

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, April 12, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m. with Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann and Commissioners Sharon Meieran, and commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson present. Commissioner Loretta Smith arrived at 9:53 a.m. Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann was excused at 12:08 p.m. and rejoined the meeting via phone at 12:15 p.m.

Also attending were Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney, and Marina Baker, Assistant Board Clerk

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

CONSENT AGENDA

C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCA-14-18: Reclass Executive Specialist to Finance Specialist 1 in DCA Administrative Hub Services

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

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.

Board Clerk: YES, MADAM CHAIR, PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. I WILL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GO AHEAD, BRUCE.

Bruce Broussard: GOOD MORNING, GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD, AND IN FACT, I AM RUNNING FOR COMMISSIONER. DISTRICT NUMBER 2, OKAY. WE NORMALLY START OFF WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. WOULD YOU MIND STANDING AND JOINING ME, PLEASE? I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, JUST ONE COMMENT OR TWO, I AM SURE WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE WAPATO PIECE ALL DAY TODAY, RIGHT.

Chair Kafoury: THIS IS PART OF THE AGENDA FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS SO IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT ANYTHING ON THE AGENDA YOU HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THAT ITEM.

Bruce Broussard: NO PROBLEM. NO PROBLEM. OKAY. GOODS. BUT AGAIN, I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE ALLOWED ME TO DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. AT SOME POINT IN TIME MAYBE THE OTHER COMMISSIONERS MIGHT GO ON AND TAKE THE LEAD FOR A CHANGE. SAVE ME TIME AND I COULD SPEND MORE TIME WITH MY WIFE HAVING COFFEE ON MY DECK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU MR. BROUSSARD.

Injures And Pissedoff: MY NAME IS INJURED AND PISSEDOFF. YES, TODAY I TALKED TO THE CITY COUNCIL ACROSS THE RIVER. THAT WAS THE A.M. SESSION. AND I DON'T THINK THAT THEY GET MY POINT AT TIMES WHEN I AM DISCUSSING FACTS TO THEM. FOR INSTANCE DECEMBER 6 OF LAST YEAR, I WAS SPEAKING ABOUT HOPE AND MOTION. WHERE CHRISTOPHER REEVES WAS SAYING THERE IS 100 MILLION PEOPLE WITH INCURABLE DISEASES, AND I WAS EXPLAINING TO MAYOR WHEELER THAT I WISHED THAT NICK FISH HAD BEEN THERE. HE WAS GETTING CANCER TREATMENT AT THE TIME. I EXPLAINED THAT, THAT HE HAD BEEN QUITE A LONG TIME SINCE CHRISTOPHER REEVES SAID THAT IN THIS DOCUMENTARY. I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT A THIRD OF THE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE INCURABLE DISEASES NOWADAYS. AND THEY WERE SAYING LAST WEEK OR SO THAT THERE WAS SOME 5 MILLION PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE ALONE. TED WHEELER WOULDN'T HAVE EVEN HAVE BEEN STATE TREASURER IF IT WASN'T FOR THE STATE TREASURER DYING IN OFFICE.

I AM SURE THAT MAYBE THAT DID NOT OCCUR TO HIM. AND I WANTED TO MAKE THE PUBLIC AWARE OF THAT. AND THEN FEBRUARY 14TH I MADE A PUBLIC APOLOGY TO THE CITY AUDITOR. ONE OF THE CITY ATTORNEYS HAD SAID THAT SHE WAS THE ONE THAT WAS DELETING MY MIDDLE AND LAST NAME TO THE COUNCIL MEETING RECORDS. AND WHAT TURNED OUT IS THE CITY AUDITOR SAID THAT IT WAS ACTUALLY SEVEN CITY ATTORNEYS. THE REASON WHY I WAS APOLOGIZING THERE PUBLICLY AS I WAS SAYING THAT'S FEBRUARY 14 OF THIS YEAR. THEY WERE GOING TO GO OUT AND LIE AND ACCUSE THE CITY AUDITOR OF SUCH A THING. I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE THAT WAS TELLING THE TRUTH. SO I WANTED TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THAT. I THINK THAT I WILL GIVE UP MY TIME. THANK YOU.

Lightning: YES, I AM LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY WATCHDOG. TO SPECIAL COUNCIL, FBI DIRECTOR ROBERT MUELLER, TO PRESERVE THE SANCTITY OF THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT

PRIVILEGE, I, LIGHTNING, FIRE YOU. YOU ARE FIRED. YOU ARE A DISGRACE. AND I WAIT FOR THE DAY THAT PRESIDENT TRUMP REMOVES YOU OUT OF YOUR POSITION, AND YOU WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE MOST DISGRACEFUL FBI DIRECTOR EVER. HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY. NOW MOVING ALONG ON WAPATO, I WANT TO SEE MARTY END UP WITH THE PROPERTY. I THINK THAT HE'S A QUALIFIED BUYER. HE'S DONE EVERYTHING RIGHT UP TO THIS POINT. HE'S COME IN WITH AN OFFER. HE'S NEGOTIATED IN A VERY PROFESSIONAL, REASONABLE MANNER. HE'S COME BACK WITH THE CERTAIN NUMBER. SELL HIM THE PROPERTY.

Lightning: AGAIN FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S POSITION, WHEN SOMEBODY COMES IN WITH THE FAIR OFFER AND THEY HAVE A SALE AND THEY ARE GOING THROUGH DUE DILIGENCE, LET ME ADVISE YOU OF SOMETHING UNDER AN EXCLUSIVE LISTING. DO NOT IN ANY WAY JEOPARDIZE THEIR TRANSACTION UNTIL THEY DECIDE WHETHER TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY THE PROPERTY. DO NOT DO ANY MEDIA THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR TRANSACTION. DO NOT PUT ANY EVENTS TOGETHER THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR TRANSACTION. AGAIN, HE HAS STEPPED IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER TO TRY TO BUY THIS PROPERTY. GO THROUGH DUE DILIGENCE. AND IF HE SAYS YOU CAN ACCEPT BACKUP OFFERS ON THIS PROPERTY, TALK TO HIM ON THAT. IF THAT'S IN WRITING. IF NOT I ADVISE YOU NEVER TO JEOPARDIZE SOMEBODY'S TRANSACTION WHEN THEY ARE IN DUE DILIGENCE, AND THEY HAVE A SALE ON THE PROPERTY. NOT ADVISABLE TO DO. WOULD YOU WANT THAT TO BE DONE TO YOU? IF YOU ARE NEGOTIATING A DEAL? WOULD YOU WANT THAT TO HAPPEN? I AM GOING TO BE LOOKING AT THE EXCLUSIVE LISTING, AND WE NEED TO HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING FROM YOUR ATTORNEYS OVER HERE. DID YOU SAY THAT YOU COULD TAKE BACKUP OFFERS ON THIS PROPERTY, YES OR NO? IS THAT IN WRITING? IS THAT IN WRITING? BECAUSE IN MY OPINION, THAT JEOPARDIZES SOMEBODY'S POSITION. HE CAME IN, AS A PROFESSIONAL.

HE CAME IN AS A QUALIFIED BUYER. HE CAME IN, HAS DONE EVERYTHING RIGHT UP TO THIS POINT. SELL HIM THE PROPERTY. SELL HIM THE PROPERTY. AGAIN, GET ADVICE FROM YOUR ATTORNEYS ON DOING THESE LITTLE BIT OF BACKUP OFFERS WITHOUT THE AUTHORIZATION. THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE LISTING. IT IS THROUGH A BROKER. YOU HAVE SIGNED NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS BECAUSE I'VE BEEN ON THE PHONE WITH YOUR BROKER AS OF YESTERDAY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS. SO AGAIN FOLLOW THE PROPER PROCEDURE SUCH AS MR. FBI DIRECTOR DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO DO AND UNDERSTAND AS A WATCHDOG THAT YOU WILL BE HEARING FROM ME ON THIS ISSUE. IF YOU HAVE JEOPARDIZED HIS SALE IN ANY MANNER. AND AGAIN, I DO NOT REPRESENT HIM, BUT I AM APPALLED AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR NOT UNDERSTANDING, THIS IS AN EXCLUSIVE LISTING THROUGH A REPUTABLE BROKERAGE COMPANY.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE OTHER PEOPLE TO TESTIFY.

Lightning: AND THEY HAVE CONTROL OF IT BY AN EXCLUSIVE LISTING. YOU DO NOT. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING. YOU ARE UP NEXT.

