulated than I'll be able to, the benefit of working through that process. That's all I'm -- I hear your concerns, I hear your frustrations, and in a perfect world I would agree that you did as much as you think you should have to do. But I've also learned, and I've become more patient at some of these initiatives that I undertake to go through a more inclusive process and even reach out and get neighborhood leads to get in a room that haven't been there to make sure they're listening to what we're talking about so they hear it up front.

**Meadows:** I consider Tamela Newsome a neighborhood leader, and she is, again, you heard here today. And --

**Leonard:** It's not about that. Please understand.

\*\*\*\*\*: I think the point we want to make is we've attempted to do everything we could to involve the neighborhood, that means reaching out to the neighborhood association, canvassing, and the other thing, with respect to the can advancing effort, we didn't go there and say, oh, by the way this, is what's going into your neighborhood, do you object. That was not the way it was presented. What was presented was, we represented a group that

was interested in having the hope meadows model placed on the ball school site as a potential use for that site. It was kind of mischaracterized.

**Leonard:** This council -- if this council -- let's not take your project, but if we allowed every decision that we made to be influenced by whatever interested party had the initiative to go out and get signatures, it would be a nightmare up here. I'm talking about developments -- i'm just looking at this as a model for the various issues that we decide on. If we assume that one party brings in a petition signed by a number of people that implies or suggests is therefore representative of the neighborhood, it's going to be awful up here. And there's I think a better way to get to the same -- I don't have any doubt, for example, that all of those folks that you had sign your petition, including the ones that signed the other petition, sitting in a room and hearing this discussion wouldn't be awfully persuaded. I guess i'm suggesting, this is probably sounds unlikely coming from me, but process is very important.

**Saltzman:** Let's move on --

**Potter:** I'd like to ask one question. The 33 blocks that you canvassed, were those the blocks that were adjacent to the property?

**Meadows:** Yes. They're all around the property.

**Potter:** That's what I mean. It was -- that is the area that surrounds the property.

\*\*\*\*\*: Characterized as the impacted area, yes.

**Leonard:** There's a difference between adjacent to and around.

**Saltzman:** Have you a map that shows all the streets.

\*\*\*\*\*: 33 streets, it builds out.

**Leonard:** Are they streets that bordered --

**Meadows:** Ball school should be highlighted in pink, and then the blue are all the streets that we walked.

**Adams:** Just to be clear, we recognize neighborhood associations, and we fund our neighborhood outreach efforts to the tune of \$4 million. They have to meet certain standards. I don't know exactly the process they took to look, to do the survey that's they undertook. But there is -- in terms of information coming back to us, the neighborhood association has legal standing with us. It has standing with us politically and financially. It doesn't mean they're always right and it doesn't mean we always agree with them. You went out and surveyed the neighbors. That's great. You're an advocacy organization who had an idea for a site. That's wonderful. You're trying to persuade us with that information. Fair enough. But when a project comes forward where there's no disagreement, if everyone, if the neighborhood association said, yes, go ahead, fine, I would look at this differently. But the neighborhood association has come forward with some concerns. And that's when I have to fall back on, what was the process undertaken to look at the future use of this site? How is the neighborhood involved in answering some up front questions about what are the needs of the neighborhoods from their point of view, and what do they want from their point of view? This process came forward, and there's -- commissioner Saltzman has every right to try this, this process came forward with the predetermined idea of what would be happening at that site and the neighborhood association was asked to react to that. And that's my concern.

**Saltzman:** Let's continue with the presentation. I know there's many people from the neighborhood who are waiting probably to testify as well.

**Christine Simmons:** Christine Simmons, I'll discuss the finances. The project itself will consist of eight family homes. One common building, and a senior housing complex. The senior housing complex will have 32 apartments, 20% of the senior units will be rent restricted. And occupied by individuals who have incomes at equal to 50% or less than the median area income. The seniors will receive a stipend for the volunteer work with the children. The families will receive a stipend, they'll live rent-free and receive medical insurance. Capital costs for the project are estimated at 8.77 million. We have intent to finance 28% of the project. This includes cash, construction materials, and hopefully land from the city. We plan on using the low-income housing tax credit vehicle to fund a portion of the senior housing, which amounts to 42% of the total overall cost. Once we obtain the land we'll secure the remaining 2.64 million dollars within a 12-month period. The highly respected Kellogg Foundation donated \$4 million to create a fund for Portland -- for Hope Meadows. Proceeds from this fund can be used to replicate other sites and we'll have access to this funding. Should we secure the land, our schedule is to begin construction late 2007 or early 2008. Our strategy was to have all the units reserved prior to completion to ensure optimal cash flow and the achievement of project goals. Again, we're replicating the Hope Meadows model, so we're confident of the sustainability of our operation. We estimate from 2009 to 2011 the first three years we're operating, that our expenditures will be \$650,000. 64% of this will be covered from rent, and d.h.s. Payments. The remaining balance will be raised through fund-raising. Our goal is to achieve a \$7 million endowment within five years to -- because we believe an endowment is essential to our long-term success.

**Saltzman:** Brian, do you want to talk about the --

**Potter:** Go ahead and just -- there you go.

**Brian Carlton:** Brian Carlton, I'm with Carlton Hart Architecture. We've been working with Hope Meadows to try to move this forward. And I don't want to have Hope Meadows seem presumptuous for developing these plans when we still have a lot of work left to do, but it was important to give form to the concept and the idea. We are trying to replicate a model that was on a military base and we're trying to develop an urban model, and we determined it was very important. At least tested on this site. And determined how this could possibly lay out. So it's really just a concept. We understand we have a lot of work to do with the neighborhood association, with our neighbors, there's a lot of flexibility in how this site gets developed to achieve our model. So we're really just trying to create images that can conform to it. One of the important things about the images is to enforce the idea that this is not a facility. This is not a social service facility. We're developing homes for families and for seniors. The project consists of eight family homes, very traditionally sized homes, they're going to be 2400-2600 square feet. They're going to sit on property that if we actually drew the property lines, would be approximately 4,000 to 4,500 square-foot pieces of property. Half the site is developed with -- in a very traditional family home model. The other half of the site is apartments for seniors, senior housing, it's -- at this point we're showing demonstrating that we can accomplish our goals of 32 units within a two-story

building that we think is neighborhood compatible, that doesn't overbuild the site. We can park our cars, we can provide for the activities we need to provide for on site in a very thoughtful way that doesn't overburden the neighborhood. And really develops thoughtful homes for people that will add to this neighborhood. The layout demonstrates the intent that within the program, within the hope meadows program we are developing community and interaction, interaction both between the families and between the youth and the seniors, and providing the facilities and the amenities to do that. As important we're developing a way that this development can become part of the surrounding neighborhood. Again, traditional family homes with front porches and driveways. We have open space for the kids, and these open spaces are open to the neighborhood. Our goal is that the senior housing is developed in a way that we've got front porches for the seniors as well. They are interacting with the neighborhood as well. We've got kids who are walking to the local school, we have seniors who are walking to the local bus stop, and very much an active part of this neighborhood. And so again, these are just concepts that we're proving to ourselves that we can achieve. We have a lot of work yet to do to refine the concept, and it's fully our intention the neighborhood is part of that process.

**Saltzman:** Ok. Thank you very much.

**Adams:** Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Saltzman:** That's it.

**Potter:** Do we have a sign-up sheet for this?

**Moore:** We have 10 people signed up.

**Potter:** Please state your name for the record. You each have three minutes. Who is the first that was signed up?

**Nancy Cranston:** I was. I'll Nancy Cranston, I'm here to support project hope meadows. You've heard a lot of other testimony for it. I don't live in the neighborhood, unfortunately, so I don't know if I have much of an impact with you, but I've known Rhonda for a long time, and support what she's doing. I've heard the presentation before, and frankly I just know that what she can do, she's an amazing person, she's committed, and I think if this project went through I cannot see anything but positive things happening for kids. And I think that's more important than just about anything. I've got kids, she's got kids, and I just think it's a great project.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Erik Blythe:** Erik Blythe, thank you for hearing this this morning. I'm embarrassed to say I've never actually been to a council meeting before. I think I'll come back. It's interesting dialogue. [laughter] that being said, what would I do is --

**Leonard:** We have rules for people like you too.

**Blythe:** Bring them on. I would encourage you today to get past the political what's the right term? The need to delay. The need to check, the need to counter balance, rethink, overthink, do it again, talk to somebody else, cover your bases for the two people that have a voice that represent 5,000 people in a neighborhood. The work effort that was put into this is astronomical. The due diligence that was done was astronomical. And to delay something that is a win-win thing for this city for the children, for the seniors, for

everybody involved, from an emotional, political, financial standpoint is a no-brainer. No-brainer. You people are professional politicians. I would think you would be excited and amazed with the opportunity to do something today that you got into public life to do. And that is to make positive impact on our community. Thank you. [applause]

**Potter:** Excuse me, folks. Folks. We demonstrate our enthusiasm for someone's words by doing this, so please wave your hands and please no more clapping.

