

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MULTNOMAH BUILDING, BOARD ROOM 100
501 SE HAWTHORNE BLVD., PORTLAND, OREGON
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

CHAIR DEBORAH KAFOURY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:33 A.M. WITH VICE-CHAIR JULES BAILEY AND COMMISSIONERS LORETTA SMITH, JUDY SHIPRACK AND DIANE MCKEEL.

ALSO ATTENDING WERE JENNY MADKOUR, COUNTY ATTORNEY, AND LYNDA GROW, BOARD CLERK.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING, WELCOME TO THE BOARD MEETING OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 Approval of Amended Consortium Agreement between City of Portland, Multnomah County, and Washington County Governing the Workforce Investment Board

MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

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COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT CALENDER, ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED? THE CONSENT AGENDA IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for Public Comment on non-agenda matters. Testimony limited to three minutes per person. This is a time for the Board to hear public testimony, not for Board deliberation. Fill out a speaker form available at the back of the board room and give it to the Board Clerk. Unless otherwise recognized by the presiding officer, testimony is taken in the order the forms are submitted.

DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

BOARD CLERK: YES, MADAM CHAIR, WE DO. (READS NAMES)

I AM PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE HERE LAST WEEK. I WAS ASKING FOR THE BOARD'S AUTOGRAPH UPON THIS CANNABIS MAP THAT I GOT FROM THE CITY HALL, OR FROM THE PIONEER SQUARE, EXCUSE ME, MAYBE THEY HAVE THEM AT CITY HALL. I HAVE YET TO RECEIVE THE BOARD'S SIGNATURES AS I INDICATED LAST WEEK. I AM SORRY, I WAS NOT INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE THAT YOU LATER EXCUSED YOURSELVES FROM LAST WEEK'S BOARD MEETING. YOU EXCUSED YOURSELF BECAUSE YOU WERE -- YOU HAD A MEETING WITH LORETTA LYNCH, AND I WAS ASKING IF I COULD GET HER SIGNATURE LAST WEEK UPON THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA MAP. THIS IS A DIFFERENT MAP THAN THE ONE I GAVE TO THE BOARD CLERK, SO I HAVE A SECOND ONE THAT JOE WALSH AND MR. LIGHTNING HAD SIGNED. YOU COMMENTED, I THINK, THE BOARD DID THAT THEY SIGNED THE PAPER. THE PROP, AND LAST WEEK I WAS TALKING ABOUT NELSEN, WHY YOU DID NOT ASK GABRIELLE GIFFORDS IF HER SERVICE ANIMAL WAS ATTACKED, AND THEN, OF COURSE, THE ANIMAL CONTROL AUDIT WAS CONDUCTED. I WISH I HAD BEEN ADVISED. I COULD HAVE TALKED AT THAT, BECAUSE AFTER FIVE DOG ATTACKS OF MY SERVICE ANIMAL BY THE SAME DOG, I MENTIONED TO THE BOARD HERE, AND STATED IT WAS AGAINST OREGON STATE LAW TO INTERFERE WITH A SERVICE ANIMAL, I SAID THAT CHUCK, THE SUPERVISOR HAD SAID, HE DIDN'T KNOW, WITH MY SERVICE DOG BEING ATTACKED FIVE TIMES AT THAT TIME, THAT HIS QUOTE WAS, HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE RECORD WAS, BUT IT DID SEEM LIKE A HIGH RATE OF INCIDENTS, IS ALL THAT HE SAID. I QUOTED THAT AFTER THE SIXTH DOG ATTACK AND EVEN AFTER THE SEVENTH ONE, AND APPARENTLY YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN THAT UNTIL AN AUDIT WAS CONDUCTED. I WISH THAT I COULD HAVE SPOKEN AT THAT MEETING IF I HAD KNOWN THAT IT WAS BEING CONDUCTED. IT IS OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT, AGAIN, FUNCTIONING AS IT USUALLY DOES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND MEETINGS. ANYWAY, WHEN I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE APARTMENT THAT I LIVED IN, I NEGLECTED THE FACT THAT 17% OF THE BUILDING HAS BEEN DAMAGED, BUT I DIDN'T INCLUDE THE HALLWAYS AND TRASH ROOMS AND OTHER FACILITIES OF THE BUILDING. THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING.

I AM LIGHTNING, AND I AM REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE OVER AT CITY HALL IS ON THE PUBLIC COMMUNICATION PROCESS, WHEN THE PUBLIC COMES IN AND SIGNS UP FOR PUBLIC COMMUNICATION, THEY WILL SIGN A FORM IN, BASICALLY, IN WHAT THE SUBJECT IS GOING TO BE. IT IS LEFT WITH THE CLERK, THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE. LAST WEEK I SIGNED IN THAT THE FEDERAL JUDGE SIMON MADE A GOOD RULING PERTAINING TO THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. THEY DECIDED THAT BEFORE THEY PUT IT ON THEIR AGENDA, THEY WANTED TO DELETE THE NAME OF FEDERAL JUDGE SIMON. I EXPLAINED, YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT, UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO PUT

HIS NAME ON THIS PAPER AND ALSO HAVE YOU PUT IT IN PRINT ON THE AGENDA. AGAIN, YOUR POLICIES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THEIR RESPONSE TO ME WAS NO, OUR POLICY STATES THAT WE WILL NOT PUT THE THIRD PARTY NAMES DOWN. AGAIN, MY POSITION IS I WAS COMPLIMENTING THE FEDERAL JUDGE PERTAINING TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH. I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO PUT THAT DOWN, AND YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO RESTRICT MY SPEECH UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. NOW, I AM GOING TO CHALLENGE THEM ON THIS POLICY, AND AGAIN, I WILL WIN IN COURT, IF I DECIDE TO TAKE THIS TO FEDERAL COURT, I WILL WIN. THEIR POLICIES HAVE TO ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS THE RIGHT TO SPEAK AT THE COUNCIL MEETINGS, IN FRONT OF COMMISSIONERS AND MAYORS, AND ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE OUR VIEWPOINT REMAIN NEUTRAL, CONTENT NEUTRAL, AND IF IT'S OFFENSIVE TO YOU, THAT'S CALLED FREEDOM OF SPEECH. WHEN I COME IN HERE AND HAVE GRIEVANCES, I SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU, THAT'S CALLED FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THE RIGHT TO DO THAT, TO ADDRESS THE GOVERNMENT, WITH MY CONCERNS. WHEN YOU TRY TO CENSOR MY SPEECH, IF I PUT IT IN PRINT, YOU TRY TO CENSOR THAT, EDIT THAT, AGAIN, THAT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL, UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE ME AS SOME TYPE OF A THREAT, IF YOU THINK IT'S SLANDEROUS IN ANY WAY, FRAUDULENT, AGAIN, YOU ARE TO REMAIN VIEWPOINT AND CONTENT NEUTRAL. WHEN I CHALLENGE CERTAIN POLICIES, YOU ARE OVERREACHING. YOU ARE NOT BEING REASONABLE. YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT, THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION. AND AGAIN, FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS ALLOWING SOMEBODY TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS. IF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH THAT, YOU CAN DEBATE WITH ME, BUT DO NOT TRY TO CENSOR ME, EDIT MY SPEECH AND SILENCE ME IN ANY WAY BECAUSE WE'LL END UP IN FEDERAL COURT, THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

BOARD CLERK: MADAM CHAIR, WE HAVE ONE MORE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MR. ANDREW MCGOUGH, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. I AM ANDREW MCGOUGH WITH WORK SYSTEMS, AND I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR APPROVING, AS PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA, THIS MORNING, THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND TO ALLOW WORK SYSTEMS TO CONTINUE TO ADMINISTER WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ACROSS THE REGION. THE PARTNERSHIP HAS PROVEN TO BE REALLY AMAZING. WE HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS, AND WE CONSIDER THIS AN ESSENTIAL AND FORWARD THINKING WAY OF DELIVERING WHAT WE THINK ARE IMPORTANT SERVICES ACROSS THE REGION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE IT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANKS FOR COMING.

REGULAR AGENDA

- R.1 Informational Board Briefing on the FY 2017 General Fund 5-Year Forecast Update. Presenter: Mike Jaspin, Interim Budget Director and County Economist (45 min)

GOOD MORNING, MIKE JASPIN FROM THE BUDGET OFFICE. SO WE ARE HERE TO UPDATE YOU ON THE GENERAL FUND FIVE YEAR FORECAST. A QUICK OVERVIEW OF WHERE WE'LL GO TODAY IS TALK ABOUT THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAT WE'LL BE BACK BRIEF BECAUSE ESSENTIALLY, NOT A LOT HAS CHANGED SINCE WE WERE HERE IN DECEMBER. WE WILL REVIEW THE CURRENT YEAR REVENUES AND TALK ABOUT THE BIT TAX FOR BOTH THIS YEAR AND WHERE WE THINK IT WILL BE IN THE FUTURE. AND WE'LL DIVE INTO THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST AND LOOK AT IT A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT THINGS. THE FIRST IS THE BASE CASE LOOKING AT FIVE YEARS AND WALK THROUGH THE CHANGES WE MADE TO THE FORECAST, AND ALSO, WRAP INTO THE FORECAST POSSIBLE DEBT ISSUANCE FOR THE COURTHOUSE AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. I WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDS WE WILL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR NEXT EYAR, AND REMIND YOU OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN OUR GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.