Stuart Emmons: GOOD MORNING. I AM STUART EMMONS. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS. I HAD A DREAM LAST NIGHT. A \$2 MILLION YACHT WAS CRUISING DOWN THE WILLAMETTE FROM DUNTHORPE THROUGH DOWNTOWN. IT WAS A WARM SUMMER, 2018 EVENING, PEOPLE LAUGHING AND HAVING COCKTAILS ON THE DECK. ON THE STERN WAS WRITTEN, "THANK YOU MULTNOMAH COUNTY," WITH A SMILEY FACE. ON THE BANKS OF THE RIVER THE YACHT PASSED BY WHERE DOZENS OF TENSE AND TARPS WITH PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HUDDLED UNDER THEM. AS AN ARCHITECT AND PLANNER I HAVE DONE A LOT OF COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WHAT IF I HAD DONE A PROPOSAL FOR THE COUNTY WITH THE PROPOSED FEE AND HAD BEEN AWARDED THE CONTRACT BASED ON THAT FEE. AND WHAT IF I HAD COME BACK TO YOU FIVE MONTHS LATER AND SAID, OOPS. MY PROPOSAL IS NOT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE.

I THREATEN YOU A BIT, AND THEN SAY OKAY. I WILL DESIGN YOUR PROJECT FOR OVER DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FEE, I PROPOSED. WHAT WOULD YOU SAY TO THAT? I TOLD MORTON KEYHO THAT THE ECONOMICS HE PROPOSED FOR WAPATO DIDN'T WORK LAST FALL. AS MANY OTHERS DID. IT IS PLAUSIBLE THAT THIS WAS HIS PLAN ALL ALONG TO COME UP WITH AN INFLATED NUMBER, TIE UP THE PROPERTY FOR MONTHS, AND GET RID OF OTHER COMPETITORS, WHILE OTHER PEOPLE FROZE ON OUR STREETS, AND THEN CHANGE HIS OFFER TO LESS THAN HALF OF THE ORIGINAL OFFER FIVE MONTHS LATER. IS THIS LATEST SO-CALLED COUNTER OFFER FROM KEYHO NORTHWEST PROPERTIES COMPLIANT WITH OREGON PROCUREMENT LAW? HAS THIS NOT BECOME A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT? IS THERE DEVELOPER PLAYING THIS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PLAYING THE TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE INVESTED ABOUT 100 MILLION IN WAPATO AND HAVE NOT SEEN ONE BIT OF PUBLIC GOOD COME FROM IT. WILL THIS DEVELOPER FLIP THIS ASSET RIGHT AFTER CLOSING FOR A \$2 MILLION PROFIT? AND BY THE YACHT? NOT ONLY ARE THESE NUMEROUS LEGAL ISSUES, ARE THERE NUMEROUS LEGAL ISSUES HERE, THERE ARE ETHICAL ISSUES, AND THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR THE COMMON GOOD. A 2 MILLION, 2 MILLION YACHT IS NOT DOING THE PUBLIC MUCH GOOD.

I URGE THIS BOARD TO TURN THIS OFFER DOWN AND FIGURE OUT A WAY TO MAXIMIZE THE PUBLIC GOOD FROM THIS FACILITY. YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER THE OTHER BIDS THAT WERE SUBMITTED IN GOOD FAITH AND WERE EQUAL TO OR HIGHER THAN THE CURRENT OFFER. THERE IS ALREADY AN OFFER ON THE TABLE THAT WOULD BENEFIT PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS,

AND THIS PROPOSAL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SERIOUSLY. WAPATO IS ONLY PART OF THE SOLUTION FOR THE HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGE. I URGE THIS COMMISSION TO FIND A PATH TO YES FOR MORE PROJECTS THAT SHELTER ALL 1700 OR MORE UNSHELTERED PEOPLE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY BY THIS WINTER. IT IS TIME TO SAY YES TO SOLUTIONS THAT LEAD US TO SOLVING HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN GO AHEAD HERE. YES, YOU. YEAH.

Steve Chandler: GOOD MORNING. I AM STEVE CHANDLER. I AM A RETIRED UNION CARPENTER, WORKED FOR HOFFMAN. WE BUILT THE WAPATO JAIL. FIRST I WAS HERE LAST WEEK AND I WOULD LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO THE COMMISSION FOR ANY INSULTS OF LANGUAGE I MAY HAVE SAID. LIKE THIS OTHER GENTLEMAN WHO IS POINTING HIS FINGER. I DON'T KNOW WHY IN THE WORLD ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO SELL A WONDERFUL PUBLIC BUILDING FOR 5 MILLION WHEN WE ALL KNOW IT'S WORTH PROBABLY 120 WITH INFLATION. NOW WE HAVE A HOMELESS POPULATION. WE CAN'T SOLVE THE WHOLE THING. THIS WILL SOLVE A LOT OF IT. IT'S A WONDERFUL SHELTER. IT'S A BUILDING. NOT A JAIL BECAUSE IT NEVER WAS OPEN AS A JAIL. THE IDEA TO TURN IT INTO A WAREHOUSE AND RIP OUT THE PLUMBING IS INSANE. IT SMELLS OF CORRUPTION. I AM NOT ACCUSING ANYBODY BUT I AM NOT SAYING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY WHY DON'T WE OPEN THIS JAIL. WHAT'S THE URGENCY TO SELL THIS JAIL? AND AGAIN ON THE NEWS, I AM A NEWSAHOLIC. I WATCH IT ALL THE TIME AND THAT'S WHY I AM DOWN HERE.

I THOUGHT THE DEAL WAS OVER BUT NOW I SEE IT IS NOT OVER TO I AM HERE TO TRY TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO THE COMMISSIONERS LOOKING AT THEIR I-PADS AND DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO ME EXCEPT FOR MY FAVORITE, LORETTA SMITH, WHO VOTED THIS DOWN. I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS YOU DEBORAH KAFOURY THE CHAIR. YOU HAVE THE MOST POWER IN THIS COMMITTEE. YOU ARE ON THE NEWS MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE, AND ALL I HEAR AGAIN IS HOW IT WON'T WORK. I AM NOT HERE TO INSULT YOU. I APPLAUD YOUR CIVIC DUTY. I KNOW YOU HAVE DONE A LOT OF GOOD IN THE PAST. I AM TELLING YOU THAT THIS IS A BIG MISTAKE TO SELL THIS PRISON WHEN WE HAVE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREET IS JUST SENSELESS. YOU KNOW DARN WELL THAT YOU HAVE THE POWER TO OPEN THIS PRISON TO FUND THIS. I AM NOT GOING TO CALL IT A PRISON, TO OPEN THIS SHELTER TO FUND IT AND GET PEOPLE IN IT. IT COULD HAPPEN VERY SOON. THE IDEA THAT PEOPLE WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE THERE, WHERE'S THE CONVERSATION OF THE HOMELESS PERSON? ON THE STREET? THEY ARE NOT ON THE NEWS OR SAYING IT. IN ANY CASE, THIS IS HORRIBLE TO SELL THIS THING. COMMISSIONERS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, YOU HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO

SERVE THIS WONDERFUL COMMUNITY. THIS INCLUDES THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY. EVERYBODY. AND I URGE YOU, AND I AM GOING TO QUOTE LAST WEEK IT WAS MARTIN LUTHER KING AND THE GUYS WHO LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES FOR OUR COUNTRY. I AM GOING TO QUOTE LINCOLN CITY AT THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.

Steve Chandler: I WANT ALL OF YOU COMMISSIONERS TO PLEASE LISTEN TO THE BETTER ANGELS OF URINATOR. THAT MEANS DO WHAT'S RIGHT. NOT A FRIENDLY DEAL WITH LIKE THE OTHER GENTLEMAN SAID, WITH SOME DEVELOPER THAT'S GOING TO PICK IT UP FOR FIVE CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. SO YOU GO HOME TONIGHT AND YOU ARE IN YOUR WARM HOUSE AND IN BED AND SAFE AND YOU HAVE GOT A CELL PHONE AND FIRE AND POLICE DETECTION. THINK ABOUT THE PERSON ON THE STREET. PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN ON THE STREET THAT ARE -- THAT ARE VULNERABLE. THIS COULD BE A WONDERFUL SHELTER FOR JUST AT LEAST THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN. IT HAS ALL THE FACILITIES. IT IS READY TO GO. THANK YOU. PLEASE VOTE YOUR CONSCIENCE.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. I AM JOE WALSH. I REPRESENT THE INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I SAID TO YOU SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, I WOULD NOT SPEAK TO YOU AGAIN UNTIL YOU MADE A PHONE CALL TO THE MAYOR AND ASKED HIM TO STOP HIS SWEEPS THAT ARE KILLING PEOPLE ON OUR STREETS. ONE OF YOU HAVE GOTTEN BACK TO ME AND SAID SHE MADE THE PHONE CALL, WHICH IS GOOD. THERE IS ONLY FOUR OF YOU LEFT. SATURDAY NIGHT THERE WAS A KILLING. THERE WAS A MAN, SOMEBODY I PROBABLY WOULDN'T LIKE, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND. 12:30 HE MADE CONTACT WITH THE PORTLAND POLICE. HE WAS HAVING A NERVOUS MENTAL BREAKDOWN.