**Derenda Schubert, Ph.D.:** Hello, thank you for this opportunity. I'm dr. Schubert, and i'm a board member for hope meadows as well as a psychologist and a chief operating officer for a large mental health agency in our city as well as an adoptive mom. So I come to the board as a very staunch supporter of Portland hope meadows, because in my professional work every single day, I see these kids in our mental health agency, in the psychiatric residential units, in our permanent foster care set and can these kids really need something. I had a whole list of statistics, and mr. Saltzman told them all. So i'm not going to share that with you. I'm going to share with you stories of these kids. 63% of the kids who go into foster care in Oregon do go home. But there's 37% left that don't go. And when we -- let me tell you where they're going. They're going to our psychiatric hospitals, our streets, they're going to our juvenile justice centers, inappropriately, they're going to our psychiatric residential programs, which are really need to serve kids with mental illness, and not kids who need placement. These kids really need a home. This is not a facility that we're presenting here, this is a neighborhood. This is a permanent place for these kids to grow up so somebody will celebrate their birthday, somebody will share their holidays with them, and these kids will have somewhere to go when they're adults. When kids come out of foster care as an 18-year-old, there's no one to turn to. They're left out to say, hey, have a good life, hope it goes well for you. It would be foolish for us not to create adoptive homes for these kids in a neighborhood for our seniors to feel like they contribute. I want to give you the -- a little bit of information. In 2003, the casey family programs, harvard medical school, the state of Washington office of children's administrative research, the state of Oregon department of human services all participated in a hallmark study on foster care. As mr. Saltzman pointed out, one of the most staunch -- startling pieces that came out with those -- these kids are experiencing twice the amount of post-traumatic stress disorder as those experiencing war. The recommendations of the studies stated we should reduce the many times kids move and we should encourage the establishment of lifelong kinetic was foster parents and other supportive adults. Portland hope meadows does that. Let me tell what you the kids say. Don't judge me because my parents had problems. Don't throw me away. Believe in me. I think it's our time to believe in these kids and to give them hope. And we dock that through hope meadows. Thank you for your time.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I was told to bring 10 copies of something, so I did.

**Potter:** Please give those to the council clerk. Does anybody else have any written material they wish to have the council clerk give to us?

**Susan Landauer:** Thank you very much for hearing us. I have -- I was elected last night as the new chair of the portsmouth neighborhood association. And we drafted a letter to

the commission, and i'd like to read that letter. At its october 24 meeting, the portsmouth neighborhood association board of directors passed the following position unanimously. The board of the portsmouth neighborhood association requests the Portland city council to engage in an open process of requests for proposals and public review for the use of the john ball site. In addition, we observe that a rushed or nonpublic process does not protect the city from the liabilities or potential legal problems inherent within the ill-defined time line of the Portland hope meadows project for the john ball school site. On behalf of the Portland neighborhood association, susan landauer, board chair. And then I have my statement, which is, this john ball site is a rare opportunity for the city to do something to enhance our neighborhood. In Portland we have a tradition of open process and requests for proposals, and we respectfully ask that tradition be honored. Portsmouth neighborhood association has a reputation for being fair and hard working. We ask that this resolution be tabled until there is a good public review process. And also, the last three bullets in the hope meadows resolution raised questions among housing development experts steve redmond and tuck wilson among others. There's no time line for demonstrating adequate funding or resources to develop and maintain Portland hope meadows. Anna griffin in "the Oregonian" says that construction should be complete by 2009. Residents should be moving in in early 2008. Legend homes will build the family homes as a generous gift to the project. Federal funding for subsidized senior apartments is less certain. Is a date of march 31, 2008, reasonable for lining up all development funding? Is a yearly review by the city and county necessary to determine if resources are adequate for program and associate services? I think the resolution should be amended before passage. And I thank you very much for listening to us.

**Potter:** Since you're the president now of the portsmouth neighborhood association, in addition to the issue about process, do you have any other concerns about this -- these program, the hope meadows? Or does -- or I should say does the neighborhood association have concerns?

**Landauer:** I would volunteer gladly at this program. It's a wonderful, wonderful thing. I believe there may be more appropriate uses for this piece of land in our neighborhood.

**Potter:** Besides appropriateness, are there any other concerns you have for this particular program?

**Landauer:** Funding.

**Potter:** Ok. What would be the other appropriate uses for the land you're thinking of?

**Landauer:** We brainstormed, and then went out and talked to neighbors, which of these things would you like to see in the neighborhood. A library was the most popular thing with 94% in favor. We talked about senior -- what was it called? I'm blanking. They're listed there. I can't remember.

**Potter:** I'm sure the next speaker will have some issues. That was 94% of the people you said who wanted a library?

\*\*\*\*\*: M-hmm.

**Potter:** Were there other issues that were raised but you just don't remember what they were in terms of other possible uses?

**Landauer::** Yeah. I'm panicked.



**Potter:** I don't mean to panic you. I apologize for that. Any other questions for Susan?  
Thank you.

**Richard Ellmyer:** My name is Richard, I'm a 31-year resident of the Portsmouth neighborhood. I am here today along with the rest of you to bear witness to what is clearly a reprehensible resolution put before this council. It is the kind of thing that politicians who are holding a losing hand do when they know their hand is losing and they have nothing else left to do but cheat. This council not long ago gave \$13,000 to do a sound survey in North Portland. So I'm going to ask you that you give us at least that much to do the contained of -- to ask one question, we've had a lot of comments about questions and surveys today, so I'm going to suggest that you come up with the same kind of money you came up for the sound survey and ask all the residents of North Portland and include the Portland Planning Commission in this survey, here's the one question. Have you a choice, a or b. A, I would like to be proud of North Portland and the process by which my city government goes about making decisions regarding land use and public housing policy. I would like to see a state-of-the-art green owner-occupied in perpetuity residential community with a public library built in the Portsmouth neighborhood. This market-rate private housing should strive for architectural innovation and excellence, which could and should become a destination showcase useful for the Portland Development Commission's marketing efforts to brand Portland and Oregon as a world-class center of environmentally conscious homeowners, citizens, and governments. Or choice B, I would like to have the Portland City Commissioners continue to ignore calls by Commissioner Sam Adams to require the Housing Authority of Portland to provide authentic, accurate, complete and timely statistical data so that all of our city council's decisions regarding the annual expenditure of \$200 million on public housing will remain without merit and foundation. I would like to add to the overload of public housing in North Portland, especially in the Portsmouth neighborhood, which has the highest number of public housing clients in the second highest percentage of public housing clients in all of Multnomah County's 117 neighborhoods. I endorse Tom Potter and Dan Saltzman's back-room deal and their undemocratic efforts to jam through Saltzman's pet public project before there are competing plans on the table, and without a full public discussion and with all the proposals and data presented to the Portland Planning Commission, the public, and the press for review. In any fair competition of ideas, the public's choice and the right choice are clear.

**Leonard:** Mayor, if I may. Richard, I've been to your home, you're a very engaging and intelligent man, but you are not serving your side well right now. I resent some of the implications of what you've just said towards Commissioner Saltzman--

**Ellmyer:** I resent this resolution being put forward.

**Leonard:** I think you heard --

**Ellmyer:** We share a similar resentment.

**Leonard:** You heard two of us raising questions. You're not serving the cause right now very well right now. Thank you.

**Potter:** Richard, since did you bring up that issue about the issue with the housing authority of Portland, I notice that two of the folks who said they've concerns, Steve Redman and Tuck Wilson, were engaged and heavily involved with the development of the new

columbia. What was the portsmouth neighborhood association's recommendations on that?

**Ellmyer:** I'm sorry, on what?

**Potter:** New columbia, the new project that's replacing columbia villa.

**Ellmyer:** What was --

**Potter:** Do you remember that?

**Ellmyer:** Remember it quite well.

**Potter:** I'm just asking, what was the portsmouth neighborhood association's -- did you take a stand on that, or --

**Ellmyer:** I have taken a stand as a citizen --

**Potter:** I'm saying the portsmouth neighborhood association.

**Ellmyer:** I believe that that question would be properly addressed to susan, because I think she was the chairman of that --

**Potter:** I'd like to ask susan that.

**Landauer:** We collaborated intensely with the developers of new columbia. We had an excellent working relationship. We encountered problems and we dealt with them in a peaceful intelligent way.

**Potter:** Does that mean the neighborhood association supported through a vote, or were you consulted on that?

**Landauer:** It was an intense public process. And I don't remember votes, i'm sure there were lots of votes.

**Potter:** Back to richard. I'm not -- i'm going to ask you a question. The question is this -- is it -- do you support the concept of this program, are you concerned about the impact on the neighborhood of having this housing in the area?