SO AS I ALLUDED TO, THE ECONOMIC CONDITIONS THAT WE SEE TODAY ARE SIMILAR TO WHERE THEY WERE IN DECEMBER. FOR 2015, WE HAD THE AVERAGE GDP GROWTH – THAT'S THE VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PRODUCED IN THE U.S. IT WAS A BIT UNEVEN, WE WENT FROM .6 UP TO 3.9%, AND 2% AND 1%, IF YOU WENT BY QUARTER, THAT'S ABOUT 2.4% FOR THE FULL YEAR, WHICH IS NOT OVERLY ROBUST BUT STILL RESPECTABLE GROWTH FOR SEVEN TO EIGHT YEARS INTO RECOVERY. FOR THE CURRENT YEAR WE ADDED 172,000 JOBS NATIONALLY IN JANUARY, AND ANOTHER 242,000 IN FEBRUARY. AGAIN, THAT'S NOT OVERWHELMING GROWTH BUT A RESPECTABLE GROWTH THAT IS SOLELY PULLING DOWN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND PULLING PEOPLE BACK INTO THE LABOR MARKET AND HELPING TO START INCREASE THE WAGES. THE ECONOMIC GROWTH CONTINUES TO BE DRAGGED DOWN BY INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, WHETHER IT'S SLOWING IN CHINA OR WEAK GROWTH IN EUROPE. THE PRICE OF OIL COLLAPSE AND FALLING COMMODITIES CONTINUES TO IMPACT OUR MANUFACTURING SECTOR AND ALSO THE ENERGY SECTOR. THOSE COMMODITY AREAS ARE STABILIZING. WE CONTINUE TO SEE A STRONG DOLLAR, WHICH IS IMPACTING OUR MANUFACTURING SECTOR NATIONALLY AND IN OREGON. ESSENTIALLY, A STRONG DOLLAR MAKES OUR PRODUCTION MORE EXPENSIVE, SO IF YOU ARE BUYING SAY WHEAT, YOU HAVE OPTIONS TO BUY IT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AS OPPOSED TO FROM THE U.S. AS I SAID BEFORE, WE CONTINUE TO SEE A WEAK MANUFACTURING SECTOR. ALMOST ALL OF THAT IS TIED TO THE ENERGY SECTOR AND THE

STRONG DOLLAR. THE FURTHER YOU GET FROM THE ENERGY SECTOR, THE BETTER MANUFACTURING LOOKS. WE CONTINUE TO SEE LOW TO MODEST INFLATION, AND THIS IS DESPITE A LABOR MARKET WHICH STILL HAS SLACK BUT IS CLEARLY TIGHTENING. THE ECONOMIC DATA WITHIN OREGON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY REMAINS POSITIVE, OR ACTUALLY, VERY STRONG.

WHEN I WAS HERE IN DECEMBER, I WAS TRYING TO DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY OR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND THE SERVICE SECTOR. I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE WORTH WHILE DRAWING IT OUT MORE GRAPHICALLY TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE ECONOMY AND WHY WE'RE NOT IN A RECESSION WHEN THE DATA INDICATES THAT WE SHOULD BE. I AM NOT GOING TO WALK THROUGH ALL THE DETAILS OF THESE GRAPHS. THE BIG THING IS THE ARROWS I'VE DRAWN. IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER IS A GRAPH THAT SHOWS THE PURCHASING MANAGER'S INDEX AND THE FED SURVEYS OF MANUFACTURING IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. THE KEY POINT IS ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE GRAPH WHERE YOU SEE THE ARROW GOING DOWN. ESSENTIALLY FOR THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF, MANUFACTURING SLOWED AND THEN STARTED TO CONTRACT. ANYTHING BELOW THE AXIS IS CONTRACTION. YOU WILL NOTICE WHENEVER WE GET DOWN TO THE LEVEL THAT WE HAVE SEEN RECENTLY, WE ARE TYPICALLY IN A RECESSION, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT BY LOOKING AT THE BLUE BARS BECAUSE THE, BECAUSE OF THE NOTE RECESSIONS. SO AS ECONOMISTS, AND WE WERE LOOKING AT THIS OVER THE LAST YEAR, THIS IS SOME SOMETHING THAT HAS KEPT MANY OF US UP AT NIGHT AND CONCERNED. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE GRAPH IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER, THIS IS THE NON-MANUFACTURING INDEX AND EMPLOYMENT WITHIN THAT SECTOR. ONE WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT IS MORE OF THE IS SERVICE SECTOR, AND WHAT YOU SEE THERE IS, ACTUALLY, GROWTH AND ACCELERATING GROWTH, EXCEPT FOR THE LAST MONTH OR TWO, AND THAT IS ONE REASON WE'RE NOT IN A RECESSION. YOU CAN SEE WHERE THE BLUE BARS ARE FOR THE TWO PREVIOUS RECESSIONS, THAT -- THE SERVICE SECTOR SHRUNK ALONG WITH THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AND THAT IS NOT HAPPENING. THIS GOES BACK TO THE POINT THAT WE HAVE A WEAKNESS IN PARTICULAR SECTION IN THE ECONOMY, AND THAT'S SLOWING OUR GROWTH. WE ARE STILL GROWING AND NOT IN A RECESSION, AND TO THE DEGREE THAT THE ENERGY SECTOR WILL BE LESS OF A DRAG GOING FORWARD, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEE GROWTH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE THE NUMBERS YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT, NATIONAL OR OREGON OR MULTNOMAH COUNTY NUMBERS?

MR. JASPIN: THESE ARE NATIONAL.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT REFLECTS WHAT'S GOING ON IN OREGON?

MR. JASPIN: I CAN GET YOU NUMBERS IF YOU WOULD LIKE FOR THE BREAKING OUT JOBS OF SECTOR BY BOTH LOCAL AND FOR OREGON.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: DO WE DETERMINE THE NUMBERS AROUND THE NATIONAL NUMBERS, OR WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY? THAT GIVES US A BETTER SENSE OF HOW IT WILL IMPACT US.

MR. JASPIN: SO, RECESSIONS ARE DETERMINED NATIONALLY. THEY LOOK AT EMPLOYMENT AND THERE IS A COMMUNITY THAT DECIDES IT'S OFFICIALLY A RECESSION. THE WAY I LIKE TO THINK ABOUT IT, IF THE U.S. WILL GO INTO A RECESSION, AND OREGON IS GOING TO FACE A SIMILAR THING. WE ARE NOT ON AN ISLAND ONTO OURSELVES. THE U.S. IS BIG ENOUGH AS AN ECONOMY THAT WE CAN STAY OUT OF THE RECESSION WHILE OTHER COUNTRIES GO INTO RECESSION.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THE OREGON AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY?

MR. JASPIN: YES. I WILL BE HAPPY TO GET THOSE TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: JUST ANOTHER QUESTION, MIKE, RELATED TO COMMISSIONER SMITH'S QUESTION. THERE HAD BEEN SOME WORK DONE A FEW YEARS AGO COMPARING WAGES IN PORTLAND WITH WAGES IN SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES AROUND THE WEST. SO, THAT DID INDICATE THAT THERE WERE SOME FEATURES OF THE ECONOMY THAT IMPACT LOCALLY AT VARIANCE WITH THE WAYS THAT THEY IMPACT OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. SO, I GUESS THAT I WANT TO UNDERLINE THE QUESTION, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED, OBVIOUSLY, IN HOW WE COULD BEST PROTECT OURSELVES LOCALLY SINCE THAT'S KIND OF OUR JURISDICTION, FROM THE IMPACTS OF A RECESSION. SO THAT MAY BE A LATER PRESENTATION.

MR. JASPIN: SO TO GET A LITTLE MORE LOCAL. THESE ARE THE FOUR CHARTS I'VE BEEN SHOWING THE LAST COUPLE OF FORECASTS. SO GOING ACROSS THE TOP IS THE OREGON UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, AND YOU CAN SEE IT OFF TO THE FAR RIGHT. THE OREGON RATE IS DOWN TO 5.1% AND MOVING TO THE RIGHT, IF YOU LOOK AT EMPLOYMENT, THAT'S NOW UP TO NEARLY 1.8 MILLION JOBS, UP FROM 1.6 MILLION AT THE DEPTH OF THE RECESSION. MORE LOCALLY, IF YOU LOOK AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OUR UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS 4.3%. AND WE ARE, ESSENTIALLY, AT WHAT WE WOULD CONSIDER FULL EMPLOYMENT. THERE IS ALWAYS GOING TO BE SOME UNEMPLOYMENT AS PEOPLE MOVE IN BETWEEN JOBS, AND YOU CAN SEE BACK IN 1994, TO ALMOST 2000, THAT WE, HISTORICALLY, BOTTOM OUT JUST A BIT NORTH OF 4.3%.

MR. JASPIN: I THINK YOU ARE SEEING THE LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IMPACT WAGES AND PEOPLE BEING PULLED INTO THE LABOR MARKET. AND ANECDOTALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT HOW EMPLOYERS ARE ADVERTISING, YOU ARE SEEING IT GO MUCH FARTHER DOWN THE LABOR MARKET LADDER. WHAT I MEAN BY THAT, WHEN YOU SEE A NEW GROCERY STORE OPENING, PEOPLE ARE HAVING TO ADVERTISE MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVELY TO GET THE 200 OR 300 PEOPLE IT TAKES TO RUN A GROCERY STORE. THEY ARE INCREASING WAGES AND BENEFITS ALONG TO TRACK WORKERS. THERE IS A BILLBOARD FROM SYSCO, NOT THE I.T. COMPANY BUT THE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES FOOD SERVICES TO RESTAURANTS, AND THEY HAD A BIG BILLBOARD ADVERTISING FOR PEOPLE TO LOAD THE TRUCKS AND DELIVER SUPPLIES WITH SIGNING BONUSES. AND THAT'S WHAT'S REFLECTIVE OF HAPPENING IN THE LABOR MARKET. OUR EMPLOYMENT IS A BIT UNDER 500,000 JOBS LOCALLY, UP 65,000 FROM THE BOTTOM, AND UP ABOUT 30,000 FROM RIGHT BEFORE WE WENT INTO THE RECESSION.

MOVING ONTO LOOKING AT OUR CURRENT YEAR REVENUES. THIS IS THE SAME TABLE THAT WE SHOW EVERY FORECAST. THE FIRST COLUMN OF NUMBERS IS THE ADOPTED BUDGET. THE SECOND COLUMN IS HOW WE CHANGE THEM IN DECEMBER. THE THIRD COLUMN IS HOW WE ARE ADJUSTING THE FORECAST THIS YEAR OR THIS TIME AROUND. THE BIG CHANGES, WE'RE INCREASING THE BIT TAX BY \$33.8 MILLION. SO, WE ASSUME THAT WE WILL COLLECT NEARLY \$78.3 MILLION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, AND I WILL GO THROUGH THAT IN MORE DETAIL. MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAXES ARE AMAZINGLY STRONG, AND WE'RE BUMPING UP THE VIDEO LOTTERY. ALL TOLD, THAT'S 4.6 MILLION, OR 1% OF OUR GENERAL FUND REVENUES.