IF YOU REMEMBER 2012, 2014, WE HAD THE CELEBRATION IN 2014 THAT WE FINALLY GOT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT NOT TO KILL PEOPLE IN THAT ARE ON THE STREET THAT ARE HAVING MENTAL BREAKDOWNS. WE HAVE PROTOCOLS PUT INTO PLACE. WELL SATURDAY NIGHT AT 4:30, SEVEN COPS AND ONE SHERIFF KILLED THIS GUY. GO AWAY JUST LIKE THEY DID SIX YEARS AGO. WE SPENT MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. WE SPENT COABS, WE SPENT COMMITTEES. WE SPENT POUNDING ON OUR CHEST, AND WHERE ARE WE? WE DID IT AGAIN! SAY MAY NOT LIKE THIS GUY AS I SAID. HE WAS ASSASSINATED. KILLED. AND IF HE CAN DO IT, AND IF THEY CAN DO IT TO HIM, THEY CAN DO IT TO ME. YOU HAVE HEARD THAT STATEMENT THAT CAME OUT OF [INAUDIBLE]. IF THEY COMFORTED YOU, THEN I SAY NOTHING, AND THEY COMFORT US, AND I SAY NOTHING. AND I SAY NOTHING. THEY COMFORT ME AND THERE IS NOBODY LEFT. TO SAY SOMETHING FOR ME. YOU MUST AS POLITICIANS BE OUTRAGED ON THIS. I DON'T CARE WHAT IT WAS. HE WAS MURDERED. MURDERED.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Joe Walsh: MURDERED!

Jim Whittenberg: I WISH JOE WOULDN'T GET SO EXCITED ABOUT THINGS, BUT I UNDERSTAND WHY HE IS. I AM JIM WHITTENBERG. I AM LEAVING LIFE RIGHT NOW. I AM GETTING OUT OF HERE. I AM DOING MY BUCKET LIST AND I'VE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL SIX TIMES IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS. EVERYTHING FROM RSV TO VERTIGO TO NAUSEA TO FALLING DOWN THE STAIRS TO -- I AM A SURVIVOR. THEY HAVE TRIED TO KILL ME ENOUGH TIMES OVER THE YEARS THAT I THINK THAT I AM GOING TO LET THEM NOW. I AM TIRED OF LIVING IN YOUR SOCIETY. YOU HAVE NOT CREATED MUCH FOR ME. TOM MCCALL AND WAYNE MORRIS AND BOB STRAUB AND SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE IN THE PAST, THOSE GIANTS FROM THE PAST WOULDN'T HAVE ALLOWED THIS TO HAPPEN. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE ALLOWED THIS MESS TO BE CREATED. I HAVE SEEN THEM SHUT DOWN THE LIGHTS IN THE BUILDINGS IN THIS CITY. I HAVE SEEN THEM DO THINGS THAT I NEVER THOUGHT WAS POSSIBLE. BUT THEY WERE STATESMEN -- THEY WERE POLITICIANS, LIKE WE HAVE TODAY.

THIS IS MY BROTHER HERE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA. HIS YOUNGER BROTHER IS DEAD NOW, A MENTALLY ILL PERSON OUT OF THE STATE HOSPITAL. HIS YOUNGER BROTHER DIED AT 60 SLUMPED OVER A SINK IN HIS APARTMENT. DIED BECAUSE THEY FILLED HIM SO FULL OF DRUGS HE COULDN'T BARELY OPERATE DAY-TO-DAY. HE STARTED SMOKING CIGARETTES AND THING COFFEE. I GRADUATED FROM OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY IN 1963. I JUST -- I WAS LOOKING AT THIS TODAY. MY WIFE IS DEAD NOW. SHE DIED FOUR MONTHS AGO. SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN. SHE TAUGHT HERE IN THIS CITY AT THE PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE. SHE WAS A SWEET YOUNG THING. I LOVED HER. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS -- I WISH I DID, BUT YOU JUST ARE POLITICIANS. THAT'S ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS YOURSELVES AND THE CHECKS YOU TAKE HOPE EACH MONTH. \$100,000 A YEAR, WHAT COULD I POSSIBLY DO WITH 100,000 A YEAR? I HAVE NO IDEA, I HAVE NEVER MADE MORE THAN 43,000. I'M A PHARMACIST. WHY DO I EVEN GO AND GET UP IN THE MORNING? THESE LITTLE GIRLS, MY NIECES. THEY ARE WORTH MORE THAN ANY OF YOU PUT TOGETHER, AND YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE SO IMPORTANT. THESE GIRLS ARE WORTH MORE THAN ANY OF YOU, AND A BUNCH OF YOU PUT TOGETHER, EXCEPT MAYBE SHARON, BUT I AM WORRIED ABOUT THEM AND THEIR LIVELIHOOD SO I TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY. I DON'T TRUST YOU ANY MORE. I DON'T THINK THAT YOU ARE WORKING FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE.

Chair Kafoury: THANKS FOR COMING IN.

Jim Whittenberg: SHARON, YOUR DAD AND MOM, THEY WERE NICE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU. YOU ARE A NICE PERSON AT ONE TIME BUT NOW YOU ARE JUST.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: ALISON AND YU TE, PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. DOING WHO WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST. OKAY.

Alison Hilkih: CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING. I AM ALISON HILKIAH, I AM HERE TO INVITE THE BOARD TO A PUBLIC EVENT TAKING PLACE THIS SATURDAY APRIL 14 ON THE TOPIC OF PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING. I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THE EVENT. THANK YOU MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR HELPING TO SPONSOR THE EVENT ALONG WITH METRO AND THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I JUST WANTED TO BE SURE THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING, AND I WANT TO INVITE YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO ATTEND THE FORUM AND ALSO ANYONE IN THE PUBLIC WHO MAY BE LISTENING. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IS AN INNOVATION IN DEMOCRACY THAT INCREASES THE RESIDENT INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING. IT HOLDS THE POTENTIAL TO MAKE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MORE INCLUSIVE, TRANSPARENT, AND MORE EQUITABLE. BASICALLY THE PROCESS GIVES THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN A DEFINED AREA THE POWER TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO SPEND A PORTION OF THE TAX DOLLARS. TO INCREASE THE LIVABILITY OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. SO IN A NUTSHELL, REAL PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE REAL DECISIONS TO ALLOCATE REAL DOLLARS. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IS A BIT OF A MOUTHFUL SO I WILL REFER TO IT AS P.B. IT IS EMPOWERING. IT INVITES GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION.

IT GIVES EVERYBODY PERSON THE SAME OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A VOICE. THE OUTCOMES OF THE PROCESS ARE TANGIBLE PROOF THAT GOVERNMENT CAN MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF ITS CITIZENS. SEW THE PUBLIC FORUM WILL BE IN EAST COUNTY HOSTED BY THE ROSEWOOD INITIATIVE, ITSELF A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN LOCAL RESIDENTS COME TOGETHER TO ASK FOR WHAT THEY AND THEIR COMMUNITIES NEED. THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE HAS ENDORSED THIS EVENT. THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING THE EVENT. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ATTEND AND CONTRIBUTE YOUR IDEAS TO HOW WE COULD BEST IMPLEMENT THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING IN THE PORTLAND METRO AREA. REGISTRATION IS FREE, BUT IT IS REQUIRED. IT IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE, HEALTHYDEMOCRACY.ORG. YOU CAN COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION AND LANGUAGES OTHER THAN ENGLISH. THE FORUM IS FREE, AND IT FEATURES ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS SUCH AS CHILDCARE AND INTERPRETATION AND TRANSIT PASSES, UPON REQUESTS. BEST OF ALL THERE IS SUCH THINGS AS A FREE LUNCH. COME TO THE P.B. FORUM AND GET YOURS. SO FAR THERE ARE OVER 115 PEOPLE REGISTERED. THEY REPRESENT ELECTED OFFICIALS, STAFF OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THAT CALL OUR AREA HOME. WE HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM YOUR PRESENCE ALSO. DO ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE A QUESTION FOR ME?