**Ellmyer:** I am concerned -- first and foremost about the process. Which is abominable. Beyond that, this particular project and it may be -- I have not addressed the merits or demerits of this particular project, because I don't know enough about it. So it could go either way. However, I think it's important to say that I made a serious effort to contact the board members to find out what this organization was about. And I could not find and nor would your office or commissioner Saltzman's office tell me who was on this board, nor would the attorney who is the registered agent for this organization at tonkin torp tell me who are members of this board, nor would the only person, kristin simmons, the only person I could find, give me her email or tell me who was on the board of this directors so that I could ask some questions to answer to say, what do you people do? Now, that goes to character and I think that any organization that will not tell you who their board members are raises a huge number of questions to those of us who would like to know, what are you people about? And you're about to potentially give them or make a deal with them, and as far as I can tell, I have emails from your office and no response from commissioner Saltzman's office that say you have any idea who these board members are, until you met them this morning. Now, that seems to me to be a pretty important part.

**Potter:** Are you a member of the portsmouth neighborhood association?

**Ellmyer:** You bet.

**Potter:** Do you go to all their meeting?

**Ellmyer:** No I do not.

**Potter:** I have a question for Susan again. These folks said they approached your board three different times and were told no, they could not come and talk with you about the proposal. Is that true?

**Landauer:** I don't know how it was said. But the intent was that we wanted an open process. We didn't want people coming to us and telling us about the project and how much we were going to like it.

**Potter:** So you in effect refused to hear their proposal to begin with, and you didn't attend the meetings, so --

**Ellmyer:** I was out of town when commissioner Saltzman person did I invited me --

**Potter:** Excuse me, I'm talking. I said, you had opportunities and you didn't act on them. The Portsmouth neighborhood association, and I didn't hear you say anything different, three different times, said they did not wish to meet with this group to find out more about it. It was a proposal. That's what it is at this point.

**Ellmyer:** Mr. Mayor, did I act. I didn't go to the meeting but I acted on it. I was out of town when commissioner Saltzman said he was going to come to the neighborhood. I'm sorry I missed it. You don't attend every single city council meeting or anybody else. Sometimes other things have higher precedence. But I have responded. I responded by putting together a private development team and went to every member of all of your offices to present this private development proposal, which was summarily rejected by commissioner Saltzman's office by putting forward this resolution and I had no opportunity to even present it to the Portsmouth neighborhood association, although we have made this public.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** I want to say first that I live in Portsmouth --

**Potter:** Please state your name.

**Bonnie Meltzer:** Bonnie Meltzer, I have lived in Portsmouth since 1975. I have to say that I'm kind of the block mother. Kids who don't have books in their houses come to story time on my porch. They get kids who make valentines on the backs of overdue bill envelopes, get art supplies at my house, and on my picnic table. So I am not against children. I am interested in helping children. However, Portsmouth talked to the schools, talked my friends who are teachers, talked to my friends who do not send, who live in Portsmouth and who do not send their kids to Portsmouth schools because there are so many troubled kids, we can't help them all. And I know that you want to put 30 more kids, troubled kids, and the first thing that was said by this group was, how troubled these kids are. We can't handle another 30 troubled, troubled kids in this neighborhood. Tom, I suggest they put them in your neighborhood. Dan, I suggest this goes to your neighborhood. Or Erik's. You're off the hook, Sam, because you're already in our neighborhood. And Portsmouth and even Kenton is totally overstaffed with troubled, troubled people. And interestingly enough, I sat on a committee that was bringing money to Portland. And there were all kinds of wonderful things, and the committee had a hard time saying, let's bring music to North Portland. Let's bring art to North Portland. Because there were so many social service issues that most of the money went to. Social service issues. And it's becoming that the fifth quadrant, and notice that quadrants are only four and five is outside, that the fifth quadrant is the social service quadrant. Where can we

put more people who need help? Well, we live in a very generous community, and my neighbors help each other, they help in all kinds of capacities that are formal and informal. But we are just totally overstretched. And I notice, mr. Potter, that your visioning process did not give one single grant to the visioning process. All four other quadrants, and let me tell you, the quadrant, the fifth quadrant was very upset. And i'm sure there was something that was at least as good as some of the things that did get granted.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks.

**Potter:** When you speak, please excavate your name for the record. You each have three minutes. Did you wish to go first, sir?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yes. I was called first.

**Potter:** Ok.

**Peter Teneau:** My name is peter, and I live in kenton, not far from portsmouth, as a matter of fact, on the other side of chautauqua. So i'm not immediately impacted by the project, as i've heard this morning, it sounds like a wonderful project. I can support it. As a project. I haven't heard anything about it before, and it seems to be strange that we haven't heard about a project that is appearing before the city council now, and one hears about it for the first time. I am concerned with process. And commissioner Leonard, commissioner Adams really addressed what I am concerned about. And that is that there was no due process in this. To come before the city council before review of even the planning commission, come on. This has to be viewed in light of other projects that might be put forward. And there are other ideas out there concerning the vision of north Portland and what's been happening to north Portland. The history of north Portland. Where we are now with regard to income levels and so forth and adjustment that's might benefit north Portland. So the placement of this facility could be anywhere in the city, and as a matter of fact, for the success of that project on more land and perhaps in a neighborhood where such an operation might and the clients in that operation, the people who live there, might do even better to place it in north Portland is to place it in an area that already has an awful lot of did I -- a disproportionate number of low-income people. I'm not against the project. I think the project is good. I'm not making that argument. I'm making the argument that much more consideration be given, thorough consideration by the council and planning commission before any decision whatsoever is made regarding the use of ball school land. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you, sir.

**Lorna Urry:** My name is lorna, i'm treasurer of the portsmouth neighborhood association board. And I am a Portland resident for life, born and raised on the west side of town, but I moved into portsmouth two years ago because there was more affordable housing over there, and anyway, I love my neighborhood, I decided to become part of the community association, and I wanted to make sure that I was aware of all the things that were going on in my neighborhood. And anyway, when I first heard about the john ball school site and the proposal that commissioner Saltzman came to the neighborhood association we actually missed that meeting, which I really regret, but anyway, I was just surprised, and i'm rather naive about the public process of things, but I was surprised that there wasn't -- they didn't ask for our input as neighborhood residents on what was going to be the solution for that

vacant site. So anyway, I was really excited at the opportunity of being asked at -- we had a forum meeting, special meeting for the neighborhood residents being asked what I would like to see on that site. Just look back, I don't have children, so I was really excited about the possibility of a library there. Although I have heard the hope meadows, rhonda and her board, and I really support that project, I just -- in witnessing what's been going on in the neighborhood with a lot of the new columbia and other public housing, I just don't agree with -- that that is the best solution for that particular piece of land. But anywhere else in the city, I think it would be wonderful. And I really -- I hope that they find a site. But anyway, I just wanted you guys to hear my input as a neighborhood resident, and I thank you for your time.

**Amanda Fritz:** Good morning, amanda fritz. We all agree that helping children in need of foster care and permanent families is a worthy virtue and value. The questions are, is this the city's responsibility, is in the right nonprofit group, and is this the right site? Foster care and elder services are county responsibilities. The city should fund its own obligations before those at the county. Commissioner Saltzman stated that there is no cost to the city. In fact, the city spent 800,000 to purchase this site and the resolution pledges another 600,000 for site preparation. Do you really have \$1.4 million over and above what you need for things like paying people so that they volunteers don't have to clean the bathrooms at community centers? If the city wants to give a nonprofit agency rent-free use of this newly purchased property, is this the best use? We don't know because you haven't put out an r.f.p. to ask for other proposals from other nonprofits. The portsmouth neighborhood is already challenged with higher levels of subsidized housing and families struggling to stay in Portland than most other neighborhoods. Even if hope meadows are stem cell research best provider found in a fair r.f.p. process, is portsmouth and will ball school site the best place in Portland for this program? There are six schools in Portland closed last year. I wonder why this site was chosen for purchase for this particular project? This area of portsmouth needs a portable owner-occupied housing, the portsmouth neighborhood plan which you adopted in july of 2002 states promote homeownership among the neighborhoods low and moderate residents. Owner occupied housing targeted for sale to current neighborhood residents would help pull the area into the coming janne hutchins swing of the st. Johns lombard plan and the interstate urban renewal plan. It's in an urban renewal district. Instead of having a tax increment potential of owner occupied housing, we're going to give it away for another nonprofit use. It's also in a home buyer opportunity area. There are far too many questions that must be answered before you move forward with this site. Two years ago the housing authority of Portland document that's hope meadows was interested in big into an area of new columbia. Why did this not happen, why has a separate site been purchased specifically to give to this organization, who are the board members, I also was not able to find that information on the web. And finally, does the zoning code even allow this? This is the zoning code. It exists not only to provide information to residents about what they can do, but what the government can do. And this site is two acres. Two acres that are -- 18 units. The proposal is for 40 units. Commissioner Leonard has b.d.s. even looked to see whether this proposal is allowed under the zoning code? It was stated they're not going for group, but

elderly housing. The elderly housing standards don't apply in this zone. I even question whether this proposal is possible. I think it's way too premature to be moving forward with it before these questions are answered. Look at the big picture, look at the city in determining where is the best place in the city for this program if you think you should be funding it.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Moore:** That's all who signed up.