FOR THE YEAR, WE ARE UP ALMOST \$9 MILLION, OR 2%. AND WE TRY TO KEEP OUR FORECAST WITHIN THAT, SO WHY IT WOULD BE NICE TO GET MORE REVENUE -- I HOPE WE DON'T, ACTUALLY, THAT WE'RE ACCURATE ENOUGH WE DON'T NEED TO ADD ANY MORE REVENUE. SO I WANT TO DIVE INTO THE BIT TAX, AND THE LOGICAL PLACE TO START IS IN THE ACTUAL NUMBERS, AND THIS TAKES A BIT OF DECIPHERING, SO I HAVE A COUPLE GRAPHS I WILL TALK OFF OF, SO YOU DON'T NEED TO DIVE THROUGH AND INTERPRET THESE NUMBERS. THE ONE THING THAT I WANT TO POINT OUT, WHEN I DECOMPOSE THE BIT INTO THE PAYMENTS, OUR QUARTERLY PAYMENTS, WHICH CONSTITUTE THE BULK OF OUR PAYMENTS, ARE UP 6.3% AND RUNNING AT \$28 MILLION. THE YEARLY PAYMENTS ARE UP 30% AT THIS POINT. THAT'S A MEANINGLESS NUMBER UNTIL WE GET THE APRIL RETURNS. ALL TOLD, WE'RE UP 11.7% VERSUS WHERE WE WERE LAST YEAR. JUST FOR REFERENCE, OUR FORECAST IS -- OH, AND THE YEAR UP 7 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

MR. JASPIN: I THINK THIS GRAPH HELPS TO ILLUSTRATE WHAT THE BIT TAXCOLLECTIONS ARE DOING THIS YEAR VERSUS PRIOR YEARS. THIS CHART SHOWS THE BIT COLLECTIONS BY YEAR. SO, THE GREEN LINE IS WHERE WE ARE 24 YEAR, AND IT'S ABOUT 32 MILLION, AND THE GAP BETWEEN THE RED LINE, WHICH WAS LAST YEAR, IS THE -- IS UP 11.7%. YOU CAN NOTICE IN APRIL IS WHEN WE GET THE BULK OF THE FUNDS IN, AND THAT CAN SWING OUR COLLECTIONS HEAVILY. THE NEXT LINE DOWN IS THE BLUE LINE, AND THAT REPRESENTS 2014, AND YOU CAN SEE THE BIG GAP BETWEEN 2015 AND 2014, AND THAT IS WHEN WE ENDED UP THE YEAR 19.5%. I WANT TO START ILLUSTRATING IN FEBRUARY, THERE IS A LOT OF VARIANCE THAT CAN COME INTO PLAY. SO --

EXCUSE ME. COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: FORGIVE ME FOR INTERRUPTING YOU, LITERALLY, MID-SENTENCE. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. LOOKING AT THIS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BIT COLLECTIONS, AND OUR CONVERSATION ABOUT PUSHING INTO LOCAL INFORMATION. IS IT HELPFUL FOR YOU TO LOOK AT THE MAP OF THE COUNTY AND HOT SPOT WHERE THE BIT COLLECTIONS ARE COMING FROM? HAVE YOU DONE THAT? DOES IT MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE? IS IT INTERESTING OR NOT? JUST CURIOUS.

MR. JASPIN: FROM AN INTELLECTUAL DATA GEEK PERSPECTIVE, I LOVE LOOKING AT THAT, AT THAT DATA, AND THE MORE INFORMATION WE CAN GET THE BETTER. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU GO THROUGH THAT EXERCISE, WHAT BECOMES OBVIOUS IS SOMETIMES, THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING FAR OUTSIDE OF OUR COUNTY WILL IMPACT OUR BIT TAX MORE THAN WHAT'S HAPPENING LOCALLY. TO GIVE YOU AN ILLUSTRATION OF THAT, IF YOU ARE A BIG BOX RETAILER, YOU COULD -- YOU TAKE ALL YOUR PROFITS, AND THEN YOU APPORTION A CHUNK OF THOSE TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY BASED ON THE SALES. SO IF WE WERE DOING HOME IMPROVEMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, YOU COULD FIND YOURSELF IN THE CASE THAT OUR HOUSING MARKET WOULD BE GOING CRAZY, AND THAT STORE WOULD BE WILDLY PROFITABLE. BUT IF, FOR SOME REASON, THAT COMPANY WAS LOSING MONEY THERE WOULD BE NO PROFITS TO APPORTION LOCALLY BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT ANY PROFITS. SO IN THAT CASE, YOU NEED TO LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH THE PROFITS OVERALL, OR IF YOU HAVE A BIG COMPANY TAKING A WRITE-OFF, FOR EXAMPLE, WHICH WILL SUPPRESS THE EARNINGS. SO, THERE IS IMPACTS LOCALLY, BUT FROM A FORECASTING PERSPECTIVE, WE TEND TO WORRY A LOT MORE ABOUT A BIG CORPORATION OR A BIG PAYER DECIDING TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENTLY. AND THAT MAY BE THAT THEY TAKE THE CREDIT RATHER THAN LEAVING IT ON DEPOSIT WITH US.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: DO YOU KNOW WHICH PERCENTAGE OF THESE

BIT COLLECTIONS COME FROM HUGE CORPORATE, BIG BOX STORES AND WHICH COME FROM LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES?

YES.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: AND ROUGHLY, HOW DOES THAT SHAKE OUT?

MR. JASPIN: I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD SO I DON'T WANT TO MISLEAD YOU OR SAY A NUMBER A BIT OFF.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: THE POINT OF MY QUESTION IS WHETHER LOCAL BUSINESSES ARE DOING WELL OR NOT, AND WHETHER THERE IS ANYTHING THAT PERTAINS TO THE GEOGRAPHY OF BUSINESS THAT MIGHT INDICATE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME POLICY IMPACTS THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE SUCCESS, NOT JUST OF OUR OWN COLLECTION, BUT OF LOCAL BUSINESS. THAT'S MAYBE TOO MUCH TO ASK FROM YOUR DATA SETS.

MR. JASPIN: THE OTHER LINE THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ON THIS GRAPH IS THE PURPLE LINE, AND THAT IS IN 2009, WHEN THE BIT COLLAPSED, AND WE ARE NOT FORECASTING ANY COLLAPSE IN THE BIT FOR THIS YEAR OR NEXT YEAR. BUT, THE POINT THAT I WANT TO MAKE IS THAT IF YOU COMPARE 2014 TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2009, AT FEBRUARY THEY WERE IN THE EXACT SAME SPOT IN TERMS OF THE YEAR TO DATE COLLECTIONS, YET WE ENDED UP WITH A DIVERGENCE OF \$20 MILLION, WHICH GETS TO THE NEXT GRAPH AND WHY WE'RE NOT INCREASING OUR BIT ESTIMATE EVEN MORE THAN WE ARE. SO THIS SHOWS THE S&P 500 EARNINGS AS THEY REPORT THEM, SO YOU CAN SEE THE DIP IN 2009, WHICH IS WHEN THE GREAT RECESSION HIT.

WHAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014, YOU CAN SEE THAT'S WHEN S&P PROFITS PEAKED, AND THAT TRANSLATES INTO OUR 2015 REVENUES. THEN FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR, 2015, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY, OUR FISCAL YEAR 2016 REVENUES, THAT CORPORATE PROFITS HAVE FALLEN. THAT'S ONE REASON WHEN WE GO RETURNS IN APRIL WE ARE APPREHENSIVE ABOUT HOW AGGRESSIVELY TO BUMP UP THE FORECAST. SO WE ARE STILL ASSUMING A 6% INCREASE BUT DEPENDING ON HOW THE CORPORATIONS FILE THEIR TAX RETURNS, THAT CAN CAUSE US TO NOT EXPERIENCE THE SAME ROBUSTNESS WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEING IN TRENDS. AS I SHOWED EARLIER WE ARE RUNNING UP ABOUT 12% FOR THE YEAR. TO THE POINT EARLIER, THESE ARE BIG, MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES, AND SOME OF THE BIG -- OR THE DECLINE IN EARNINGS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ENERGY SECTOR. SO A LOT OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE BIT TAX WILL BE DEPENDENT ON WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ENERGY COMPANIES WHEN THEY FILE THEIR TAX RETURNS BECAUSE THEY HAVE LOST LITERALLY BILLIONS OF DOLLARS, AND HOW THEY HANDLE THE WRITE-OFFS WILL IMPACT US. HIS IS, THIS IS THE CHALLENGE WE'RE FACING.

OUR TRENDS ARE STRONG. OUR LOCAL ECONOMY IS STRONG. SO THAT SUGGESTS WE SHOULD BE AGGRESSIVE IN OUR ESTIMATE, YET WE ARE ALSO SEEING THAT THE CORPORATE PROFITS HAVE FALLEN SOME. AND SO HOW THAT PLAYS OUT WILL IMPACT WHETHER OR NOT WE END THE YEAR UP 5% OR 6% OR UP 10% OR 11%.

MR. JASPIN: TO SUMMARIZE WHERE WE ARE FOR OUR FORECASTING PURPOSES, THIS IS A GRAPH THAT WE HAVE SHOWN SEVERAL TIMES. WHEN THE BLUE LINE REFLECTS ACTUAL BIT COLLECTIONS. THE DOTTED BLUE LINE IS WHAT WE WERE ASSUMING IN DECEMBER, AND WE HAVE INCREASED THE FORECAST TO NOTIFY THE GREEN. IT LOOKS LIKE A LIME YELLOW. SO ASSUMING IT WILL BE 6%, AND WE ARE BLOWING UP THE BALLOON A BIT, AND HOW MUCH WE INFLATE THOSE NUMBERS WILL DEPEND ON WHAT WE SEE ONCE WE GET THE APRIL RETURNS.

THAT LEADS US TO THE FIVE-YEAR FORECAST, WHICH IS VERY SIMILAR TO DECEMBER. WE CONTINUE TO ASSUME A SLIGHTLY, OR AVERAGE TO SLIGHTLY BETTER ECONOMIC GROWTH IN THE PORTLAND AREA. WE MADE TWO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE FORECAST. ONE IS ON THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX (BIT) SIDE, WHICH YOU JUST SAW. AND THE COURTHOUSE ASSUMPTIONS, WHICH I WILL WALK THROUGH IN A MINUTE. OUR FORECAST IS THE SAME STORY AS IN DECEMBER. OUR REVENUES ARE GROWING FASTER THAN THE EXPENDITURES IN THE SHORT-TERM. OVER THE LONG-TERM THEY WILL NOT GROW FAST ENOUGH TO COVER OUR EXPENDITURES. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE KNOWN FOR SOME TIME, THAT WE HAVE HAD REMARKABLE REVENUE GROWTH AND OUR COSTS HAVE BEEN VERY MODERATE. AND THAT WILL NOT CONTINUE.