Yu Te: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. CHAIR KAFOURY AND -- I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ALL YOUR NAMES BUT COMMISSIONER STEGMANN AND COMMISSIONER LORETTA, I AM PART OF, AND ANY OTHER COMMISSIONERS, AS WELL. MY NAME IS YU TE. I AM A BUSINESS OWNER AND A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOOSTERS AND SO I AM ALSO ON THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE, AND THAT IS ON THE AGENDA R8 BUT I WOULD LIKE TO TALK NOW ABOUT GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, AND JUST TO SET THE -- TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT ME BEFORE THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS THAT ARE TALKED ABOUT MAYBE FOR, BEFORE THAT OCCURS. SO GOOD GOVERNANCE, WHAT I THINK OF IT AND I THINK THAT A LOT OF US AGREE THAT IF HAS SOME QUALITIES TO TRUST OUR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES, AS WELL.

IF THEY MAKE THE PRO ANNOUNCEMENT LIKE AN ENDORSEMENT, ENDORSING AN EVENT, THAT THERE IS SOME AUTHENTIC BASIS FOR IT WITHOUT SOME COERCION OR WITHOUT SOME OTHER MOTIVATION THAT IS HIDDEN. SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT A BODY LIKE THE CIC IS ABLE TO MAKE ITS DELIBERATIONS AND ITS RECOMMENDATION WITHOUT UNDUE DURESS FROM STAFF, AND SOMETIMES THAT MAY MEAN THAT THERE IS CONFLICTS THAT COULD OCCUR, AND THAT, THAT MAY REQUIRE POSSIBLY, I GUESS, OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TODAY, SO I WOULD LIKE YOU ALL TO, TO INVITE YOU TO LOOK AT R8 AND STAY FOR R8 AND FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. I INVITED FRIENDS OVER WHO HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE, MORE THAN I HAVE. I JOINED THIS THREE YEARS AGO. I TOLD MY FRIENDS THAT MY -- I GOT IN SOME TROUBLE WITH THE COUNTY THERE, SENDING MY APPOINTMENT, AND MY FRIEND, THE CHAIR OF THE CIC'S APPOINTMENT TO, TO THIS POSITION, AND THAT WE GOT, I GOT INVOLVED IN A SHADY BUSINESS A FEW YEARS AGO, AND WITHOUT KNOWING, REALLY KNOWING WHAT THE CIC IS AND SINCE THIS TIME I HAVE COME TO REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND I DO WANT TO SAY THAT WHATEVER THE OUTCOME, OF THE DISCUSSION I HOPE THAT YOU ALL CAN SEE THE BENEFIT OF IT AND THAT THERE IS SOME WELL MEANING PEOPLE THAT STARTED THE CIC AND THAT CONTINUE WITH THE CIC. THANK YOU COMMISSIONERS.

R.1 Second Reading and Public Hearing for Ordinance Amending MCC Chapter 38 Relating to Mandated Revisions to Columbia River Gorge Management Plan Area Guidelines. Presenters: Adam Barber, Senior Planner; Michael Cerbone, Planning Director

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION TO POSTPONE R.1 INDEFINITELY? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY R.1. DO WE HAVE A CLARIFICATION FROM OUR STAFF? THANK YOU.

Michael Cerbone: MICHAEL CERBONE, PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. WE HAVE ALREADY TAKEN ACTION ON THIS ITEM. I BELIEVE THAT IT WAS ON THE 22ND OF MARCH, PASSED AS AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE. IT IS EFFECTIVE AND HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO THE GORGE COMMISSION.

Chair Kafoury: PERFECT. THANK YOU. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] R.1 IS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

R.2 Resolution Authorizing Transfer of SE Tacoma Street Right of Way Jurisdiction to the City of Portland. Presenters: Courtney Lords, Assistant County Attorney and Ian Cannon, County Engineer

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES. COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Courtney Lords: GOOD MORNING, I AM COURTNEY LORDS WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFERS. WHAT WE ARE HERE TODAY IS AS YOU KNOW WE COMPLETED THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT AND WE ARE TRYING TO CLOSE IT UP AND TIE UP LOOSE ENDS. THIS TRANSACTION HERE GOES BACK TO 2011 WHEN THE BOARD APPROVED RESOLUTION NUMBER 2011-012. WHAT THAT DID WAS IT APPROVED AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND FUNDING FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT. INCLUDED IN THE FUNDING IGA, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE CALLING THAT, AND CITY CONSTRUCTION PERMITS, WERE ISSUED FOR THE PROJECT, AND AS YOU KNOW IT REQUIRED THE COUNTY TO OBTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE PROJECT, AND THE PROPERTY THAT WE ARE NOW GOING TO BE TRANSFERRING TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND TODAY IS A PIECE OF THAT WERE PRO. IT INCLUDED ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AND FRONTAGE FOR ABUTTING THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF SOUTHEAST TACOMA STREET BETWEEN SOUTHEAST GRAND AVENUE AND SOUTHEAST 6TH AVENUE. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY TO NOW TRANSFER THIS TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND WHO IS THE JURISDICTION FOR SOUTHEAST TACOMA STREET, NORTH AND SOUTH OF THIS AREA. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

R.3 Ordinance Amending MCC Chapters 11.15.9105, 33.0560, 34.0560, 35.0560, and 36.0560 Relating to Sound Control Criteria for Marijuana Businesses and Declaring an Emergency. Presenters: Adam Barber, Senior Planner; Michael Cerbone, Planning Director

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE FIRST READING AND THE ADOPTION. GOOD MORNING.

Michael Cerbone: GOOD MORNING CHAIR. MICHAEL CERBONE AGAIN, PLANNING DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I HAVE ADAM BARBER, SENIOR PLANNER WITH THE COUNTY WITH ME TODAY. THE REQUEST BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING IS APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE COUNTY'S MARIJUANA BUSINESS REGULATIONS RELATED TO SOUND THE ORDINANCE IS PROPOSED AS AN EMERGENCY SO IF APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE. PLANNING COMMISSION, BACKGROUND, PLANNING COMMISSION HOSTED A HEARING RECOMMENDED ADOPTION TO THIS BOARD. TWO OR AT THE HEARING TWO PEOPLE TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THE ORDINANCE. THE COUNTY STAFF MAILED NOTICE TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT COULD GROW MARIJUANA. AND, THAT'S 3,836 DIFFERENT HOME SITES. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY OPPOSITION TO THIS PROPOSAL TO DATE. ADAM IS GOING TO PROVIDE YOU A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF WHAT THE ORDINANCE ENTAILS.

Adam Barber: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. ADAM BARBER. BACKGROUND ON THE ORDINANCE THAT HAS A PROVISION THAT WE AMENDED TO GET EVERYONE CAUGHT UP, MULTNOMAH COUNTY ADOPTED MARIJUANA BUSINESS REGULATIONS IN 2016 THAT APPLIED IN THE RURAL OR UNINCORPORATED PORTIONS OF THE COUNTY. AND RELATED TO THE FULL SPECTRUM OF MARIJUANA BUSINESS, WHETHER IT BE PRODUCTION OF MARIJUANA, PROCESSING, WHOLESALING, DISPENSING OR RETAILING. AND WITHIN THAT ORDINANCE THERE WERE, THERE WERE CITING AND DESIGN STANDARDS THAT WERE ALSO ESTABLISHED RELATED TO SETBACKS FROM SCHOOLS, ALSO TO PROPERTY LINES. FOR MARIJUANA BUSINESSES WE, IN THE ORDINANCE, WE ESTABLISHED FENCING STANDARDS, LIGHTING STANDARDS, ODOR CONTROL STANDARDS AND ALSO SOUND CONTROL STANDARDS IN THE OVERALL GOAL WAS TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITY WHILE ALSO PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN OUR JURISDICTION. OVERALL THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN WORKING VERY WELL FOR THE MOST PART.