**Potter:** We have two amendments on the floor. I think the first was --

**Saltzman:** I would like to offer --

**Adams:** Do you have copies?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Is there room for any more comment? I didn't sign up, but I didn't know if there was going to be an open comment --

**Potter:** We had an opportunity for people to sign up. Thank you.

**Saltzman:** As I mentioned in my opening remarks, there is a desire for a library in the portsmouth library. That's well known. And as I mentioned, we've met with county officials, they're very interested in the possibility of a branch library adjacent to the boys and girls club, and the university park community center and the parks bureau is willing to work with them there. But there's also interest in the ball school site and there's also interest somewhere on lombard is my understanding, I don't know if there's a specific location on lombard. So the amendment simply says that if the library receives voter approval, Multnomah county has stated it will open a new branch in north Portland. The city of Portland is committed to assisting Multnomah county in its efforts to open the new branch in the portsmouth neighborhood. And again, this is our willingness, the willingness of hope meadows to work with the county if in fact hope meadows is the site where they want to put a new branch. So that's my amendment. And I move it -- was it seconded?

**Potter:** I do hear a second?

**Sten:** Second.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** I have I guess in my comments I can -- I suppose in my -- when we consider my amendment -- so I vote -- i'm going to bring my amendment up next, so it might or might not supersede this amendment. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded]

**Sten:** Could I discuss a less controversial amendment before you get to yours? [laughter] I would like to see, I just want to throw this out for discussion, a time line inserted into the resolution by which hope meadows needs to show that they can perform financially so it's not -- it appears to be open ended at this point. And I think there should be a date by which we get there. And I just wanted to say out loud, it's not my call, but the only thing I heard of concern on the financing is the dependence on 9% tax credits for the senior housing. I suspect but I can't say this for sure, that the city of Portland may not support that application, because we are pushing more family housing right now for the 9% tax credits, which are pretty oversubscribed. So given I know of the lineup of projects, i'm very concerned that the 9% will not be available on the time line you're talking b I don't think

it's a deal killer, but it's something you need to think about, because I think that 8 sum shun probably is not -- what I can't do is house -- as housing commissioner is say, if I support this application i'm going to imply that i'm going to support moving it up ahead of other things that have been working for several years to get into that 9% tax queue. It's one source, but I suspect it will not work out is my hunch, so I wanted to share that. So I want a reasonable time line to show performance on financing. I don't have a proposal exactly what that would be, I wanted to throw that open, because I don't want to put a deadline you can't meet, but there should be some data at which we say, if you cannot build what you're proposing, the commitment reverts.

**Leonard:** I feel awkward voting on that in this order. I think if we did commissioner Adams' amendment first, see how that went, then yours would be more comfortable to --

**Sten:** That's fine with me.

**Saltzman:** The resolution does speak to executing agreement was Portland hope meadows and coming -- bringing those agreements back to council, which do speak to demonstrating there's adequate funding for development, adequate resources to maintain the program and associated services, and certainly if they for any reason cease to provide services, the land reverts to the city. Having said that, i'm amenable to something of the order of -- we heard time lines mentioned today, I think two to three years would be what I would imagine is a reasonable time line.

**Sten:** Maybe we should debate the other one first. Wayne to ask hope meadows to talk about it, it sounded to me like there was a goal to build it out in two to three years. If that's the case the fritz nilanding should be in place. I think three years is too long on financeing. Either this can come together or it can't. It wouldn't mean necessarily the opportunity is dead, but it would mean that others would get a chance to get in there and give a -- run at it. I'm thinking something more like --

**Adams:** I'd like to make a motion that we amend the resolution to include the following. Be it further resolved that the city council will undertake a public process with the portsmouth neighborhood to identify perspective site uses that compliment the hope meadows project at the former john ball school site, including but not limited to a branch library should the Multnomah county library levy receive voter approval, market rate homeownership opportunities, retail store opportunities, etc.

**Leonard:** Second.

**Sten:** Discussion?

**Potter:** Discussion?

**Sten:** I guess I don't understand it. It would be complimentary with the hope meadows -- my -- does that mean that if this amendment was added that the essential force of commissioner Saltzman's resolution committing the site to hope meadows would remain in effect, but the city council would be asking for process to look at complimentary uses, or does it mean that you're proposing an r.f.p. from scratch?

**Adams:** I'm making a prediction on the sentiment of the council that there's support for the hope meadows project this, would require public outreach project to look at complimentary courses, and I tried to define some of the possibilities for those, including the library which is spoken to in the last amendment, but also market rate homeownership opportunities,

retail opportunities, basically to open up a conversation with the community that if this project is going to go forward, what else could be done in conjunction with it.

**Potter:** Not if, but if the -- if it passes, then you would want, since we've already approved for -- to support the effort to locate a library in the portsmouth neighborhood --

**Leonard:** As the seconder to that motion, I read it yesterday and discussed it with commissioner Adams, my understanding is that this -- the new hope meadows would be a starting point for a discussion with the community. And if the community in discussing that and other alternatives, by consensus came back here and said, well, we'd actually like to see x instead of this project on the site, that we the council at that point would have to make the decision about what it is the community was recommending to us that may or may not include the new hope meadows project. And we the city council would decide whether or not the new hope meadows project was appropriate, or whatever the community put forward.

**Potter:** So this does open it up.

**Sten:** I may be wrong, but you described a different intent.

**Leonard:** I realize that.

**Sten:** I was prepared to vote for commissioner Adams' resolution --

**Leonard:** And I was surprised.

**Sten:** And i'm now voting no.

**Adams:** Clearly i've done a poor job of crafting my amendment.

**Leonard:** Commissioner Adams read the amendment. I read it, thought about it, commented to members of the community based on what I understood it to say, if commissioner Adams means it's something different, I -- go ahead and clarify it. My intent in seconding it was just that, it would be -- I communicated that to at least one member of the community, this proposal of commissioner Saltzman's would be the starting point for discussion.

**Saltzman:** I guess would I speak in opposition to the amendment for the following reasons. Putting aside the merits of hope meadows, i'll stipulate that we think it's a great thing, but this project is poised to go. And on the one hand we're talking about imposing deadlines with respect to demonstrating the ability to perform on the other hand, we're dragging out the certainty that they're even going to get the site. And those are two conflicting directions that are a recipe for failure. And I don't think this should fail. This project for foster families is too important. It's unique, it's the only kind of foster housing ever contemplated by the city. And it's in the right place. We hear a lot about saturation in north Portland, but the city council assisted the housing authority with over \$20 million of our money to make new columbia a reality. This will be walking distance to school. It's going to be next to the boys and girls club, to a new elementary school. To the university park community center. It supports families in our neighborhoods. This is poised to go. I'm rescinding -- this is a recipe to drag it out to assure they'll fail, because we're going impose time deadlines to perform, and not give them the certainty they can go out and make that performance a reality by dragging it out further. So I urge rejection of the amendment.

**Leonard:** I'll comment when I vote on the amendment.

**Potter:** Further discussion?



**Adams:** I want to make sure i've got language that people understand, much less will support or oppose. The city council undertake a public process with portsmouth neighborhood to identify perspective site uses that compliment the hope meadows project, including but not limited to branch library, la, la la . To identify perspective uses --

**Leonard:** I think that's an acanamay process your going through right now -- you and I agree with what it says, we're going to have a vote, and we don't --

**Sten:** You guys don't agree on what it says.

**Leonard:** We agree on the intent.

**Sten:** I'm a swing vote, and i'm voting no based on your discussion.

**Leonard:** You disagree with the intent i've described?

**Adams:** Say it again.

**Leonard:** That the -- this amendment, how i've read it and interpreted it, the reason I support it, it has the new hope meadows project be the starting point for a discussion on the table about what I would assume would be a number of different pieces of discussion that the community would have about possible uses for the site. But it by no means predicts this is the outcome.

**Sten:** That has nothing to do with the phrase that compliment the hope meadows project --

**Leonard:** I disagree. What I interpreted that to mean is compliment the idea of be complimentary to a public --

**Sten:** It doesn't say anything like that --

**Adams:** I'm going to -- as the maker of the motion i'm going to try to clarify it so that the neighborhood to identify perspective uses, using the hope meadows proposal as a starting point for the discussion. Including but not limited to.

**Leonard:** I agree to that change.

**Potter:** Does anybody wish to see the - -

**Saltzman:** No, I'm ready to vote.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** I guess I just -- I want to respond to commissioner Saltzman's last statement by saying the poor process that this has been put through up to this point does not constitute the kind of emergency to continue on with it. Aye.