THAT LEADS US TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT ANY NEW PROGRAMS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND YOU CAN SEE THAT ON THE TABLE BELOW. THE SAME FORMAT AS LAST TIME. EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, YOU CAN SEE THE REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND THE SURPLUS, FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR WE HAVE A SURPLUS OF \$21.3 MILLION. BY THE TIME YOU GO OUT FIVE YEARS, IT'S A DEFICIT OF ABOUT \$1.8 MILLION. THAT IS A VERY SMALL AMOUNT OF OUR TOTAL GENERAL FUND. \$2 MILLION, FIVE YEARS OUT FROM NOW, IN A \$500 MILLION PLUS BUDGET IS A FORECASTING ERROR, SO ONE WAY TO THINK ABOUT THIS IS IF WE DIDN'T ADD A SINGLE PROGRAM OR BUDGET, WE WOULD BE BALANCED FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. AND THIS HAS THE -- I THINK THIS ALSO ILLUSTRATES THE GOOD POSITION THAT WE ARE IN. WE HAVE A GOOD PROBLEM ABOUT HOW DO WE MANAGE OUR ADDITIONAL FUNDS TODAY TO TAKE CARE OF NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY TODAY BUT ALSO FOR OUR FUTURE. I WANTED TO WALK THROUGH THE CHANGES FLOW THROUGH AND INCORPORATE SOME OF THE DEBT PAYMENTS. SO THIS IS --

CHAIR KAFOURY: SO YOU GAVE US GOOD NEWS AND YOU ARE GOING TO THROW IN --

MR. JASPIN: YES. THE FIRST LINE HERE IS WHERE WE WERE IN DECEMBER. YOU CAN SEE WE HAD A SURPLUS OF \$16.4 MILLION FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR. WITH A DEFICIT GROWING TO 4 MILLION, FIVE YEARS OUT. AND THE NEXT SET OF LINES JUST UPDATES ARE THE BIT, MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX AND VIDEO LOTTERY ASSUMPTIONS. PART OF THIS IS TRANSFERRED TO THE EAST COUNTY CITIES, SO YOU TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT. AND I WILL TALK ABOUT THE CPI IN A COUPLE OF SLIDES. SO, YOU TAKE THAT INTO ACCOUNT, AND YOU GET THE NUMBERS I JUST TALKED ABOUT, ESSENTIALLY, A \$21.3 MILLION SURPLUS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR, BUT A DEFICIT OF ABOUT \$1.8 MILLION IN FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, WE ANTICIPATE NEEDING TO ISSUE DEBT FOR TWO MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE COURTHOUSE AND THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. IN DECEMBER WE SHOWED THESE NUMBERS. I UPDATED THEM TO ACCOUNT FOR TWO THINGS.

FIRST, WE ASSUME THAT WE WILL ISSUE DEBT SOONER. PREVIOUSLY WE WERE ASSUMING THAT WE WOULD ISSUE IN 2018 WITH DEBT PAYMENTS IN THE 2019, AND WE JUST MOVED IT UP A YEAR. THE TIMING REALLY DOESN'T IMPACT OUR LONG RANGE FORECASTS BECAUSE FY 2021 WILL STILL BE THE SAME. THE OTHER CHANGE THAT WE MADE IS INCREASING THE COST OF THE COURTHOUSE FROM \$250 MILLION TO \$300 MILLION FOR OUR PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS. WHEN WE WERE HERE IN DECEMBER, THE FIGURE IN THE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS LISTED \$250 MILLION, AND WE'RE USING THE HIGHER END ESTIMATE OF \$300 MILLION FOR OUR MODELING PURPOSES IN THIS FORECAST.

WHEN YOU ADD THOSE NUMBERS, YOU ARE ADDING ABOUT \$10.5 MILLION OF EXPENSE TO SERVICE THE DEBT. IN THE SHORT-TERM, IT DOES NOT CHANGE OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE. IN YEAR THREE, WE'RE AT BREAK EVEN, SO WE COULD AFFORD THE FIRST TWO YEARS, AND THE BUDGET WOULD BE BALANCED FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS, STILL, A REMARKABLY GOOD SPOT TO BE COMPARED TO WHERE WE'VE BEEN IN THE PAST. LOOKING OUT TO FISCAL YEAR 2021, WE WOULD HAVE A DEFICIT OF 12. 2 MILLION. THIS SLIDE IS MORE FOR REFERENCE. IT SUMMARIZES EVERYTHING I SAID, INCORPORATING THE DEBT SERVICE SO I WILL GLANCE OVER IT.

ONE OF THE BIG VARIABLES IN OUR COST DRIVERS IS WHAT THE WAGES WILL DO. THE SECOND HALF PORTLAND, CPIW, THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS CAME IN AT A PALTRY .3%. WE ASSUMED 1.6%, IF YOU WENT TO SEATTLE OR SAN FRANCISCO, IT WOULD BE IN THE 2% OR 3% RANGE SO IT WAS LOW. WE CARE A LOT ABOUT THIS BECAUSE OUR LABOR CONTRACT COLA

ADJUSTMENTS ARE TIED TO THIS INDEX. IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE ALL BUT ONE OF THE LABOR CONTRACTS HAS A FLOOR OF 1%, SO, ESSENTIALLY, WE HAVE .6% OF SAVINGS ON THE LABOR COSTS. THAT'S THE SINGLE LARGEST EXPENSE, AND IT TRANSLATES INTO A RESPECTABLE AMOUNT OF SAVINGS. FOR THE GENERAL FUND THAT TRANSLATES INTO \$1.4 MILLION. AND IN OTHER FUNDS, IT'S ABOUT \$1.6 MILLION. SO \$3 MILLION IN ALL. IN THE PREVIOUS CHART I DID NOT INCLUDE ANY SAVINGS BECAUSE WE ANTICIPATE USING THE SAVINGS IN TWO WAYS. THE FIRST IS TO COVER THE MARKET ADJUSTMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE LABOR UNIONS PER THE CONTRACTS. THE OTHER PIECE OF THE PUZZLE IS OUR PERS COSTS. IN THE EARLIER MODELING WE HAVE DONE WITH PERS, WE HAVE NOT ASSUMED THE POOR MARKET PERFORMANCE. ESSENTIALLY, THE NUMBERS WE ARE USING. WE'RE ASSUMING THE ASSUMED EARNING RATE OF PERS. AS YOU KNOW, THE STOCK MARKET DID NOT DO VERY WELL AND NOT OFF TO A GOOD START THIS YEAR. WE ARE ASSUMING WE WILL SWIPE THAT AMOUNT OF SAVINGS TO HELP COVER THE PERS COSTS.

MR. JASPIN: AS I ALWAYS SAY, HERE'S THE DETAILED NUMBERS FOR THE REVENUE SOURCES AND ASSUMPTIONS. JUMPING TO OUR ONE-TIME ONLY (OTO) FUNDS FOR NEXT YEAR, I WANT TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MIDDLE OF THE PAGE. IT SHOWS WHERE WE LEFT OFF AT THE LAST FORECAST. WE SAID WE HAD \$17.8 MILLION OF ONE-TIME ONLY FUNDS GOING INTO NEXT YEAR. I WON'T GO THROUGH WHERE THEY CAME BUT THEY ARE THERE FOR YOUR REFERENCE. WE ADD OUR HIGHER REVENUE FORECAST IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. I HAVE ALSO THROWN IN THE TRANSIENT LODGING TAX SETTLEMENT, WHICH SHOULD BE AROUND \$1.7 OR \$1.8 MILLION. WE NEED TO TRANSFER SOME FUNDS TO THE EAST COUNTY CITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE BIT INCREASE. THAT GETS US TO \$23.8 MILLION. AND THAT WE'LL HAVE AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR, OR ALMOST \$24 MILLION. YOU DO QUICK MATH, 50% OF THAT IS DEDICATED TO COUNTY FACILITY PROJECTS. THE REMAINING IS TO BE ALLOCATED, SO YOU HAVE \$12 MILLION FOR CAPITAL AND TO ALLOCATE AS YOU SEE FIT. THERE IS TWO NUMBERS NOT INCLUDED HERE THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT FOR THE FULL DISCLOSURE. WE ALSO HAVE THE MERS SETTLEMENT, THAT IS NOT INCLUDED. THERE IS A BUDGET MODIFICATION THAT YOU WILL SEE RELATED TO THAT. THE OTHER IS THE TAX TITLE FUND FOR HOUSING. WE EXPECT TO PUT IN \$2.5 MILLION INTO NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. TWO QUICK NOTES ABOUT THAT. BY STATE STATUTE THAT IS DEDICATED TO THE SPECIFIC TYPES OF HOUSING PROJECTS OR HOUSING ACTIVITIES, AND THAT NUMBER IS A PLACE HOLDER. WE WILL NOT KNOW THE NUMBER UNTIL THE PROPERTY AUCTIONS HAPPEN LATER, SO THAT NUMBER COULD BE BETTER OR IT COULD BE WORSE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION, BACK TO THE TRANSIENT LODGING TAX SETTLEMENT, THAT'S THE EXPEDIENT?

MR. JASPIN: YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO WHY WAS THAT NOT TAKEN OUT OF THE ONE-TIME ONLY?

MR. JASPIN: YOU HAVE IT AVAILABLE TO SPEND. AND THERE IS NOT A SPECIFIC PLAN TO SPEND THOSE FUNDS SO THEY ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE BOARD TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SPEND. THE MERS, THERE IS A SPECIFIC ACTION COMING TO YOU NEXT WEEK.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OK. THANK YOU. THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY, THERE IS NO CHANGES FROM WHERE WE WERE IN DECEMBER. WE SET ASIDE \$1.5 MILLION FROM THE VARIOUS GRANTS, WE GET DURING THE YEAR, THAT'S ADDED ANOTHER 100,000. YOU ARE LEFT WITH 1.7 MILLION. THE FORECAST ASSUMES YOU WILL SPEND THIS IN THE CURRENT YEAR. IF YOU DO NOT YOU WILL HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR. WE HAVE ALLOCATED THE TWO EARMARKS INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET, AND THE ONLY PIECE REMAINING IN CONTINGENCY BEYOND THAT IS OUR BIT RESERVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION, JUST TO MAKE ME CLEAR ABOUT THIS \$1.6 MILLION. SO THAT'S NOT PUT IN THE PRIOR NUMBER BECAUSE IT WAS SPLIT IN HALF FROM LAST YEAR, IS THAT THE DEAL?

MR. JASPIN: THE CONTINGENCY AMOUNT?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: YEAH.

MR. JASPIN: IT'S NOT IN THAT OTHER NUMBER BECAUSE WE ASSUME THE BOARD WILL SPEND IT THIS YEAR.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: AND THIS HAS BEEN SPLIT ALREADY BECAUSE IT WAS MONEY THAT WAS, WHAT'S LEFT OVER FROM THIS FISCAL YEAR.