IN FACT, I HAVE RECEIVED CALLS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHO HAVE USED A NUMBER OF OUR STANDARDS AS A MODEL. SO WE HAVE A GOOD TRACK RECORD WITH THE ORDINANCE. WE HAVE HEARD FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT WITH OUR SOUND CONTROL STANDARD. THE EXISTING STANDARD REQUIRES MARIJUANA BUSINESSES IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO CONTAIN THEIR SOUND SO THAT THERE IS NO DETECTABLE SOUND AT THE PROPERTY LINES. THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BECAUSE THE CONCERN WAS THAT IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS THERE MAY BE SOUNDS FROM MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT THAT COULD BE USED AS PART OF A MARIJUANA BUSINESS, AND THE STANDARD WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT THE NEIGHBORS. IN THE OTHER ZONES, FARMING ZONES, FOR INSTANCE, OR FORESTRY ZONES, THE ORDINANCE SIMPLY REFERS TO THE SOUND CONTROL CODE.

Adam Barber: AND WE HAVE REALIZED THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE THE SOUND CONTROL CODE IN OTHER ZONES, AND WE DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AT THE HEARING LAST MONDAY NIGHT, APRIL 2, AND AFTER CONTEMPLATING THE OPTIONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS RECOMMENDING TAKING THE STANDARD THAT'S WORKING WELL IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND EXTENDING THAT TO ALL OF THE OTHER ZONES, SO THAT WE HAVE A CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF SOUND CONTROL STANDARDS ALL ACROSS THE ZONES IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS FOR MARIJUANA BUSINESS TO BRIEFLY READ THE STANDARD AS IT WOULD BE APPLIED. THE STANDARD WOULD READ THAT A MARIJUANA BUSINESS SHALL NOT PRODUCE OR PERMIT TO BE PRODUCED ONE DETECTABLE ALONG THE PROPERTY LINE OF THE PARCEL OFTEN THE MARIJUANA BUSINESS IS LOCATED FOR PURPOSES OF THE SUBSECTION, SOUND IS DETECTABLE IF IT CAN BE DETECTED BY A REASONABLE PERSON OF ORDINARY SENSITIVITIES USING THE UNAIDED HEARING FACULTIES. SO THE RESULT WILL BE CONSISTENT APPLICATION OF THE STANDARD.

WE WILL BE THE ONE OFFICE THAT CONSTITUENTS CAN CALL IF THEY HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT SOUND SO WE WILL IMPLEMENT THE STANDARD AND ENFORCE IT IF WE HAVE A PROBLEM. AGAIN WE ARE REQUESTING EMERGENCY ADOPTION. WE THINK THAT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE ACTION. GIVEN CONCERNS WE HAVE HEARD IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT SOUND, PARTICULARLY RELATED TO ONGOING GENERATOR USE FOR MARIJUANA BUSINESSES THAT ARE RELYING ON GENERATORS FOR THEIR POWER AS OPPOSED TO PG ELECTRIC POWER FOR INSTANCE. THIS IS A PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY. THAT CONCLUDES WHAT I PREPARED.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT. I WANTED TO TAKE TIME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUICK RESPONSE ON THIS. THESE RESIDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLAINED ARE IN THE DISTRICT 4, AND SO I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE THE LIVABILITY ISSUE THAT GENERATORS CAUSE FOR THOSE FOLKS, SO I JUST APPRECIATE YOU COMING FORWARD AND BRINGING THIS TO OUR ATTENTION.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED BY EMERGENCY. THANK YOU.

R.4 Multnomah County Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement. Presenter: Jason Gates, Chief Deputy of Law Enforcement

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4. GOOD MORNING.

Mike Reese: MR. CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER, GOOD MORNING, I AM MIKE REESE, THE SHERIFF OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND JOINING ME TODAY IS COMMANDER MONTE RISER OF OUR PATROL DIVISION AND CHIEF OF STAFF STEPHANIE PRIVEL. WE HAVE SEVERAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER SO WE THOUGHT IN THE INTEREST OF EFFICIENCY AND TIME SAVING WE WOULD ALL COME UP TOGETHER AND I WILL DEFER NOW IT COMMANDER RISER ON THE NEXT ITEM AND THEN DEFER TO YOU FOR PROCESS ON VOTING AND MOVING IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Monte Reiser: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. FOR THE RECORD, I AM COMMANDER MONTE REISER WITH THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OPERATIONS DIVISION. I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THE BOARD'S SUPPORT AND APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE. THE PURPOSE IS TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FOREST LANDS, RECREATIONAL AREAS, AND COLLABORATE WITH OUR FOREST SERVICE PARTNERS WHO CONTINUE PROVIDING POST EAGLE CREEK FIRE SAFETY FUNCTIONS. THIS AGREEMENT PROVIDES FUNDING FOR ONE FULL-TIME DEPUTY TO WORK THE DETAIL, ESSENTIALLY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS ONLY. FROM THE BEGINNING OF JUNE TO THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER. OUR CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2018. SO THIS PROVIDES THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$30,360 PER YEAR FOR A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST, 2022. THIS CONTRACT WILL GO FAR IN FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF PROTECTING CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO OUR EAST COUNTY RECREATIONAL AREAS. WE PARTNERED WITH THE FOREST SERVICE IN SEVERAL PREVIOUS SIMILAR AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE SERVED OUR CITIZENS VERY WELL. SO THIS MORNING I AM ASKING THE BOARD FOR YOUR APPROVAL IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THIS AGREEMENT AND I AM GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANKS, CHAIR. COULD YOU JUST EXPAND ON THE ISSUES OF WHAT IS GOING ON AND WHY ARE PEOPLE SO CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING MORE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS? IN THIS AREA?

Monte Reiser: THIS AGREEMENT IS A CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE DONE IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THE FOREST SERVICE MAINTAINS SOME CAPACITY OF PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS, POST-EAGLE CREEK FIRE. IT BEGAN WITH SORT OF A ROBUST APPEARANCE BY SOME OF THE FOREST, LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES. THAT AMOUNT HAS DIMINISHED AS POST-FIRE CAPACITY OR REACTION. CONDITIONS OF THE FIRE HAVE REDUCED. REALLY THIS IS PRIMARILY TO CONTINUE WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN TERMS OF

PROVIDING THAT PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTION. PROVIDING PATROLS ON FOREST LANDS, THROUGH FOREST SERVICE ROADS AND CAMPGROUNDS.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE AGREEMENT IS APPROVED.

R.5 Budget Modification # MCSO-09-18: Contingency Request for Local 88 Settlement Above Budgeted Amount. Presenter: Sheriff Michael Reese.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.5.

Michael Reese: WE HAVE SEVERAL CONTINGENCY REQUESTS AND I CAN RUN THROUGH THEM TOGETHER, AND THEN DEFER TO YOU ON HOW TO PROCESS FOR THE VOTES ON THEM INDIVIDUALLY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Michael Reese: I THINK EVERYONE IN THIS ROOM UNDERSTANDS THAT THESE ARE UNEXPECTED TIMES, INDEED THE LAST YEAR HAS REAFFIRMED TO ME THAT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, IT'S DYNAMIC NOT STATIC. ADMINISTRATIVELY MY TEAM IS COMMITTED TO BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE. WE ROUTINELY MEET WITH THE COUNTY BUDGET OFFICE AND THE CHAIR'S OFFICE TO GO OVER MONTHLY THE STATUS OF OUR BUDGET SO THAT THERE IS NO DAYLIGHT BETWEEN OUR OPERATIONS AND OUR ALLOCATED RESOURCES. THROUGH THE REVIEW, THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE BUDGET OFFICE REALIZE IT IS GOING TO TAKE MORE WORK THIS YEAR FOR US TO RECONCILE OUR YEAR END BUDGET. OVER THE COURSE OF THE BOARD MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS YOU WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE CONTINGENCY REQUESTS BEFORE YOU TODAY. THE FIRST IS THE EAGLE CREEK FIRE, AND IT WAS CERTAINLY AN UNEXPECTED EVENT THIS YEAR. THIS FISCAL YEAR, PROVIDING A REAL-TIME ASSESSMENT OF OUR CAPABILITIES AND OUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS' ABILITIES. TOGETHER WE MANAGED TO FIRE THE GRID OVER 20,000 ACRES. WE ACTIVATED COMMAND CENTERS AND IMPLEMENTED EVACUATION PROTOCOLS.