**Leonard:** I am disappointed by the tenor of what i'm hearing on both sides in this discussion today. And i've expressed that to one of the testifiers. I'll express that to commissioner Saltzman as well. This isn't about the land or trying to avoid this project going on the site. And the implication that might be in that kind of a message or actually what was overtly said by one of the testifiers that you're the council, you make tough choices, you betcha. I've done it. I will throw up two examples. Northwest 23rd neighborhood plan. Parking structures. Very -- I listened to both sides, it went through an intensive process. I sat here along with commissioner Saltzman and voted for something the neighborhood did not like. But I was comfortable that what I was voting on had been vetted to death. Two, linton. I've never been lobbied so intensely as I have by the neighbors from linton to agree to allow them to put housing on their site in northwest Portland. I was very comfortable that they had their opportunity to express their desires and feelings, and goals for that site, and I sat here and after I was assured of that I made a

tough choice and voted against what the linton neighborhood association wanted because it had been processed correctly. So I would hope it would resonate with some that if i'm sitting here saying this process has left wanting, that it would be something that my colleagues would pay attention to. I also want to -- I can do it now or -- I think it's more appropriate to do it now. We get a lot of letters and emails on a lot of subjects. I got one what I considered to be one of the most thoughtful letters i've ever received since I have actually been in public life, this has to do this with this resolution, and it's from, I hope I don't pronounce her name wrong, reverend jeannie knepper, and she addresses it to the entire council. I am writing in response to the resolution concerning the former john ball site in portsmouth neighborhood, which is to be introduced for consideration on wednesday. I am pastor of university park united mets don denniston church and vice chair of the neighborhood association. Robert frost wrote the line, quote -- good fences make good neighbors. The same idea that structure and process helped people to live well together might be rephrased, good process makes good government. I have listened to, voted for and hosted public forums for most of you. I have been repeatedly and positively impressed by your commitment to the essence of good governing. Good process, transparent decision making, full inclusion of all affected parties. It is for this reason that I have been surprised and then dismayed to come face-to-face with the time when ---- when it feels like my city is engaging in a process that is hasty, ill di define and heavy handed. When neighbors responded by inviting interested parties including rhonda meadows to a gathering to dream about how the project could be use and then by taking that list of possible uses, including the hope meadows proposal to the neighbors door-to-door and via the neighborhood website, 49% of the neighbors were open to the possibility of hope meadows 94% of the neighbors polled said they prefer a library on the site. And assisted living center, a senior day center, a charter school, a park, and for sale homes were rated higher than the hope meadows project. To date no one has approached the portsmouth neighborhood association to discuss how we can all engage in a public process to determine the best use for this piece of city-owned property. There have been no requests for proposals. There have been no public process to invite or engage in the community or potential developers in the question or of of how we can determine the best use of the parcel. The whole process has been so much less would I have expected of any of you and i'm disappointed. Surely you're aware the neighborhood association has beener in jetically and positively involved in the new hope meadows -- in the hope vi new columbia project in celebrating the economic diversity that such development has brought to our neighborhood. We're not beginners. We are positive and hopeful citizen who's want our city to live up to its own rules, ideas, and processes. Not to do so in this instance might hurry a process along but it will also do it at the cost of planning seats and sin similar, seeds that are so hard to root out in this neighborhood. Everything i've seen of you, everything i've read of you tells mow you're not cynical people, please take time for good process. The stakes are very high. I read that because it touched on a couple of points, including questions the mayor asked about where portsmouth neighborhood association was with the new hope project. I'm not sure of the mayor's point, what the point of the question is, what I got out of it was that the neighborhoods supported the new hope project because they were involved.

Because they were consulted. Because they were brought along in the process. I actually would anticipate, notwithstanding what the reverend said the results of the poll were, if we did the same kind of thing with the neighborhood association, they would support this project. And thus i'm disappointed. Aye.

**Saltzman:** I am against the amendment and I think for reasons i've already stated I think this council is capable of making the determination that in fact housing for foster kids is in fact the highest and best use. Otherwise we're setting up, there's going to be -- there's been process and there's going to be further process to come. So I think there's plenty of process still time for the neighborhood if a library is something they want there, and the county wants it, we can make it happen, even retail opportunities. You've heard the board members of hope meadows state their willingness to work with the neighborhood, and I believe it's -- it falls upon this council to really endorse what is in fact the highest and best use. And I think given the fact we have nothing in the way of housing for foster kids in this city, we have other things that were listed in that list by the reverend, we have plenty of those. So I vote no.

**Sten:** No.

**Potter:** This is the piedmont -- excuse me, the portsmouth neighborhood association's survey that they did. It indicates that there was never any question asked specific to the hope meadows project. What they did ask, however, was an interesting question. Would you like to have youth foster homes? And 16 of the flee respondents -- 33 respondents said they agree or strongly agree that there should be a youth foster home in the area. 17, that's one more person, instead of the 16 who said yes, we would like that, 17 either disagreed or strongly disagreed. Which indicates that I think that that neighborhood itself is fairly evenly divided in terms of whether they think a program which is much more than just youth foster homes, but would be a good thing for this area. I think one of the telling comments by one of the folks speaking earlier was the principle -- principal at the new school named after rosa parks who said that she supported this. She was not fearful about those children coming into that neighborhood because she knew that they were going to be in a successful program and it would work well. So I think that the fact that I heard that the neighborhood, and I heard nothing to the contrary, turned down three opportunities just to discuss a proposal. It indicates to me they did not want to hear about this. And so they did not give the folks a chance to even discuss it. Much less discuss other alternatives. With that I vote no.

**Adams:** Another clarifying question since we're back on the main resolution. Is that an accurate statement to say that this issue never came before the neighborhood board, and -- commissioner Saltzman, who did you present when you attended a meeting, what meeting were you attending?

**Saltzman:** That was a general membership meeting. It might have been a board meeting.

**Adams:** This has been before the neighborhood. It was after listening to the proposal, I went to a forum, I think hosted by hope meadows, i'm not sure, and I just want to clarify that the neighborhood, true or false, the neighborhood did get a presentation of this the meeting I attended made it clear the discussion was only about hope meadows. Is this -- did this issue come before the neighborhood association or not? Who did commissioner

Saltzman speak to?

**Landauer:** To the neighborhood association forum, and you're asking --

**Adams:** That answers my question.

**Landauer:** Tatiana said that she kept telling people if they had something new to talk about, we were interested. But we didn't want to hear over and over how much we would like this.

**Adams:** And the meeting that I attended, the only topic was about the hope meadows proposal.

**Landauer:** Yes.

**Adams:** We did go through a project, we did go through the session of the kinds of things we would like to see, but it was about the hope meadows project.

**Landauer:** And until afterwards, we weren't aware of the distaste for the child foster care term. It's still -- I think the preferred term now is adoptees, children to be adopted. But we meant no slur there. Also when we went door-to-door, we didn't talk about any of the options. We tried to keep it as neutral as possible.

**Adams:** That was your own initiative?

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Yeah.

**Adams:** Not sponsored or requested by the city?

**Landauer:** No.

**Adams:** Thanks.

**Sten:** I'd like to propose an amendment on the page 2 of the resolution and replace the first bullet under be it further resolved. It says right now Portland hope meadows demonstrates it has adequate funding for the development of the project to -- and i'm open to suggestions, i'm just work ok the fly here -- Portland hope meadows return with a complete financial plan within one year and full funding commitments within two years.

**Potter:** Is that your motion?

**Sten:** That's my motion.

**Saltzman:** Second.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please call the vote.

**Adams:** I want to restate how impressed I am by the hope meadows concept, and I want to support bringing the program to the city of Portland. I think that the meeting that I attended and the research that my staff have done shows that hope meadows is an effective tool among a number of tools because of the small number of kids are involved with it, it's an important but an important tool and a ray of -- an array of tools to provide stable, loving, and permanent families to children in need of adoption. And I done with a -- do want to thank commissioner Saltzman for his ongoing efforts to look out for, as does the mayor, the kids and children and families of this city. I feel like i'm part of that team effort. I want to thank the hope meadows board and all the volunteers involved with this for your work up to this date. And I am mort identified that we are having this kind of a conversation with this excellent project before us at this time. But I need to restate my concerns. And my concerns are simply that on this particular site the city's approach to this particular site

and its future use have not been done as they have been done in other parts of the city. And I will speak up for north Portland based on this important principle, for many of the reasons that have been stated here today. We have many needs in north Portland. When the st. Johns study was done and they did a survey of the surrounding neighborhoods around the st. John business district, they found that the census tracts immediately around the st. Johns business district were the poorest of any census tracts around any other neighborhood business district in the city of Portland. Even poorer than areas in east Portland. We have needs around adult day care, we have needs around senior housing, we have needs in terms of a new library, more facilities and I am going to take commissioner Saltzman at his word that as this probably moves forward, that those considerations will continue to be an active part of what is considered for this site. I will continue to be an advocate for them. Portland owns other vacant land around the city. And when one of us has ideas for that vacant land, I definitely want to hear about them. And when those ideas come forward with its rare that they come forward with no, no sort of sparks, but when they come forward with significant sparks around principled issues, I take pause. The city owns vacant land, more vacant land in north Portland, i'm responsible for one piece of vacant land in north Portland on north lombard, and we have a process laid out beginning with public town hall next month, we have a citizen steering committee that will help guide decision-making around this piece of property on north lombard. It will be an open process and I believe it is a process that provides north Portland the kind of respect that it deserves from city government. No.