MR. JASPIN: YEAH, THIS IS THE MONEY THAT WE SET ASIDE EVERY YEAR FOR CONTINGENCY AS THEY -- AS IT COMES UP.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I AM JUST TRYING TO KEEP IT STRAIGHT. THIS DOLLAR AM HAS BEEN CUT FROM THE PREVIOUS-YEAR, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S NOT PUT UP IN THE ADDITIONAL MONEY?

MR. JASPIN: YES.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANKS.

MR. JASPIN: SO WE ALWAYS NEED TO HIGHLIGHT RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES. I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR ANY OF THESE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BIGGEST RISK THAT, I THINK, THAT WE SEE IS THE CONFLUENCE. ANY OF THE ISSUES, WHETHER IT'S PERS, THE COURTHOUSE, OR THE RECESSION. WE ARE CAPABLE OF, WE JUST WANT TO AVOID THREE OR FOUR ISSUES SIMULTANEOUSLY, AND TO THE DEGREE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO SMOOTH PERS, THERE WILL BE A BRIEFING ON ESTABLISHING A SIDE ACCOUNT IN EARLY APRIL. THAT WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE COURTHOUSE, AND THE REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS ARE VERY REASONABLE GIVEN WHERE WE ARE. WE ARE ADDRESSING ALL THREE OF THOSE RISKS.

I THINK, PROACTIVELY SO AS LONG AS WE DO THAT, WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE GOING FORWARD. SO A QUICK SUMMARY. WE HAVE INCREASED THE CURRENT YEAR REVENUE FORECAST BY \$4.6 MILLION. IT'S A PERCENTAGE POINT. AND THE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY HAS A BALANCE OF \$1.7 MILLION UNALLOCATED, AND WE ASSUME THAT YOU WILL SPEND IT THIS YEAR, AND IF NOT YOU CAN ROLL IT OVER TO NEXT YEAR. GENERAL FUND RESOURCES EXCEED THE COST OF SERVICES BY \$21.3 MILLION BUT FALL SHORT BY 1.8 MILLION FIVE YEARS OUT. IF WE DID NOT ADD ANYTHING OUR BUDGET BALANCED FOR FIVE YEARS. THE SHORTFALL GROWS LARGER WHEN ACCOUNTING FOR POSSIBLE DEBT SERVICE, ABOUT \$12.2 MILLION, FIVE YEARS OUT. AND THAT'S ACTUALLY, IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS, WHERE WE'VE BEEN, A PRETTY GOOD PLACE TO BE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD LIKE TO BE BALANCED, BUT THAT'S, A ACTUALLY, SOMETHING THAT WE CAN MANAGE TOWARDS ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE ONE-TIME MONEY. IF WE TAKE THAT AND REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF DEBT WE NEED TO ISSUE, WE CAN DRIVE DOWN THAT AMOUNT PROACTIVELY. THE OTHER THING THAT I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT IS WALKING THROUGH WHAT THE ONE-TIME ONLY RESOURCES. WE HAVE THE MONEY I MENTIONED, AND THAT GETS DIVIDED BETWEEN FACILITIES CAPITAL AND THE AMOUNT TO ALLOCATE. AND THEN THERE IS ANOTHER 21.3 MILLION IF YOU TREAT THE SURPLUS FOR NEXT YEAR AS ONE-TIME ONLY INSTEAD OF STARTING A NEW PROGRAM WITH IT. THAT GETS YOU \$21.3 SO YOU TAKE THAT PLUS THE \$23.8, AND THAT GETS YOU TO THE \$45 MILLION OF ONE-TIME ONLY MONEY THAT YOU WOULD HAVE AVAILABLE. AND IF YOU SPEND THAT ON ONE-TIME ONLY THINGS, DON'T START ANY NEW PROGRAMS WITHOUT REALLOCATING, THE BUDGET WOULD BE BALANCED FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS. SO, THAT'S ALL THAT I HAD. I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WANT ME TO DIG UP MORE INFORMATION --

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY COMMENTS? COMMISSIONER MCKEEL?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU, MIKE. IF I UNDERSTOOD YOU RIGHT, YOU SAID THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IS WEAK?

MR. JASPIN: YES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: DO WE EXPECT THAT TO CHANGE? OR DO WE EXPECT THAT TO STAY IN A WEAK POSITION?

MR. JASPIN: I EXPECT IT TO STOP SHRINKING BUT WE ARE NOT GOING TO GET ALL THE MANUFACTURING BACK, AND I THINK THAT YOU CAN SEE IT LOCALLY. WHEN I WAS HERE IN DECEMBER, THEY HAD JUST ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SHUT DOWN SOME OF THE FACILITIES IN NORTHWEST PORTLAND, AND WHAT DID THEY DO? THEY, ESSENTIALLY, MADE, OR THEY MAKE STUFF THAT IS USED IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, AND ALSO, IN THE MINING SECTOR. AND, THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SHUTTING DOWN MEANS THAT WE HAVE A, A -- NOT A GLUT BUT THE DEMAND IS REDUCED SO SOME OF THAT WON'T COME BACK. DEPENDING ON WHAT HAPPENS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR, YOU MIGHT SEE THE DEMAND FOR THOSE THINGS. I WOULD NOT EXPECT IT TO BALANCE BACK WHERE IT WAS PREVIOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I AM JUST ASKING BECAUSE WE HAVE THESE INDUSTRIAL LANDS TO BE DEVELOPED, AND WHAT KIND OF YOU KNOW, BUSINESS ARE WE EXPECTING TO COME IN THERE. ALSO I HAVE A QUESTION, YOU SAID THE MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX IS STRONG, AND SO ARE WE GETTING DATA FROM THE TRAVEL AND TOURISM SECTOR AROUND WHAT, I GUESS, ALSO, WHAT PORTLAND IS DOING AROUND TRAVEL AND TOURISM TRENDS AND THAT KIND OF THING TO FIGURE INTO THIS VEHICLE RENTAL TAX THAT WE RECEIVE?

MR. JASPIN: SO TO THE DEGREE THAT PORTLAND IS A LOVELY PLACE TO VISIT, WE EXPECT THE TRENDS TO CONTINUE. IF YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT HOW WE ARE FORECASTING, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT IS AIRPORT TRAFFIC BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME CARS THAT ARE RENTED FOR PURCHASES OTHER THAN SOMEBODY FLYING INTO THE AIRPORT, BUT A VERY LARGE PORTION IS WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE AIR TRAFFICKING THIS IN AND OUT, AND THAT'S WHETHER WE HAVE CONVENTIONS AND ETC., AND NOT JUST THAT, IN PORTLAND, BUT IF THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON AT THE COAST OR IN EUGENE. WE'RE GOING TO SEE PEOPLE FLYING IN AND RENTING THE CARS.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: OK, AND ONE MORE QUESTION. ON -- WELL, MAYBE THAT WAS IT. ARE WE GETTING DATA ABOUT BUSINESS TRENDS, TOO, I GUESS, WAS MY OTHER QUESTION, AROUND THE BUSINESS, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX?

WHEN YOU SAY GETTING --

MR. JASPIN: WHERE -- ARE YOU REQUESTING A SPECIFIC PIECE OF DATA?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I THINK IT'S JUST A FOLLOW-UP ON COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK'S QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES, HOW ARE THEY DOING AND HOW ARE THEY, YOU KNOW, THOSE THINGS, I THINK THAT THAT WAS MY QUESTION.

MR. JASPIN: AND WE CAN DIG UP MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IF YOU WANT, MORE LOCAL ECONOMICS SO WE'RE NOT UP HERE FOR TWO HOURS. WE JUST GIVE YOU A SMITH ERRING OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ECONOMY AND DIVE INTO MORE OF OUR REVENUE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: WE COULD ALSO HAVE A BRIEFING ON THAT AND GET THE BUSINESS LEADERS OF THE INDUSTRIES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I AM THINKING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WHAT IS IT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR AS WE HAVE OUR LANDS AND WE ARE TRYING TO ATTRACT BUSINESSES, WHAT IS THAT SECTOR THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING FOR AND WHAT -- SO YES, THAT WOULD BE A GOOD BRIEFING. THANK YOU, MIKE.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: THIS IS ALWAYS FASCINATING IN WAYS THAT YOU DON'T ANTICIPATE, ALTHOUGH I AM NOT SURE THAT THERE IS ANYTHING THAT YOU DON'T ANTICIPATE, BUT HAVING A LONG VIEW OF OUR REVENUE, HAVING A LONG VIEW OF THIS FORECAST, IT IS VERY SUGGESTIVE OF SOME POLICY AVENUES THAT WOULD, ALSO, I THINK, BE BENEFITED BY THE ABILITY TO TANG ALONG WITH YOU. 2021, WHY DO WE CARE? I WILL NOT BE HERE ANY MORE, AS SEVERAL OF US WILL NOT BE. AND I GUESS, JUST ANSWERING MY OWN QUESTION, I CARE A LOT, AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SET THE STAGE IN POLICY THAT FOLLOWS THE REALITY OF THE FORECAST, AND IF IT TURNS OUT TO BE TOO CONSERVATIVE, LEAVE THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY IN 2021, IN A BETTER POSITION THAN THEY WOULD BE IF WE WERE NOT ABLE TO TAKE THE LESSONS FROM A LONG VIEW REVENUE EXPENDITURE FORECAST. THE RULE OF THUMB OF NO NEW PROGRAMS, THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT APPEARS EVEN WITH THE EXISTING PROGRAMS WE'RE GOING TO BE HERE LOOKING AT WHAT WE SHOULD CUT, EVEN IF IT'S MANAGEABLE OR WHAT REVENUE WE SHOULD INCREASE. I WANT TO SAY IT'S GOOD TO HAVE SOMETHING THAT GUIDES US THAT IS A BIT MORE, YOU KNOW, A LITTLE MORE ROBUST AS POLICY THAN JUST MONEY OR ADDING OR CUTTING.