INITIAL ACTS OF BRAVERY WHICH WE HONORED YESTERDAY HERE IN THIS ROOM FOR MANY OF OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, ALLOWED THE FIRE TO BE CONTAINED AND PEOPLE TO BE SAFE. AND PROPERTY PROTECTED. WHILE THE SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT HAS HAD A LASTING EFFECT ON OUR COMMUNITY IT'S ALSO HAD A LASTING EFFECT ON OUR BUDGET. IT HAS RAMIFICATIONS OF THE RESOURCES. WE WORK WITHIN THE COUNTY TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH FEMA. HOWEVER WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED THAT

THE REQUEST WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL FISCAL YEAR 2019. BECAUSE OF THE TIMING OF REIMBURSEMENT, THE REIMBURSEMENT POSES, IMPLICATIONS COUNTY-WIDE. SO WE ARE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY BUDGET OFFICE AND OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON THE REQUESTS PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE FEMA REQUEST, ANY EXPENSES THAT ARE REIMBURSED WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND. PERSONALLY I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY BUDGET'S OFFICE. THEY WILL BE BRINGING THIS ITEM FORWARD AT A LATER MEETING. ALSO UNEXPECTEDLY FOR US, OUR, ARE PRELIMINARY HEARINGS. IN AUGUST OF 2017, SENATE BILL 505 GRAND JURY RECORDATION WAS ENACTED.

Michael Reese: THIS MEASURE IS A CATALYST TO PRELIMINARY HEARINGS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND HAS CHANGED OUR COURT PROCEDURES, AND THEREFORE OUR STAFF REQUIREMENTS IN PROVIDING SECURITY AND SAFETY TO THOSE PROCESSES. THE SCOPE OF THE IMPACT ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS MADE FOR UNIQUE CHALLENGES ON MCSO'S MANDATE TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO THE COURTS. IT WILL BE PRESENTING TO YOU NEXT WEEK, APRIL 19, ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR REQUEST MORE IN DEPTH. IN THE MEANTIME THESE BULLET POINTS YOU ARE SEEING ON THE SCREEN SERVE AS A PREVIEW OF OUR ROAD MAP FOR DISCUSSION. AND THEN IN FEBRUARY THE BOARD RATIFIED TWO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS. ONE FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CORRECTIONS DEPUTIES ASSOCIATION AND ONE FOR LOCAL 88, A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES. THE AGREEMENTS PROVIDED FOR THE CONTINUATION OF WAGES, BENEFITS AND OTHER WORKING CONDITIONS. SIGNIFICANT PROVISION OF EACH CONTRACT INCLUDED A RETROACTIVE IMPACT ON OUR BUDGET. UNFORESEEN EXPENSES DUE TO THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONTRACTS. TO BALL OUT THIS YEAR'S BUDGET, ADDITIONAL FUNDS ARE NEEDED TO HONOR CONTRACT TERMS AND PROMISES MADE TO OUR EMPLOYEES. THE CORRECTIONS DEPUTY CONTRACT CALL FOR HOURLY WAGE INCREASES AND TO BE EQUAL TO \$1 PER HOUR FOR ALL EMPLOYEES, AND IT AMOUNTED TO AN UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF 589,000. LOCAL 88 CONTRACT CALLED FOR, AS WELL, HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR MEMBERS TO BE INCREASED BY 2.2%. MINIMUM OF 60 CENTS PER HOUR AND THAT UNFUNDED LIABILITY AMOUNTS TO 34,000. I WANT TO JUST PERSONALLY SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK OF OUR STAFF AND LABOR RELATIONS IN THE UNION REPRESENTATION IN THIS REGARD AND WISH TO THANK THE COMMISSION IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND THESE CONTINGENCY REQUESTS.

ALSO WE HAVE BEFORE US THE CONTINGENCY REQUESTS RELATED TO HOUSE BILL 3194 REFERRED TO AS JUSTICE REINVESTMENT. AS THE CHIEF OF POLICE I WAS INVOLVED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND NOW A SHERIFF, I AM PROUD OF OUR WORK ON JUSTICE REINVESTMENT. I BELIEVE IN ITS COMPREHENSIVE GOALS OF PROTECTING

THE PUBLIC, REDUCING THE RECIDIVISM, AND IMPROVING INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES THROUGH PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE LISTENING, THAT MAY NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THAT WORK, IT'S A CONTINUUM OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS AND WORKING WITH THEM TO PROVIDE THE RESOURCES THAT THEY NEED AND THE ACCOUNTABILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR PARTNERS AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND THIS BOARD IN PROVIDING THOSE SERVICES, AND WE HAVE THE DEPUTY SHERIFF ASSIGNED TO THE, WE CALL IT THE MCJERK TEAM, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROJECT TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES LOCATING OFFENDERS, EXECUTING ANY WARRANTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY,

Michael Reese: PROVIDING GENERAL SUPPORT WHEN THERE IS HIGH-RISK BEHAVIOR, AND AGAIN WE PLAID PREVENTION OVER DETENTION. I AM PROUD TO SAY THAT OUR DEPUTY SHERIFF AND HIS POLICE PARTNER HAVE MADE MORE THAN 300 ASSISTS AND LESS THAN HALF THAT IN TERMS OF THE ARRESTS. IN THE EARLY PART OF FISCAL 2018 FUNDING FOR OUR DEPUTY'S POSITION WAS UNEXPECTEDLY CUT. THIS BOARD LAST FALL ACCEPTED FUNDS FROM THE JRI GRANT MONEYS, BUT THE AWARD RESTORED ONLY HALF OF THE AMOUNT NECESSARY FOR THE DEPUTY'S POSITION, AND TODAY WE ARE RESPECTFULLY ASKING FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDS TO MAKE UP FOR THE REMAINING HALF OF THE POSITIONS CUT, WHICH TOTALS 72,000. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THE LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL AND THEIR COORDINATION OF THIS EFFORT AS WELL. SO THAT CONCLUDES OUR REQUEST, AND WE ARE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: TO BE CLEAR YOU DISCUSSED R.5, R.6, AND R.7 TOGETHER.

Michael Reese: THAT'S CORRECT.

Chair Kafoury: SO WE ARE GOING TO VOTE ON THEM ONE AT A TIME BUT WILL TAKE QUESTIONS ON THEM RIGHT NOW ON ANY OF THEM. GO AHEAD COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON AVOIDING THANK.

Commissioner Vega Pedeson: THANK YOU, I KNOW WHEN WE PASSED THE BUDGET THERE WERE A LOT OF LABOR CONTRACTS STILL IN THE NEGOTIATION PHASE SO WE DID SET ASIDE SOME OF THE MONEY, BUT NOT KNOWING EXACTLY HOW THEY TURNED OUT IT WAS USING JUST THE BEST ESTIMATE OF WHAT THOSE COSTS WOULD BE SO I APPRECIATE YOU COMING TODAY AND TALKING ABOUT HOW THE IMPACTS OF THE DIFFERENT CONTRACTS HAVE HAD EVEN WITH THE 2.2%. SO I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

Michael Reese: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. SO R5 IS THE BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE LOCAL 88 SETTLEMENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.6 Budget Modification # MCSO-10-18: Contingency Request for MCCDA Settlement Above Budgeted Amount. Presenter: Sheriff Michael Reese

Chair Kafoury: CAN I HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.6. THIS IS THE CONTINGENCY REQUEST FOR THE MCCDA SETTLEMENT. DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

R.7 Budget Modification # MCSO-11-18: Contingency Request for Justice Reinvestment Deputy for First Half of Fiscal Year 2018. Presenter: Sheriff Michael

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.7. THIS IS THE CONTINGENCY REQUEST REGARDING THE JUSTICE REINVESTMENT DEPUTY. ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Chair Kafoury: I DO HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THIS. SHERIFF REESE, WHAT'S THE ROLE OF ENFORCEMENT DEPUTY IN THE OVERALL PROGRAM?

Michael Reese: IT WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OFFENDERS ARE FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THEIR PROBATION AND IF THERE ARE SITUATIONS WHERE WE HAVE TO RESPOND TO TAKE SOMEONE INTO CUSTODY THEY ARE AVAILABLE. THEY ALSO DO HOME VISITS TO HELP WITH MONITORING AND MAKING SURE THAT THE PERSON IS FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR PROBATION.

Commissioner Smith: WAS THERE ANY REASON WHY IT WAS NOT APPROVED FOR THE FULL TWO YEARS VERSUS THE 18 MONTHS?

Michael Reese: IT -- COMPLICATED BY THE STATE CUT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY COMING TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY BY A SMALL PERCENTAGE, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY JUSTICE REINVESTMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD THAT WE TAKE THE DEPUTY SHERIFF AND THE PORTLAND POLICE POSITION AND FUND THOSE WITH A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT. THAT POSITION -- THAT MONEY WAS LESS THAN WE ANTICIPATED.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU SHERIFF.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [UNANIMOUS AYES] THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED.

Michel Reese: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: WE ARE GOING TO MOVE THE AGENDA AROUND SLIGHTLY AND WE ARE GOING TO HEAR R.9 BEFORE WE HEAR R.8.