**Leonard:** As I said, i'm disappointed that we're having this discussion at this point. Because it just feels like we're missing each other here. I tried very hard, i'm not always successful, to not only work to pass the various ordinances and resolutions I work on, but I work very hard also to try to talk to my colleagues and make sure whatever i'm working on doesn't put them in a bad place and hopefully it's something they can support. Ironically commissioner Saltzman and I are working on one right now that I listened to his advice on and decided to postpone based on his advice. I wish that had happened in this instance. Admittedly I haven't been focused on this, but it's something commissioner Saltzman has been talking about a long time, so as I said in my earlier remarks, my tendency in issues of child abuse and domestic abuse to defer to commissioner Saltzman's backs ground and expertise, because he has a long public record of commitment. And I can imagine sitting here and maybe being on the wrong side of the neighborhood ironically and voting for commissioner satisfies proposal. The same with commissioner Sten. If something comes forward on housing I defer to his good judgment on that. And don't maybe -- you could fault me for maybe not questioning either of them on those two subjects, but it is a relationship that has worked and one that I think I can defend. I'm really disappointed to hear commissioner Saltzman say this is the highest and best use of this property and there's plenty of process left. And the point is in his opinion it's the highest and best use of the property. As I said, I tend to probably agree with him, but I also think it feels to people like it was a fait accompli in the association as we've heard and as i've read, and I think that from that there was breakdown and a digging in on both sides and one of our jobs here I think is to heal those kinds of things and send people back to work on them. Were I to

have one more vote, that's what would I have done, sends both sides back, work out, bring it back, do not put me in the position you're putting in to vote on such a wonderful organization. But I have been put in that position and i'm sorry for that. No.

**Saltzman:** If this passes I certainly want to direct Portland hope meadows folks and I think they get it, they've heard there's more process ahead, and there's a desire to work with the neighborhood. But it's not me with this vote endorsing this as the highest best use, it's the council, and I truly do think with nothing else like this anywhere in a proven model we can replicate to help the over 10,000 kids in foster care in this state, this is an under taking worth taking, and it's worthy of us providing the land to them under the conditions that they perform. And they know that, they have to perform. And I want to thank the neighborhood, iwan am sorry we're ought this point, but I appreciate their comments and they have my commitment to work with them and the resolution now reflects on siting a library there if that's where the county wants a library, or other opportunities too. Aye.

**Sten:** I agree with my colleagues' uncomfortableness with this vote. It would be better to not be here. I take commissioner Saltzman at his word that he will work closely and i'm certainly available to help as well on siting the library which I heard loud and clear is a piece portsmouth wants. I also want to thank susan and the whole leadership at the portsmouth neighborhood, they're an exemplary group and work closely and well on new columbia. There's a lot of arguments about saturation. When we start order new columbia the desire of the residents of then columbia villa was to return to the neighborhood despite some's desire to have less low-income people there. I don't think you'll find any realtor who believes the property values are going down because of new columbia. You're going to see the market continue to return to a place hit abandoned and it's going to be that new school which is drawing income levels of all kinds and which would be a terrific place for these kids to go exists only because of the new housing development. I believe rebuilding housing is one of the only ways we can build mixed income communities in a city that is quickly going from the one I grew up in, which was mixed income, to gentrification and a real split between the rich and the poor in terms of where they live. I think portsmouth holds out the hope to be one of the places where the upper middle class and the poor can live together well and help children get out of the cycle of poverty. So I think portsmouth neighborhoods is really a hero in trying to figure out how to make these things work. That doesn't mean they're wrong on this issue, and it doesn't mean the process was all that good, and i've shared that with commissioner Saltzman, but we're all human. The only place I disagree to some extent was my colleagues who voted no is that it appears as if people are just coming to the idea that commissioner Saltzman was headed this way in the last week. We all voted on a budget that appropriated the money to buy ball school. We voted to send it down this path. Had I not done that I might be more incleaned to say let's pull out the rug and push it back. I don't think the process has been as good as it could, but I think this is a good program, it's an opportunity because of the fire power and commitment of the board to get some housing in place without a big draw on city housing resources which are going to other pressing needs as well. So I think this will continue to work. I don't know that -- I believe i'll bring the process back up as commissioner Adams proposes would create a symbolic victory for the portsmouth neighborhood which i'm not arguing you're not

deserving. But I don't think it would ultimately change the result, that this group is coming forward and has worked to get commissioner Saltzman to lead the council in giving them this opportunity, which was in our budget I think for two years running. So I don't know that that last-minute change in commitment which if it wasn't explicit from a 5-0 council was implied by the budget vote. It makes sense. So I hope this will work out. Did I want to put a time line in there because time lines are good for everyone, and I believe you can meet it. I look forward to seeing the result. Aye.

**Potter:** These discussions are interesting. I can't remember whether the folks testifying said they're going to come back because they found it so interesting to listen to all the discussion. When you're sitting up here and you have to make a decision, you're not just listening to the interesting parts, you're listening to all of it. And I did hear what portsmouth neighborhood association board said, I have their survey that indicates that the actual 40 people they talked to weren't as strongly behind this proposal from the neighborhood association as it appears. Almost half the people surveyed said they would like to see a youth foster home program. And the other half did not. 94% did say that they wanted to see a library. This, as modified, this resolution says we're going to do everything in our power if the good citizens of Multnomah county pass the library vote that we will work very hard to make sure that it ends up in importance mouth. That's my commitment to the community, and I think that that will certainly show that we did take into consideration the issues of the neighborhood. I think that there's a lot of strong feelings about this, but I didn't really hear anybody say they disagreed with the concept of what. My experience as a police officer and as a director of a homeless youth program, part of taking this job that a good portion of the homeless kids we see on the streets of Portland, Oregon, come from the foster care system, and my goal as mayor is to decrease the number of young people and children that fall through our safety nets and here is a group of citizens putting this program together and wanting to not only address the needs of young people, but also seniors. We talked about low-income housing, this proposal is talking about placing apartments there for seniors on fixed income. And I think that that is also a great thing to do. And so did the majority of the people who surveyed by the portsmouth neighborhood. So I see this as certainly mixed as the commissioner of the office of neighborhoods, I value our neighborhood system, but one of the things we've been working on for the last two years is to make our neighborhoods more inclusive by including small businesses, by including more people of color within the neighborhood association, and to ensure that it really represents the diversity of every neighborhood. I think there's a commitment from our neighbors in Portland to make that happen and I look forward to that. But it does demonstrate that we need to hear all the voices in the community, and there are 150 people that signed this petition saying that -- that live around the old ball school site that support this. And so we have mixed reviews coming in from the people in the neighborhood, but my hope is that hope meadows will not only continue in bringing in the financial information, but also work can continuing to work with the neighborhoods to make sure that if there are other things that can be included within the site, that would meet the neighborhood's needs, that they're willing to take those issues on. So I really want to thank commissioner Saltzman for bringing this to the council, I want to

thank my fellow commissioners for their thoughtful analysis of all of this, and for all of you folks who came in to testify. I vote aye.

**Items 1416 and 1417.**

**(Note: Both items 1416 and 1417 were Referred to the Commissioner of Public Works)**

**Potter:** Please read the 11:00 a.m. Time certain.

**Item 1418.**

**Potter:** Commissioner Saltzman.

**Saltzman:** Thank you, mr. Mayor, members of the council. All Portlanders love their parks. And I know all of us up here have a favorite park or public space. Our parks add economic value, attract businesses, help create jobs, provide health and environmental benefits to the residents of cities throughout america. The value of the thousands of urban parks across this country is enormous providing social, health, and visual benefits for the residents of our communities. The new national urban parks agenda calls on the president of the united states and the congress to provide increased federal funding for urban parks in exchange for a commitment from state and local governments to match the federal funds dollar for dollar. It asks all levels of government to invest in their communities by investing in parks for generations to come. Today we have members of the parks board and foundation present. Some of whom attended the urban parks summit in chicago last spring. It was here that this new agenda was created. And I believe we have at this point, chet orloff, william hawkins, keith tomajin. Joey pope? Were you --

**Potter:** Good morning, folks.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Good afternoon.

**Potter:** Please state your name.

**Potter:** I guess it is good afternoon. Excuse me, chet. Please state your name when you speak.

**Chet Orloff:** Thank you very much. I am chet orloff, immediate past chair of the Portland parks board. And this will be mercifully brief and I think very positive. But I would like to preface my remarks as I always do whenever I address this esteemed council by thank youing you for doing your work. And also as a adoptive and foster parent I want to thank you for your support of the program that you just reviewed. First thing I would like to do before we get into this resolution is deliver to you our report for 2005-2006, the report of the parks board, and I will give this to the clerk of the council. And it reviews some of the progress that the board has made over the past year in helping shepherd and steward the parks vision 2020. Before you, you have this resolution of the national agenda for urban parks and recreation, and as I said, I think this is a relatively simple thing for us all to adopt and to take on as a board, as members of the council, and as citizens of the city. I would like to just add one element that I know that keith to my right will hammer home, and that is how parks in this city contribute to the vision that we have always had as citizens of Portland. This city was created in a park, in the founders knew that and as they began to build our park system in the 19th century, looked at parks and green spaces as the truly identifying elements, qualities and characteristics of this city and this resolution I think continues that theme. It puts us in the vanguard, keeps us in the vanguard, I should say,



with other major cities throughout the country. And I would also like to close by saying that this resolution has been adopted by the national recreation and parks association and the u.s. Conference of mayors. So you are in good company. Thank you very much.