AGAIN, I THINK THAT YOUR EXAMPLE IS INSTRUCTIVE AND THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK AT WHAT GUIDES US AND HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE. NO NEW PROGRAMS MIGHT NOT BE A SUFFICIENT MANTRA FOR US. WE MIGHT WANT

TO LOOK AT THE CONTENT OF THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY AND WHETHER THEY ARE ACHIEVING THE RESULTS THAT WE HAVE EXPECTED THEM TO ACHIEVE, IN OTHER WORDS, HOLD OURSELVES AND OUR PROGRAMMING TO A HIGHER STANDARD. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHETHER WE GET A SAVINGS OR COST AVOIDANCE FROM THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE, AND WE NEED TO CLARIFY OUR OWN OBJECTIVES ABOUT PROGRAMS, AND I AM LOOKING AT YOU, BUT I AM KIND OF TALKING TO MY PEERS HERE.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I THINK THAT THERE ARE SOME VALUES THAT THE ECONOMIC FORECAST CANNOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT, AND I WANT TO SAY THE GOOD WILL OF THE COMMUNITY IS A TREMENDOUS VALUE TO US AND HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS VALUE TO US AS WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK THROUGH SOME ISSUES OF STABILITY AND CREDIBILITY AND REPUTATION VALUE IN THIS COMMUNITY. THAT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS ASSET, AND I THINK THAT AS A BOARD, WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THAT'S A VALUE THAT YOU CANNOT MEASURE IN YOUR ECONOMIC FORECAST. BUT, THAT HAS ENABLED US, I THINK, TO BE INNOVATIVE AND ENABLE US AND OUR POLICIES TO TAKE A LONG-TERM APPROACH. I THINK THAT BOTH OF THOSE ARE VALUES WE NEED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE MOVE FORWARD TOWARDS 2021, AND ESTABLISH POLICIES THAT WILL STAY WITH THE COMMUNITY OVER A LONG TERM.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION, I AM LOOKING AT THE \$45.1 MILLION IN ONE-TIME ONLY, IF WE WERE TO DO ANY NEW PROGRAMMING THAT WOULD COVER THE NEXT YEARS, HOW MUCH COULD WE USE AND WHAT WOULD THAT BRING THE ONE-TIME ONLY DOWN TO?

MR. JASPIN: I AM NOT SURE WHAT YOUR QUESTION IS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: \$45.1 MILLION, I KNOW IT WOULD BE REDUCED IF WE TOOK SOME OF THIS AND PUT IT INTO ONGOING MONEY. HOW MUCH COULD WE PUT INTO ONGOING THAT WOULD COVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND WHAT WOULD THAT REDUCE THIS \$45.1 TO?

MR. JASPIN: SO, IF YOU PUT ANY MONEY, ANY OF THE 45 MILLION INTO EXPANDING OR STARTING A NEW PROGRAM, WHETHER YOU ISSUE IT OR NOT, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT IT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS. THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN, ACTUALLY, SUPPORT NEW PROGRAMS IS TO TAKE THE \$45 MILLION AND GENERATE A LIKE AMOUNT OF COST AVOIDANCE, SO THE POSTER CHILD IS USING THE 45 MILLION TO BUY DOWN THE DEBT SO YOU NEED LESS -- SO YOU FREE UP ONGOING MONEY IN THE OUT YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO THERE IS A FORMULA. IF I WANTED TO DO 3

MILLION ONGOING, OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THIS NUMBER WOULD REDUCE TO SOMETHING, AND THAT'S WHAT I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT.

MR. JASPIN: SO LET'S COME UP WITH AN EXAMPLE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WHAT IS A NUMBER THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO ADD NEW ONGOING AND HOW WOULD THAT REDUCE THE 45.1 MILLION. 5, 10 MILLION? WHAT IS THAT?

MR. JASPIN: SO YOU ARE THINKING, WHAT IF WE TOOK \$5 MILLION OF ONE-TIME ONLY MONEY AND SPENT \$1 MILLION OF THAT \$5 MILLION FOR EACH OF THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WHATEVER THE NUMBER IS. LET'S SAY IF WE TOOK 1 MILLION AND ADDED NEW, NEW PROGRAMS THAT EQUALED \$1 OR \$2 MILLION. SO THAT'S GOING TO BRING THE 45.1 DOWN TO WHAT? WHAT WOULD THAT COST US?

MR. JASPIN: SPEAKING OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD, THE WAY THAT I WOULD THINK ABOUT IT, IS TO MULTIPLY THE NUMBER BY FIVE. SO IF YOU WANT TO SPEND A MILLION DOLLARS AND SUPPORT IT --

COMMISSIONER SMITH: ONE-TIME ONLY. THAT'S WHAT I AM TRYING TO FIND OUT. I KNOW THERE IS A FORMULA.

MR. JASPIN: SO IF WE WANTED TO TAKE THIS DOWN, WE CAN POSSIBLY SPEND \$8 MILLION IN NEW ONGOING, AND IT WOULD BRING OUR, OUR ONE-TIME ONLY DOWN TO FIVE?

JUST DIVIDE THAT BY FIVE, SO YEAH. A LITTLE -- ABOUT \$8 MILLION. IF YOU TOOK THAT TO START NEW PROGRAMS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I JUST WANTED YOU TO GIVE US OPTIONS.

MR. JASPIN: YOU ARE NOT LOOKING AT INTEREST OR INFLATION.

YEAH. IF YOU WANTED TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMS, THAT WOULD BE --

MR. JASPIN: THAT WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE DO EVERY YEAR. WE HAVE ONE-TIME ONLY MONEY, AND WE DON'T USE IT ALL. WE CONVERT IT. I AM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE FORMULA. WE HAVE ONLY BEEN GIVEN ONE OPTIONEN ON HOW TO USE THAT. AND IT WOULD BE GREAT IF YOU GAVE US OTHER OPTIONS ON HOW TO USE IT IF WE WANTED TO. THIS IS NOT THE ONLY OPTION ON HOW TO DO THIS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: EVEN THE WAY YOU SAY IT UP THERE, IS IF YOU CHOOSE TO SPEND THE 21.3 MILLION AS ONE-TIME ONLY.

MR. JASPIN: YOU HAVE ONLY GIVEN US ONE OPTION BUT IT WOULD BE GREAT AS A FORECAST TO GIVE US SEVERAL BECAUSE THIS IS NOT THE FINITE ANSWER. 45.1 MILLION. WE CAN CONVERT THAT INTO ONGOING DOLLARS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I HAVE ONE MORE. THANK YOU, MIKE. YOU HAVE, OBVIOUSLY, SPARKED A LOT OF THOUGHT GOING ON IN OUR HEAD HERE THIS MORNING. I WILL LIKE TO, AS WE HAVE A PRESENTATION FROM A BUSINESS GROUP, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST ONE FROM TRAVEL PORTLAND BECAUSE THEY ARE DOING A LOT AROUND INCREASING TRAVEL AND TOURISM INTO THIS AREA, AND I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE DOING AS LONG AS WE ARE RECEIVING MONEY AND IN BOTH SECTORS, IN INCOME TAXES AND MONEY FROM THE LODGING TAX, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THOSE BUSINESSES ARE DOING AROUND THEIR EFFORTS, AS WELL.

CHAIR KAFOURY: AND CHRISTIAN WILL WORK WITH ERIC TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER SOMETHING THAT GIVES US BETTER IDEAS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I HAD ONE QUESTION. WE WERE TALKING ABOUT DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES, WITH BOTH THE COMMISSIONERS. SO I GUESS THE KIND OF INFORMATION THAT I NEED FROM EITHER YOU OR FROM MARK IS WHICH INDUSTRIES ARE TRENDING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY? I SIT ON THE GPI BOARD FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THERE IS A LOT OF SOFTWARE COMPANIES TRENDING. SO WHAT WE REALLY WANT IS WHICH INDUSTRIES ARE RISING, IF YOU COULD GIVES US THAT DATA, FROM THE BIT PERSPECTIVE?

MR. JASPIN: DOING THAT ANALYSIS, THAT'S A BIT MORE INVOLVED.

IS IT?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IS THAT SOMETHING THAT COULD COME FROM YOU OR SHOULD I ASK MARK IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE? WHERE WOULD I GO THAT?

MR. JASPIN: YOU CAN ASK US AND WE WILL FIGURE OUT WHO IS THE BEST PERSON TO DO IT. WE CAN GET THAT RELATIVELY QUICK BUT TRYING TO GO AND LOOK AT HUGH IT IMPACTS BIT WE NEED -- IT WILL JUST TAKE TIME.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: WHEN THEY PAY IT TO US, HOW DO WE DOCUMENT IT? IS IT CODED.

MR. JASPIN: YEAH.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: DO THEY RUN A REPORT AND SAY HOW MANY INDUSTRIES DO YOU HAVE AND GIVE US THE CODE AND SAY HOW MANY HAVE PAID AND HOW THEY HAVE INCREASED OVER THE LAST FISCAL YEARS?

MR. JASPIN: THE CITY OF PORTLAND COLLECTS THE TAX, AND IN THE FORMS THERE IS AN INDUSTRY CODING THAT THE BUSINESS IS SUPPOSED TO RECORD, AND WE CAN USE THAT TO FIGURE OUT THE TRENDS OVER THE YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OK.

MR. JASPIN: WE MIGHT WANT TO WAIT UNTIL WE GET THROUGH THE APRIL FILING PERIODING TO MORE RECENT DATA AS OPPOSED TO GOING BACK A COUPLE OF YEARS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR MIKE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING.

CHAIR KAFOURY: NOW WE WILL RECESS AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND CONVENE AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVIEW BOARD.

R.2 Resolution Approving an Amendment to Increase the Contract Amount with HDR Engineering, Inc. to allow needed right of way services for the Arata Road Project. Presenters: Riad Alharithi, Capital Improvement Program Manager, and Ian B. Cannon, County Engineer (5 min)

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R2.

GOOD MORNING, I AM IAN CANNON, TRANSPORTATION DIVISION DIRECTOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE ARE ASKING THIS MORNING TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE THE CONTRACT AMOUNT WITH HDR ENGINEERING ON THE ARATA ROAD PROJECT. HDR IS

PROVIDING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY SERVICES FOR US. THE PROJECT IS IN EAST COUNTY AND ADDING FACILITIES ALONG THIS SECTION OF THE ROADWAY. ORIGINALLY WHEN WE CONTRACTED WITH HDR, WE HAD AN ANTICIPATED LEVEL OF EFFORT THAT WAS GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION. WE DID AN INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF PROCUREMENT. SINCE THEN, AND WE HAVE BEEN GETTING INTO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY PROCESS, WE HAVE BOTH ADDED PROPERTIES AND DROPPED A FEW, AND THE COMPLEXITY OF SOME OF THE PROPERTIES HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED SO WE NEED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF SERVICES WE ARE GETTING FROM HDR TO CONTINUE WITH THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION FOR THIS PROJECT. IT MAKES SENSE TO CONTINUE WITH THEM FOR TWO REASONS, IT WILL MINIMIZE THE SCHEDULED IMPACTS TO THE PROJECTS AS WE WORK FORWARD AND IT ALSO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND WORK THAT THEY HAVE DONE ON THE PROJECT, AS OPPOSED TO BRINGING SOMEONE NEW IN, WHO WOULD HAVE TO START FROM GROUND ZERO AGAIN AND GET UP TO WHERE THEY ARE. THE MAP SHOWS THE ORIGINAL IN BLUE, THE ORIGINAL DESIGN, THE RED DOTS ARE OF THE PROPERTIES THAT HAVE CHANGED OR BEEN ADDED.