R.9 Proclamation Proclaiming the Week of April 8 through April 14, 2018 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in Multnomah County, Oregon. Presenters Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney and Denise C. Pena, Community Justice Mgr., Crime Victims Services Unit, DCJ

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.9.

Denise Pena: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM DENISE PINA. AND I AM THE MANAGER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE CRIME VICTIM SERVICES UNIT AND I AM HONORED TO BE BEFORE YOU ALL AGAIN DURING THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK. VICTIM SERVICES TENDS TO BE FRONT LOADED IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SUCH AS COMMUNITY-BASED ADVOCACY AND AT THE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THESE ARE MUCH NEEDED AND VITAL AND IMPORTANT SERVICES. ANY CRIME VICTIM CAN TELL YOU THAT THEIR EXPERIENCE IS NOT GOING TO END THAT CONVICTION. OUR SYSTEM HAS A TENDENCY TO WORK IN SILOS AND A VICTIM DOES NOT GET TO HAVE A SILOED EXPERIENCE. AS AN OFFENDER MOVES WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM SO DOES THEIR VICTIM. SINCE THE CREATION OF THE UNIT WE HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO HELP WITH WHAT WE CALL THE WARM HAND-OFF. DCJ VICTIM SERVICES UNIT HAS GROWN SINCE IT WAS RECREATED IN 2013 WITH WHAT STARTED OFF AS A LITTLE MIGHTY TEAM OF TWO HAVE GROWN TO THE LARGEST VICTIM SERVICES UNIT HERE IN THE STATE OF OREGON.

WE ENSURE THAT VICTIM'S RIGHTS ARE INTEGRATED INTO OUR SUPERVISION PRACTICES, AND WE PROVIDE SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS NAVIGATING THE SYSTEM. WE PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF CRITICAL STAGE HEARINGS TO THOSE WHO REQUESTED IT AS WELL AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS ON OUR STAFF SUCH AS SEX TRAFFICKING AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK SOME OF MY STAFF WHICH ARE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE THIS MORNING. EVER TO MY RIGHT IT IS THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO BETTER THE EXPERIENCE OF A VICTIM THAT IS SO VITAL TO OUR COMMISSION AND WORK. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT AND TIME TO THANK AND ACKNOWLEDGE DCJ'S DIRECTOR SCOTT TAYLOR AS THIS IS THE LAST PROCLAMATION OF THE

VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. IT WAS SCOTT'S VISION, UNCHANGING SUPPORT OF THIS UNIT THAT GOT US TO WHERE WE ARE AT TODAY. DCJ WAS ONLY ONE OF FOUR COMMUNITY DEPARTMENT CORRECTIONS IN THE STATE WITH ANY STAFF DESIGNATED FOR VICTIM SERVICES. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THIS NUMBER HAS GROWN TO SEVEN COUNTIES. THERE IS A CULTURE SHIFT HAPPENING WITH HOW THE [INAUDIBLE], PROGRESS CAN BE SLOW AT TIMES, BUT WE ARE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. LAST YEAR MYSELF, SCOTT TAYLOR AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERHILL WERE BEFORE YOU AND MENTIONED THE EXCITING WORK AND COLLABORATION THAT WE WERE DOING WITH THE GROUP CALLED CODE FOR AMERICA OUT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO AREA. AT THAT TIME WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE FINISHED PRODUCT WOULD BE.

Denise Pena: TODAY WE HAVE CASE COMPANION. A WEBSITE DESIGNED AND BUILT FOR THE CRIME VICTIMS TO BETTER ACCESS THEIR CASE AND OFFENDER INFORMATION. THIS MAY SEEM LIKE COMMON ACCEPTS THAT VICTIMS WOULD HAVE READILY ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION AND ACCESS TO THIS BUT PREVIOUSLY THIS HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE. CASE COMPANION IS THE FIRST PUBLIC WEBSITE DEDICATED TO THE CRIME VICTIMS REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE CASE IS IN THE SYSTEM. IT PROVIDES CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO VICTIMS SO INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR A LETTER IN THE MAIL THEY CAN GET CONNECTED WITH INFORMATION AND RESOURCES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO HELP. FOR EXAMPLE YOU CAN LOOK AT THE OFFENDER BY YOURSELF ON CASE COMPANION, IT COMBINES PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION INTO ONE PLACE TO GIVE CRIME VICTIMS SOME TRANSPARENCY INTO THE STATUS AND WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE. BECAUSE THE TERMINOLOGY IS COMPLEX, CASE COMPANION ALSO ATTEMPTS TO ANSWER FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS A VICTIM MIGHT HAVE, IN THE POST-CONVICTION WORLD IF THAT'S WHERE THE CASE IS AT, IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR THEM TO GET CONNECTED DIRECTLY TO THAT PERSON, SO IT MIGHT BE ROBIN WITH THE PEARL BOARD OR THE [INAUDIBLE] WHO WORKED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. THEY ARE ABLE TO GIVE A VICTIM MORE SPECIFIC ANSWERS AND EXPLAIN WHAT THE DATES MEAN OR HELP EXPLAIN WHAT THE NEXT STEPS ARE.

WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY CRIME VICTIM HAS SOMEONE WHO WILL ANSWER THEIR CALLS, IF THE OFFENDER IS ON PROBATION IT WILL BE OUR OWN CHELSEA PANNING, OUR DCJ VICTIM ADVOCATE. IT'S ABOUT AVOIDING THE RUN-AROUND. THE SUPPORT EXISTS. IT'S ABOUT GETTING VICTIMS CONNECTED TO THE PERSON TO ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS. THE INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE IS PUBLIC INFORMATION, BUT CONNECTING TO IT WAS NOT OBVIOUS. IN INTERVIEWING 18 CRIME VICTIMS AND 22 ADVOCATION AND EXPERTS WORKING WITH VICTIMS WE LEARNED THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND FOLKS DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT THE, WHAT TO SEARCH FOR AND ARE RELYING ON GOOGLE TO GET HELP IN THE NEXT STEPS. WHILE THIS PARTNERSHIP WAS ENTERED ON TECHNOLOGY, THE

SUCCESS OF ITS IMPACT, IT HAS IN A CRIME VICTIM'S WELLBEING. WHAT YOU SEE ON THE WEBSITE IS NOT ALL YOU CAN GET AS WELL. IF A VICTIM'S CASE IS STILL IN THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE THE VICTIM CAN GET INCREASED COMMUNICATION VIA EMAILS AS THE CASE MOVES THROUGH THE SYSTEM IF AN EMAIL ADDRESS IS PROVIDED. IN THE SHORT TIME WE HAVE HAD FELLOWS FROM CODE FOR AMERICA THERE ARE ADDITIONAL FEATURES THAT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THAT'S WHERE WE ARE AT TODAY.

Denise Pena: THE COMMITMENT OF THE ORIGINAL MULTNOMAH COUNTY PARTNERS WHO COLLABORATED AND THAT WOULD BE DCJ, DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERHILL'S OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, PEARL BOARD AS WELL AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS LAW INSTITUTE CONTINUE, AND WE HAVE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD WITH OUR NEWEST MEMBER, THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION. SO THE WORK CONTINUES. WE CONTINUE TO BUILD AND GROW CASE COMPANION HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT WE CAN REPORT OUT ON HOW THIS PROJECT THAT BEGAN BACK IN 2014 HAS EXPANDED ACROSS THE STATE AND AVAILABLE FOR EVEN MORE CRIME VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS. EVERY CRIME VICTIM DESERVES EASY, SIMPLE, AND RESPECTABLE SUPPORT FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM REGARDLESS OF THEIR JURISDICTION. SO HOPEFULLY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY UNDERHILL AND I WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THIS ALL STARTED BACK HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY IN OUR COMMUNITY AND WE MADE THIS HAPPEN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING.

Rod Underhill: MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, ROD UNDERHILL YOUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY. AND I AM ONCE AGAIN HONORED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO READ MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THIS WEEK HERE IN APRIL AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS WEEK. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS TO MAKE THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM MORE RESPONSIVE TO INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS AND PARTICULARLY TO THOSE THAT ARE VACATES OF CRIME. A PRIMARY CONCERN OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS TO ENSURE THAT CRIME VICTIMS HAVE A MEANINGFUL ROLE IN THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM AND TO ACCORD THEM DIGNITY AND RESPECT. IT IS TO THIS END THAT IT IS THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE OFFICE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO MAXIMIZE THE VICTIM INVOLVEMENT AT EVERY POSSIBLE STAGE OF A CRIMINAL CASE AND PROCEEDING.