**Keith Thomajau:** Hi. My name is keith thomajau and I feel pleased to be here on somewhat more benign ground.

**Sten:** The process appears to have been very good.

**Thomajau:** As context, I am the c.e.o. of campfire usa and I think this will shed some light on the perspectives I offer in that we serve 10,000 local young people and families, both boys and girls, each year, and I think I hope that will inform what may be a bit of a unique perspective as I urge you to adopt this resolution in that I think I wear three hats today. First and foremost I am a proud member of the Portland parks board, a bit of a rookie. I have been there about a year. And as a guy who is pretty outdoorsy and ask a lot of running to the parks I have been absolutely astonished by the things I have learned, the depth and breadth of the impact our urban parks play in this community. It is only heightened my admiration and appreciation for Portland and my pride in the community I live in and frankly for you folks as advocates for this gem that we have. The second hat I wear is that of a member of the vision p.d.x. our community visioning body. And as a member of that committee I have been privy to some of the early feedback from literally thousands of members of this community and what is immediately clear is that our urban parks create a uniform through line for everything that we admire and appreciate in this community. So as we forge what will be a long-term vision for this community, our statements here today I think create kind of a bellwether. They reinforce the statements that our citizenry make. And finally again as the c.e.o. of a youth development organization, I see daily the role that our urban parks play in the development of our young people. Today's kids will truly be tomorrow's leaders. Our parks are a forum for wilderness education, something that is lacking. If you have read "last child in the woods," our children suffer from nature deficit disorder. Portland is unique to mitigate that. Our parks are a forum for field days, service learning projects for kids daily and importantly as a repository as a place for enrichment classes through sun community programs. Our parks do so much. So as one citizen I urge to you adopt this resolution. I do believe it puts us at the forefront of innovative approaches nationally and I think it's in keeping with what we do as a community in Portland. So thank you.

**William Hawkins:** Will hawkins, a new members of the parks board. I was privileged to go to this national meeting in chicago last may. It was fascinating to hear very eloquent voices for parks on that level and to revisit a city like chicago, when I was there decades ago, it was having some problems. To come and find that parks were such an essential part of this new revitalization was very impressive indeed. The tour of millennium park was the great visit of the city. It was such a part of their renewal. I strongly endorse you, I strongly encourage the endorsement of this resolution. I think it's wonderful thing to be part of a national scene like this. Thank you.

**Josephine Pope:** Josephine pope. First of all, I could like to back up just a second and, well, I am representing at this point the Portland parks foundation. And thanks to council, which supported the funding for parks 2020 in 1999, there now is a park board and a parks

foundation. There were two of the recommendations of that parks 2020 vision which was spearheaded by council and funded by you. So thank you. The parks foundation has two basic goals, one of which is to provide land to the best of our ability and park deficient areas. The second is to provide funding for access for park programs. For all citizens. This particular resolution is in complete alignment with the parks foundation mission. And I urge you to support the resolution. One or two things I would like to mention. And one is, has to do with my excitement over this resolution. What this resolution will do hopefully bring some dollars. That's always the bottom line and always the issue. But more importantly, I think it will bring national attention to what parks do and what they should do, and the condition of parks today. Silently, our urban parks and our national parks are withering. The infrastructure is withering and it's not because people don't care. In my opinion it's because it's not being brought to their attention. So I would -- oh, and then my final point is, why is this important? As our country appears sadly to become more divided between those who have and those who have not, our parks are among the more remaining places that belong to everybody. And they are places where you can leave your differences aside and you come together for a common cause. And that to me is the strength of our country. So thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks. Is that it?

**Moore:** We have some public testifiers. Four. We have stephanie mendoza-gray, linda bauer and amanda fritz and they will be followed by carol mcreary.

**Potter:** Is stephanie mendoza-gray here?

**Moore:** Carol mcreary?

**Potter:** Thank you, folks, for being here. When you speak please state your name for the record and you each have three minutes.

**Linda Bauer:** Linda bauer. With three foot set backs and right of ways becoming narrower and narrower, children have no place else to play but parks. Please support this resolution. Thank you.

**Amanda Fritz:** Good job, linda. Amanda fritz. The sudden appearance of this item on the agenda today represents a huge missed opportunity. It's a missed opportunity to involve citizens in the review of this policy area which so many of us care about. There has been no discussion about this and the park economies city wide. It's a missed opportunity to present the report of the parks board who do such good work I would like to have seen that as an identified agenda item that we could have all heard and read and reviewed their report. And it's a missed opportunity to review the details of federal policy. And commissioner Sten said he voted on last item partly because it was in the budget for two years. It's very difficult to comment on items in the budget in one turn at the microphone. Similarly it's very difficult to review everything in a national agenda when you only find about it last friday. And I am concerned that you will take and come back with a telling the citizens of Portland that you have adopted everything in the national agenda, and is therefore city policy. The specific part that I am concerned about is on page 7, where it calls for encourage private sector involvement with urban parks. Now, if this means the kinds of things the Portland parks foundation does in partnering with businesses and private donors and assisting Portland's parks, I am all for it. But if it means putting a

mcdonald's in a public park, as happened in sydney australia, I am not so happy about it. This is one part of policy in Portland that we have not had a full public review of. Even though we have been transitioning, Portland public park facilities to private managers at this point or some cases completely transition them out of the parks system, we haven't had a public policy discussion of, is that we want, that is what we want to have happen with our public parks? And my sentiment is no, we do not, that we want public parks to remain public spaces, managed by elected officials and the bureau staff that we citizens pay for. And so I wanted to highlight that to you today. Of course, the rest of the agenda has many things that I support and, of course, we want federal money. But you have \$3 million worth of volunteer time donated to Portland's parks every year. And I would suggest that we are good for more than cleaning bathrooms. We are good for more than pulling ivy. We are good for more than trash collecting. We are good for discussions, too and if there could be outreach in these kinds of important policy decisions we would come to better joint understanding when it comes to the budget that, in fact, we do need to fund Portland's parks appropriately from the general fund and not have to rely so much on transitioning to private funds.

**Carol McCreary:** My name is carol mcreary and I represent, impart of a group of citizen advocates based in old town chinatown called flush. We are advocating for public toilets. We are particularly concerned with the downtown area and feel that the facilities of Portland parks and recreation are already promising and would like to help make them better. We, the resolution appears sound. And particularly in its ability to leverage increased funding. But we would simply like to point out that the benefits of parks only benefit people to the extent that they are accessible and access to a large degree depends on safe, comfortable, clean and physically accessible public restrooms. We are concerned with your having, the restroom challenge accounted for. They include people with normal conditions like youth, age, pregnancy, as well as a range of hidden, hidden conditions. So as we read through this agenda, I would just like you to remember, as you talk about access for all, that there are, there is a whole range of people that we are working with and trying to discover and our particular group, in encouraging you to go ahead with this, would like to stand by and assist in any way we can in the public process and to mobilize the talents of our colleagues in the relief works group at Portland state university and in the national group, the american restroom association. Thank you.

**Adams:** Well, you are a person, I guess you would say, after my own heart. Would you stand up so we can see your shirt.

**McCreary:** This is our design by a young man at Portland state university. Flush was retroactively given the acronym public hygiene let's us stay human and we have adopted the

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**Adams:** Turn around for us.

**McCreary:** People who need access. This isn't funny. Because restroom challenged, restroom challenged people are two categories. Those who we say require facilities every hour.

**Adams:** Right.

**McCreary:** Or who have a sudden urge. And --

**Adams:** If I could --

**McCreary:** This is the slogan adopted by that latter group.

**Adams:** I think it has both humor and a very serious topic as well. As the council member in charge of the right of way, we have been looking at the issue of street furniture, including public restrooms. And I have had the opportunity to see the coin operated public restrooms in a variety of places and the noncoin operated restrooms in the right of way that are in use as well. So before you leave, give me your contact information and we'll fold you in on the right of wayside of this. I know parks has a part of it as well. Appreciate you being here. And I would love a t-shirt.