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU, IAN. SO, DO WE KNOW WHICH RED DOTS ARE THE ADDED? YOU SAID THEY HAVE BEEN CHANGED --

THERE ARE A COUPLE RED DOTS THAT DON'T HAVE A BLUE DOT NEXT TO THEM. AND THE ONES THAT HAVE A BLUE DOT NEXT TO THEM ARE CHANGES.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: WHAT ARE THE ONES ON HALSEY STREET? WHAT ARE THOSE?

MR. CANNON: THOSE ARE TO ALLOW SO THE DRAINAGE FROM ARATA ROAD HAS TO GET OVER AND TIED INTO DRAINAGE ON HALSEY STREET, SO THOSE ARE TO ALLOW FOR THE DRAINAGE.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: AND WHEN IS THIS PROJECTED TO BEGIN?

MR. CANNON: WE ARE HOPING TO BEGIN THIS YEAR, THIS SUMMERTIME. THE RIGHT-OF-WAY IS PROBABLY THE CRITICAL ELEMENT RIGHT NOW IN TERMS OF GETTING US OUT TO BID.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: OK. I SUPPORT THIS. I REALLY DON'T WANT THIS PUSHED OFF ANY FARTHER. THIS IS A LONG-TERM PROJECT THAT WE RECEIVED THE FUNDING A WHILE BACK, AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHANGES IN THE STAFFING AND THE ISSUES, AS WELL, AND I KNOW THAT WOOD VILLAGE IS, YOU KNOW, THEY FEEL ENGAGED BY ALL OF YOU.

BUT, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOU DO A BRIEFING FOR THE WOOD VILLAGE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE THERE IS A LOT OF ANGST IN THE COMMUNITY, SHALL WE SAY, AROUND THIS. THIS IS A SAFETY ISSUE. ARATA ROAD IS A HUGE SAFETY ISSUE OUT IN THE WOOD VILLAGE AREA. AND SO, I THINK THAT JUST TO HAVE EVERYTHING BE VERY, VERY CLEAR FOR EVERYBODY BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN PUSHED OFF A FEW TIMES, AS I RECALL, AS -- YEAH, SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO REQUEST THAT YOU BRIEF THE CITY COUNCIL AND WHEN YOU ANTICIPATE STARTING THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION, WHAT KIND OF OUTREACH HAVE YOU DONE SO FAR IN THAT AREA?

MR. CANNON: I CANNOT TELL YOU SPECIFICALLY. WE'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE PROPERTIES AND BUT I CAN'T ANSWER THAT SPECIFICALLY. I AM SORRY.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: IF WE DID SOMETHING IN WOOD VILLAGE THAT WOULD BE THE FIRST PUBLIC OUTREACH EFFORT?

PART OF THE REASON THE DESIGN ACTUALLY HAS CHANGED IS A RESULT OF THE OUTREACH THAT WE HAVE DONE. WE WENT OUT WITH A CONCEPT THAT WE HAD PUBLIC MEETINGS AND GOT NEW IDEAS BACK, AND WE HAVE -
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COMMISSIONER SMITH: IN THE CURRENT FORM?

MR. CANNON: THE DESIGN REFLECTS THE COMMENTS THAT WE GOT THROUGH THAT OUTREACH PROCESS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: OK.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: IF I MIGHT ADD, COMMISSIONER SMITH, THERE HAS BEEN QUITE A BIT OF PUBLIC OUTREACH AROUND THE ROAD, OUT IN THE AREA, AND I KNOW AT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT YOU WERE SET UP WITH THAT, AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ATTEND THAT, THEY COULD COME UP AND TALK, AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS, SO THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF OUTREACH EFFORTS.

MR. CANNON: THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: I WORKED WITH THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I WANT SO REITERATE, I KNEW THAT COMMISSIONER MCKEEL WOULD HAVE HAD A LOT OF CONTACT BECAUSE I HAVE HAD SOME CONTACT WITH THE WOOD VILLAGE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS ABOUT CURIOSITY OF WHY IT'S TAKING SO LONG, SO HAVING A MEETING BEFORE

THEIR COMMISSION WOULD BE HELPFUL, AND THEN IF THERE IS WAYS THAT WE CAN GET THIS DONE QUICKLY BECAUSE AGAIN I WANT TO DITTO COMMISSIONER MCKEEL'S COMMENTS, IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME AND THE NEIGHBORS ARE REALLY ANXIOUS TO GET THIS COMPLETED. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW ADJOURN AS THE PUBLIC CONTRACT REVENUE BOARD AND RECONVENE AS THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

R.3 Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Improvement Project on NE Arata Road, in the Cities of Wood Village and Fairview. Presenter: Patrick Hinds, PLS, Right of Way Manager, Transportation; and, Matthew O. Ryan, Assistant County Attorney (10 min)

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS R3.

GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. I AM PATRICK HINDS, THE RIGHT-OF-WAY MANAGER FOR TRANSPORTATION, AND AS IAN PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH YOU, WE VISITED THE DRAINAGE DESIGN FOR ARATA ROAD AND DECIDED THAT WE WOULD CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE THAT IMPACTS THE THREE PROPERTIES ON HALSEY STREET AS COMMISSIONER MCKEEL REFERRED TO, AND THAT'S WHY THOSE ARE ON THE MAP UP THERE. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED UP THERE. THIS PROJECT HAS A SIGNIFICANT DRAINAGE COMPONENT TO IT, AND THE STORM WATER WILL BE PIPED OFF ARATA ROAD ONTO EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE IN HALSEY STREET. ALL THE PROPERTIES WE'RE ASKING FOR TODAY ARE THE RESULT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DRAINAGE COMPONENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALREADY, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED.

CHAIR KAFOURY: BEFORE YOU LEAVE, I WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THANK YOU, AND I AM SURE THE BOARD MEMBERS WOULD, AS WELL, TO ONE OF OUR COUNTY ATTORNEYS, MATT RYAN, WHO IS GOING TO BE RETIRING NEXT MONTH. HE'S BEEN WITH US -- HE DOES NOT LOOK IT. HE'S BEEN WITH US FOR 30 YEARS. HE DOES NOT LOOK IT. WE ALL

WORK WITH YOU ON MANY, MANY ISSUES, AND I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE AND YOU ARE REALLY GOING TO BE MISSED SO THANK YOU.

AND THANK YOU, BUT I WILL BE BACK ON APRIL 7 ONE MORE TIME BEFORE I RETIRE.

THANK YOU.

YOU DON'T WANT TO GET TWO CELEBRATIONS?

YES. THE MORE, THE MERRIER, THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

R.4 Ordinance Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 11 Revenue and Taxation and Declaring an Emergency. Presenter: Mark Campbell, Chief Financial Officer (5 min)

CHAIR KAFOURY: MAY I HAVE A MOTION?

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES AND SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING AND ADOPTION.

GOOD MORNING, MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.

THE ORDINANCE BEFORE YOU TODAY PROPOSES A TECHNICAL CHANGE TO THE COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LODGING TAXES. AS YOU ARE AWARE THE COUNTY IMPOSED TWO LODGING TAX SURCHARGES THAT SUPPORT TOURISM AND TOURISM RELATED PROGRAMS. THE FIRST SURCHARGE, 3% TAX, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS AN EXCISE TAX FUND, PROVIDES OPERATING AND CAPITAL SUPPORT FOR THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER, THE PORTLAND FIVE CENTERS FOR THE ARTS, AND FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO TOURISM, MARKETING AND REGIONAL ART PROJECTS. THE SECOND ONE, 2.5% TAX, ALSO KNOWN AS A VISITOR'S FACILITY'S TRUST ACCOUNT, PROVIDES FOR THE REPAYMENT OF BONDS ISSUED TO CONSTRUCT THE OREGON CENTER EXPANSION PROJECT, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FIVE CENTERS FOR THE ARTS, AND RENOVATION OF THE STADIUM NOW KNOWN AS PROVIDENCE PARK. THIS WILL SUPPORT THE DEBT PAYMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER. THIS 2.5% SURCHARGE SUPPORTS A NUMBER OF OTHER TOURISM RELATED PROGRAMS WHICH WE LOVELY

REFER TO AS THE BUCKETS, AND THOSE INCLUDE AN ALLOCATION OF 525,000 FOR COUNTY PROGRAMS. TODAY, YOU ARE BEING ASKED TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS AT THE REQUEST OF METRO. THESE PROVIDE CLARIFICATION TO PLEDGE REVENUES FROM THE EXCISE TAX FUND TO SUPPORT DEBT PAYMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT. THE CODE CURRENTLY STATES THAT THE PROCEEDS FROM THE EXCISE TAX FUND CAN PAY FOR OPERATING COST AND IS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS. THE CHANGE PROVIDES METRO MAY USE THOSE TO PAY AND SECURE THE DEBT ON THE OREGON CONVENTION CENTER HOTEL PROJECT. SIMILAR LANGUAGE ALSO IS PROPOSED TO BE ADDED TO THE SECTION THAT DESCRIBES THE ALLOCATION OF THE 2.5% VISITOR'S FACILITY TRUST ACCOUNT. THESE ARE RECOMMENDED BY THE UNDERWRITER'S COUNCIL RETAINED FOR THE HOTEL PROJECT. CLARIFYING THE ETF IS AVAILABLE AS A SOURCE FOR REPAYMENT OF BONDS WILL BENEFIT METRO IN TERMS OF IMPROVING THE RATING ASSIGNED TO THOSE BONDS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THEY WOULD BE NEEDED TO PAY THE DEBT SERVICE. DEBT SERVICE IS ASSUMED TO BE COVERED BY TRANSIENT LODGING TAX REVENUES THAT ARE GENERATED FROM THE HOTEL ONCE IT COMES ONLINE. HOWEVER, THE CODE AMENDMENTS BEFORE YOU TODAY ALLOW FOR THE ATF TO BE USED AS A BACKSTOP WHEN PROVIDES MORE ASSURANCE TO THE PURCHASERS AND RESULT IN A LOWER COST OF BORROWING FOR THE PROJECT. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I JUST HAVE A COMMENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS. I SUPPORT IT AND I THINK THAT THIS IS IN LINE WITH OUR MISSION HERE SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. AND ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY.

R.5 Proclamation Declaring March as Purchasing Month in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters: Brian R. Smith, Purchasing Manager and Mark Campbell, Chief Financial Officer (15 min)

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: SO MOVED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R5. WELCOME BACK. THE FIRST TIME WAS NOT ENOUGH. WE HAD TO BRING HIM BACK AGAIN. LET'S DO THIS.

GOOD MORNING AGAIN.

MR. CAMPBELL: TODAY I AM HERE WITH BRIAN SMITH, THE COUNTY'S

PURCHASING MANAGER TO RECOMMEND THAT MARCH 2016 BE CLAIMED AS PURCHASING MONTH. THIS PROCLAMATION HIGHLIGHTS THE EFFORTS OF NOT ONLY COUNTY STAFF BUT ALSO DEDICATED PURCHASING PROFESSIONALS EVERYWHERE WHO WORK TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT PURCHASING IS TRANSPARENT, EFFICIENT, AND POSITIVELY IMPACTS THE OVERALL ECONOMIC HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. AS WE PRESENTED LAST MONTH WITH OUR 2016 REPORT, OUR PURCHASING TEAM FOCUSES ON WAYS TO INCORPORATE MORE SUSTAINABLE OPTIONS AND CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I AM PROUD OF OUR PURCHASING STAFF. THEY DO A STELLAR JOB IN ASSURING OUR CONTRACTING PROCESSES ARE FAIR AND CONSISTENT. THIS IS A GROUP OF DEDICATED PROFESSIONALS RECOGNIZED BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE. TO SAY MORE ABOUT THE TEAM, I AM TURNING THIS OVER TO YOUR PURCHASING MANAGER, BRIAN SMITH.

MR. SMITH: THANK YOU, MARK, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME HERE TODAY. I AM BRIAN SMITH, THE COUNTY'S PURCHASING MANAGER. PURCHASING MONTH IS RECOGNIZED THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. ACTIVITIES ARE BEING PLANNED ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE AND HIGHLIGHT THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PURCHASING PROFESSIONALS EVERYWHERE. IT ENSURES EFFECTIVE PROCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY, WHICH ARE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN EVERY ACQUISITION BE IT BY PURCHASING CARD OR RFP. PURCHASING PROFESSIONALS STRIVE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE THROUGH TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. AS OF TODAY, 71% OF THE STAFF HAVE AND MAINTAINED SOME SORT OF PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION. OUR EFFORTS TO RECRUIT AND PROMOTE A PROFESSIONAL STAFF HAS ATTRACTED MANY ENERGETIC AND TALENTED INDIVIDUALS TO JOIN OUR TEAM, AND I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE HOMEPAGE, WHICH THIS IS THE FRONT OF THE PAGE, AND IT'S CURRENTLY FEATURING ONE OF THE STAFF, AND I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT SHE GOT FEATURED THERE ON THE FRONT. THIS PROCLAMATION IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE COUNTY TO SALUTE THE EFFORTS OF EVERYONE IN THE COUNTY, WHO PERFORMS PURCHASING FUNCTIONS FOR THE HIGH LEVEL OF PROFESSIONALISM AND INTEGRITY THAT THEY BRING IT BEAR. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY, I HAVE INVITED QUITE A FEW OF MY STAFF HERE. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THEM BECAUSE THESE ARE THE FOLKS WHO REALLY BRING THE VALUE TO THE COUNTY AND TO OUR TAXPAYERS, AS WELL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TO THIS END I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROCLAMATION AND BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, I APPLAUD WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN THE, AND THE

PURCHASING TEAM FOR INCREASING THE MWESB AND FOR THE COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGING MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S EFFORT AT DOING THIS. SO I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THIS IS A REAL BIG DEAL FOR ME.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU FOR THIS PRESENTATION. THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON A NATIONAL LEVEL BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND I GOT TO ACCEPT AN AWARD AT A NACO CONFERENCE AT ONE POINT AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. I ALSO LIKE, IN THE APR, YOU'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY SEVERAL OF THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE HERE, AND I ALWAYS LIKE THAT. THANK ALL OF YOU. YOU ARE GREAT.

THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO DO THIS AMAZING WORK. I LOVE SEEING MULTNOMAH HERE, FRONT AND CENTER, AND I THINK IT SPEAKS TO THE REPUTATION THAT -- YOU ARE MAKING US LOOK GOODS WITH THE WORK YOU ARE DOING, SO THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: OH, MY GOODNESS. I ALWAYS GET TO ADD MY VOICE ON THIS. YES, BRIAN, AND TO EVERYONE WHO WE GOT TO APOLOGIZE TO LAST WEEK. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU ALL AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP TWICE. IT'S REALLY DELIGHTFUL TO US, AND I WANT TO SAY, IT'S VERY CONSISTENT TO THE PRESENTATION THAT WE HAD ON THE ECONOMIC FORECAST THAT YOU ARE DOING SUCH GREAT WORK TO LOOK TO EMPLOYING OUR COMMUNITY IN DOING THE WORK THAT WE KNOW NEEDS TO BE DONE IN THIS COMMUNITY AND IN APPLYING THE FAIRNESS AND AN EQUITY LENS TO YOUR WORK, AS WELL AS, YOU KNOW, A FOCUS ON PURCHASING PRODUCTS THAT ARE MANUFACTURED AS LOCALLY AS WE CAN FIND. THANK YOU FOR THAT AND BEING AN INFLUENCE, EVEN BROADER THAN WHAT IT IS THAT YOU ARE PURCHASING.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU, AS WELL, AND I WANT TO THANK THE STAFF. WE ALL APOLOGIZED LAST WEEK FOR MAKING YOU COME BACK AGAIN, BUT I HOPE IT HAS BEEN WORTH IT BECAUSE YOU CAN FEEL HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOU AND VALUE YOU AND THE HARD WORK YOU DO. WE WANTED YOU TO BE HERE SO WE COULD SAY THANK YOU AND GIVE YOU ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

CHAIR KAFOURY: CAN WE TAKE A PICTURE WITH THEM?

(MR. SMITH READ THE PROCLAMATION).

CHAIR KAFOURY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE, IT IS ADOPTED. YEAH. [APPLAUSE] ALL RIGHT, WE WILL DO A PICTURE. (PAUSE TAKEN FOR A PHOTO)

R.6 Board Briefing on the MCSO Hansen Planning Phase. Presenters: Jon Legarza, Strategic Project Manager – FPM; Commander Jason Gates, Sheriff’s Office; Doug Obletz, Shiels Obletz Johnsen, Inc.; and, Mark Campbell; Chief Financial Officer (30 min)

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: CHAIR, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE R6 TO A TIME CERTAIN ON MARCH 17, 2016.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS, TO POSTPONE TO A TIME CERTAIN ON MARCH 17. DO YOU WANT TO JUST GIVE A BRIEF EXPLANATION FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE?

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: FOR THE WORLD AT LARGE? WELL, I GUESS MY -- I'M NOT SURE THAT I CAN.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I CAN.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: GOOD.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THE PROPER PAPERWORK WAS NOT FILED AT THE CORRECT TIME SO WE HAVE TO PUSH THIS OFF FOR ONE MORE WEEK BUT NEXT WEEK, BE HERE. IT WILL BE AN AROUSING BOARD BRIEFING.

WE ARE SURE TO EXCITE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: AND TO MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL ON THE HANSEN PLANNING PHASE, ANOTHER LONG TIME COMING AND NECESSARY PROJECT THAT WE HAVE. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IF FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE MOTION IS APPROVED.

BOARD COMMENT – 11:20 am

BC.1 Opportunity as time allows, for the Commissioners to provide comment on non-agenda items.

AND NOW WE HAVE COME TO THAT SPECIAL TIME IN OUR CALENDAR WHERE WE CAN DISCUSS NON-AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER. BOARD MEMBERS? ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: I WANTED TO SAY I WILL MAKE SOME RED VELVET CUPCAKES WITH MY GRANDDAUGHTER SO I AM SO EXCITED.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I SUPPOSE THAT MEANS YOU ARE BRINGING SOME IN ON MONDAY.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: EXCELLENT. I WAS JUST THINKING ABOUT THAT MYSELF.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: YOU CAN TELL WHAT OUR QUESTION IS. CHAIR?

CHAIR KAFOURY: GO AHEAD.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: WELL, LAST WEEK WE OPENED A NEW V.A. OUTPATIENT CLINIC IN FAIRVIEW, AND IT WAS PACKED AT THE OPENING, AND I THINK MORE PEOPLE THAN WERE EXPECTED, BUT IT SHOWS THE NEED THAT WE HAVE IN EAST COUNTY TO SERVE OUR VETERANS, AND THE FACILITY THAT IS NOW OPEN IN GATEWAY WILL CLOSE. FAIRVIEW'S IS THREE TIMES AS LARGE AS THAT FACILITY SO WE'LL OFFER A LOT OF BENEFITS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK: I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT THREE OF US HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THURSDAY NIGHT TO HEAR AN AMAZING WRITER, CHRISTINA ENRIQUEZ, THE BOOK OF UNKNOWN AMERICANS. I WAS KIND OF AT A LOSS AND EARLIER THIS MORNING TRYING TO DESCRIBE THIS. SHE'D GIVEN IT TO HER MOTHER TO READ. HER MOTHER'S REACTION WAS WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU. BASICALLY SHE HAD DESIGNED SOME EVENTS FOR HER CHARACTERS THAT WEREN'T FAIR TO THEM AND LET US READERS KNOW SHE INTENDED TO BREAK OUR HEARTS. THIS IS A VERY, VERY STRONG BOOK RECOMMENDATION TO YOU.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: AND MAY I ADD ON TO THAT ALSO? IT'S ALSO THE EVERYBODY READS PROGRAM FOR OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY, WHICH IS MY VERY FAVORITE PROGRAM THAT THE LIBRARY DOES AND THE AUTHOR ALSO GOES OUT AND SPEAKS AT HIGH SCHOOLS. SHE WAS OUT AT

CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL AND AT ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL AND HAD SOME VERY, VERY THOUGHTFUL CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR TEENAGERS AROUND THE BOOK, AS WELL.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:10 am

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANYTHING ELSE? GREAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU ALL FOR TUNING IN. WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT WEEK. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

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