**McCreary:** We will get one. Thank you.

**Potter:** My office will be bringing to council some recommendations from the flush committee in regards to reopening some of our current public restrooms. And then trying to deal with the issue of how we keep them clean and keep them from being torn up. You folks have awn dunn a lot of works. The students at Portland state were absolutely great to the presentation to my office. I really appreciate it.

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

\*\*\*\*\*: We are acting on their recommendations as well.

**Potter:** Is there signup sheet for this?

**Moore:** That was it.

**Potter:** Call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Well, I want to just thank you for this report. I want to thank the parks board members and the foundation members for their continued diligence and advocacy for parks. And I just want to call attention, we were given the parks board's annual report to council on one page. That's great. Aye.

**Sten:** Thanks for all your work. Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the starting with the regular agenda, the first item.

**Potter:** This is sponsored by the entire council. Did you want to say something?

**Leonard:** You are here for? Defend Oregon? Come on up. We want to be very concise. I will just point out that measure 41 and 48 by itself will cost Portland public schools \$29.2 million if it passes. Reduction in funding. Measure 48 will take \$2.5 billion from this current budget cycle and \$4.9 billion from the next budget cycle. Let's just suffice to it say colorado has adopted a similar version to measure 48, known as tabr. They dropped, they passed it they dropped to 44th in funding for schools, 49th in support for k-12 education, and dead last in the united states in child vaccinations. Folks.

**Item 1438.**

**Otto Schell:** Good morning. Or I guess it is this afternoon. Good afternoon. I am remind every time I come here the important wide range of things that you do. As commissioner Leonard said, and I guess I should state my name. I am otto shell. A parent of a seventh grade inner northeast Portland. I live in northeast Portland. I am active with the p.t.a. the p.t.a. has been involved in the fight on measure 41 and 48 because we know that it threatens programs all across the state and particularly the things that you mentioned

here in Portland. I am happy to be here today to urge your support to fight those two ballot measures. Both of which were brought to us by out of state funders. They are being put forward by a fairly small and intensely focused group of anti-government, anti-tax people and they completely derail the things that we all want to do for schools, for kids, and for the broader services. There was another fellow who was here to testify, jeff burn heart, a lawyer who does elder care or senior-related information and I am just to mention on his behalf this isn't just about schools. It isn't just about kids. It's about all government services. It is -- it would be a boat anchor attached of to all the things we are trying to do as a community. And I have been going around the state talking to communities of all different types and sizes. When people hear what this proposal does to government, to the broad services, they are really outraged and amazed that these out of state folks have put this on our ballot. And so with that in mind, I am encouraging you to vote to help us fight these measures. I'm happy to consider any questions you might have. The other, the only other thing it's not just Portland public schools. It's every school in this district. It's every school in this state that's affected. So thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you.

**Mara Gross:** I'm maura gross with defend Oregon coalition, the coalition of organizations and individuals who have come together to oppose these measures. Actually I wasn't planning to speak today but I heard my name called up so I am just here to thank you all for considering this measure. Considering the opposition and you know, as the ballots are now out and they are coming out to encourage people to vote against these measures and to simply to vote. Thank you.

**Leonard:** Thank you for bringing this to my office. We appreciate it.

**Potter:** Thank you, folks. Are there other folks you wish to call? Is there a signup sheet on this?

**Moore:** We did and that's all who signed up.

**Schell:** The other fellow had to go. The only other thing I would add, this is a little bit stale list, this is the list of different groups that have signed up to fight these measures. It's like no coalition that i've ever participated in. It's very heartening people understand and have joined together to fight this and I hope the voters understand the broad range of folks. We would love to add the Portland city council to that list. Thank you.

**Potter:** Thank you very much. Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Enthusiastic aye:

**Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

**Sten:** Thank you for all your hard work. Aye.

**Potter:** I remember 15 years ago, when I was a police chief attend building the television airing of a discussion about a measure that was going before the voters then. And it was called measure 5. And then mayor bud clark and the Portland public schools superintendent talked very strongly about what this would do. And people at time sort of poo-pooed them and said it won't have any effect. It has and it does every day and these two issues will compound by many times the effects of reducing the ability of the state and local communities to provide basic services to citizens. We should learn from colorado and other states what happens when these kind of measures pass. I am implore the citizens of

Oregon to turn these two particular measures down. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] please read the next item.

**Item 1439.**

**Potter:** This is a second reading. Vote only. Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye.

**Sten:** I won't say much but I do want to thank my colleagues for their support on this. I think this is important and historic step forward. It will help us actually feel more strongly I think about keeping redevelopment going while not displacing people. I did also want to share, it was at times lively and appropriate discussion of council last week. My understanding, I do not have confirmation of this, is that chair rosenbaum moved to replace the p.d.c. Package with the package that has already passed and I expect to pass unanimously here this morning so we are in alignment with the commission and I think we can say we had a good discussion over the right way to do the policy and we will now all excellent the same language and I do appreciate on p.d.c.'s part. Aye.

**Potter:** I think this is a historic step and I certainly appreciate commissioner Sten's leadership in this area and the support of the council. I vote aye. [gavel pounded] please read the next item.

**Item 1440.**

**Potter:** This is a requirement from the feds in order for us to receive federal funding for emergency management to have such a basic plan in place. It complements and interrelates the other plans we have such as ice and storm, earthquake, flood, and other plans we have. Is there anybody signed up to testify on this?

**Moore:** I didn't have a setup sheet.

**Potter:** Anybody from the office of emergency management? Come on up, patty. Just, do you have anything to add what I said? We're getting through this --

**Patty Rueter:** Do you ever get hungry?

**Adams:** Yes, about now.

**Rueter:** No. But you can look forward to a newer rendition in the next few months, too, because it's going to continually being updated.

**Potter:** Any questions for patty? Thank you. So we didn't have a testimony?

**Moore:** I didn't set one out.

**Potter:** Is there anybody who wishes to testify on this matter? Ok. Call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the next item.

**Item 1441.**

**Potter:** Do we have staff here? Do any commissioners wish to ask the staff any questions? We can set this over if you do.

**Harry Auerbach:** It appears to be a nonemergency item.

**Potter:** Moves to a second reading so if there are any questions we will have staff at next one.

**Adams:** We appreciate staff's confidence that we wouldn't ask any questions.

**Potter:** Well, yes.

**Sten:** A deficiency.

**Adams:** Streamlined decision-making.

**Potter:** I appreciate the understanding of my city commissioners. Could you please read the next item. That one moves to a second reading.

**Item 1442.**

**Potter:** Commissioner Adams.

**Adams:** We have a two-hour power point presentation that has been prepared in this topic.

**Leonard:** You want it to pass?

**Adams:** Including about 60 people out in the lobby to testify. Or I would just offer council the opportunity to ask questions.

**Potter:** Questions from the council for the staff. Did we have a signup sheet?

**Moore:** We had one person sign up, sean donnelly.

**Potter:** Please come forward. Thank you for being here, sir. When you speak, please state your name for the record and you have three minutes.

**Sean Donnelly:** I am sean donnelly. I am the owner ever of the property at 1611 s.w. Broadway drive. I wanted to be here to answer any questions you might have.

**Potter:** Any questions? Thank you for being here, sir. Nonemergency. Moves to a second reading.

**Adams:** Thanks for waiting.

**Potter:** Thank you very much. Please read item 1443.

**Item 1443.**

**Potter:** Second reading. Vote only. Please call the roll.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] please read the next item.

**Item 1444.**

**Moore:** Authorize the renaming of Portland boulevard to rosa parks boulevard.

**Potter:** Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Way to go. Aye.

**Leonard:** Aye.

**Saltzman:** Pleased to say amen and aye.

**Sten:** Thanks for taking this on. Aye.

**Potter:** I want to thank commissioner dan for his great work on this and the community for stepping forward on this. This is, this is an important thing and I am glad we finally got to vote on it. I vote aye. Please read the next item.

**Item 1445.**

**Potter:** This is a second reading. Vote only. Please call the vote.

**Adams:** Aye. **Leonard:** Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Sten:** Aye.

**Potter:** Aye. [gavel pounded] that's the end of the agenda. We are recessed until 2:00 p.m.

At 12:38 p.m., Council recessed.

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**OCTOBER 25, 2006            2:00 PM**

**Potter:** Please read the 2:00 p.m. Time certain.

**Item 1446.**

**Potter:** I've asked my fellow commissioners if we could pull this back for some further work, and then we'll set a new date and time for the hearing. Is that ok, folks?

**Adams:** Yep.

**Potter:** Ok. Thank you. That's it. Council is adjourned. [gavel pounded]

At 2:07 p.m., Council adjourned.