THE OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS AS EMBODIED IN OREGON LAW. THE VICTIM ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS MADE UP OF JUST OVER 20 VERY HARD WORKING, VERY DEDICATED AND COMMITTED MEMBERS OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. AND IN FACT, LIKE DCJ, AND DENISE PINA'S TEAM IF YOU WILL, I HAVE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS HERE FROM MY OFFICE IN THAT ARE PROUD TO JOIN US BOTH TO SUPPORT THE WORK AND TO SHOW THEIR COMMITMENT AS I

REFERRED TO. THE REST OF THE 20 ARE NO DOUBT ACROSS THE RIVER WORKING HARD DOING JUST WHAT I HAVE OUTLINED. THEY DO WORK IN AREAS SUCH AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. CHILD ABUSE. HUMAN TRAFFICKING. SEXUAL ASSAULT. WORKING WITH FAMILIES OF HOMICIDE, SURVIVING FAMILY MEMBERS AND OTHER FORMS OF VIOLENT CRIME. THEY ALSO SERVE A BROAD ARRAY OF VICTIMS IN THE AREA OF PROPERTY CRIMES SUCH AS BURGLARY, IDENTITY THEFT AND STOLEN VEHICLES.

Rod Underhill: THE PARTNERSHIP, I HAVE A FEW PARAGRAPHS BUT I WILL GET TO SKIP THOSE RELATIVE TO THE CASE COMPANION. WE COMPARED NOTES A BIT AND I KNEW THAT MISS PINA WOULD DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF SUMMARIZING WHAT HAS GROWN TO BE A, AN OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP NOT JUST WITH DCJ AND THE HARD WORK THAT MISS PINA AND MY STAFF HAVE BEEN DOING, BUT PARTNERSHIPS UP AND DOWN AND AROUND THE STATE. YOU HEARD THOSE OUTLINED. THE CRIME VICTIMS RIGHTS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY JUSTICE. I WILL MOVE ONTO A COUPLE OTHER PROUD POINTS BEFORE READING THE PROCLAMATION. IN EARLY 2017 MY OFFICE HELPED DRAFT -- ACTUALLY WE DRAFTED, AND THEN WE TOOK THAT MATERIAL TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION HERE IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AND THEN LATER TO THE OREGON DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, A PROGRAM CALLED THE WITNESS INTIMIDATION SUPPORT PROGRAM. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT WORKS TO KEEP VICTIMS AND WITNESSES OF CRIME SAFE DURING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE ARE ABLE TO DO THAT THROUGH A SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCE. IT ALLOWS FOR RELOCATION OF THOSE VICTIMS AND WITNESSES, IF APPROPRIATE TOGETHER WITH SERVICES THAT THEY MAY NEED IN ORDER TO ASSIST AND FACILITATE THE PARTICIPATION IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING. I HAVE GOTTEN USED TO EACH TIME I READ THIS TO GIVE THIS BOARD AN UPDATE ON THE OUTSTANDING WORK THAT WE CONTINUE TO DO IN THE AREA OF ELIMINATING THE BACKLOG OF SEXUAL ASSAULTS, FORENSIC EVIDENCE KITS SO LET ME DO THAT ONE MORE TIME, I WILL PROBABLY DO IT NEXT YEAR IF ASKED.

AS WE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM ENDEAVOR TO DO BETTER WORK ON BEHALF OF CRIME VICTIMS, THERE IS NO BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO GIVE YOU ALL THIS UPDATE ON THE ELIMINATION OF UNTESTED SEXUAL ASSAULT FORENSIC EVIDENCE KITS AND THAT PROJECT. AS OF THE FIRST OF THIS MONTH, 2,069 KITS WERE SENT TO THE SORENSON LAB FOR TESTING THAT MY OFFICE HAS. ABOUT 2,500 OF THAT NEARLY 3,000 HAVE ACTUALLY BEEN TESTED AND ARE MAKING THEIR WAY BACK TO THIS LOCAL JURISDICTION FOR THEIR EVALUATION. SO THAT LEAVES APPROXIMATELY 300 THAT ARE BEYOND WHAT I HAVE JUST SAID. 300 OF THOSE I SHOULD SAY ARE BEYOND THE PROJECT THAT I HAD ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE DANI GRANT. THAT PROJECT WAS MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S BACKLOG TOGETHER WITH LANE AND MARION COUNTY. I HAD THE GOOD NEWS TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE SOUGHT AND OBTAINED PERMISSION IF YOU WILL, AUTHORIZATION TO USE

ADDITIONAL FUNDS THAT WE RECEIVED THROUGH THAT PROCESS TO ASSIST IN THE ELIMINATION OF NOT JUST THE THREE COUNTIES THAT I HAVE OUTLINED BUT THE REST OF THE STATE OF OREGON.

Rod Underhill: SO MY OFFICE HAS PARTNERED WITH OTHER PROSECUTORS, THE PORTLAND POLICE BUREAU, OF COURSE, LOCAL, AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND GPA BUT WE HAVE EXPANDED AGGRESSIVELY BEYOND THOSE BORDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE STATE OF OREGON. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE OREGON STATE CRIME LAB, VICTIM ADVOCATES, AND THIS BOARD WHICH I APPRECIATE GREATLY, AS WELL AS STATE LEGISLATORS. AND IT IS AT THIS TIME THAT I AM ABLE TO, I THINK, WITH A HIGH DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE, IF ASKED TO TALK TO YOU NEXT YEAR AND DURING THIS WEEK WHICH THAT'S A PLUG. AND I HOPE THAT THAT'S THE CASE. I SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPORT TO YOU THAT OREGON WILL JOIN A VERY SHORT NUMBER OF STATES, IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ONE, TWO, OR THREE THAT AS A STATE WILL HAVE ELIMINATED THEIR BACKLOG OF SAFE KITS. WITH THAT IT WILL BE A PROUD MOMENT. SO WITH THAT FACT TOGETHER WITH OUR ASSISTANCE, MY OFFICE'S AND OTHERS WORK IN THE PASSAGE OF APPLIES -- MELISSA'S LAW, IT ELIMINATES A SUBSEQUENT ACCUMULATION OF BACKLOG PRESENT AND INTO THE FUTURE. IT WILL BE IS A PROUD MOMENT HERE SHORTLY THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THE BACKLOG OF SAFE KITS SIMPLY DON'T EXIST IN THE STATE OF OREGON. SO WITH THAT IF I MIGHT I MIGHT MOVE ONTO THE FORMAL READING OF THE PROCLAMATION.

Chair Kafoury: IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS SO FAR? COMMENTS AFTER THE PROCLAMATION? GO AHEAD.

Rod Underhill: SHALL I PROCEED? THANK YOU. BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, PROCLAMATION NUMBER 2018-029, PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF APRIL 8-14 OF 2018 AS NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM'S RIGHTS WEEK IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS EACH YEAR THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY EXPERIENCE A TRAUMA, PAIN, HUMILIATION AND PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL LOSSES OF BEING A CRIME VICTIM. TOO OFTEN CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES ARE OVERLOOKED BY OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE IN ITS EFFORTS TO APPREHEND, PROSECUTE AND SANCTION CRIMINAL OFFENDERS. IN OREGON THE CONSTITUTION AND THE STATE STATUTES GIVE CRIME VICTIMS MORE THAN 60 LEGAL RIGHTS. WE EACH HAVE A ROLE IN TREATING CRIME VICTIMS WITH COMPASSION AND HONORING THEIR RIGHTS. EVERY VICTIM, EVERY CRIME, AND EVERY RIGHT AND EVERY TIME. SO IT CONTINUES TO READ THEN THAT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THAT THIS WEEK OF APRIL 8-14 OF 2018 TO BE NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. ADOPTED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN?

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU CHAIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. OBVIOUSLY IT'S A TRAGEDY WHEN VICTIMS HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS KIND OF TRAUMA, AND SOMETIMES WE OFTEN DON'T THINK ABOUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT HAPPENS WHILE JUSTICE IS BEING SERVED, AND SO CONSIDERING THE WIDE RANGE OF THE EMOTIONAL AND FINANCIAL AND ALL OF THE OTHER ISSUES THAT VICTIMS HAVE TO GO THROUGH I AM REALLY APPRECIATIVE THAT YOU BROUGHT THIS FORWARD AND THAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS ADDRESSING THEIR NEEDS AND SUPPORTING THEMSELVES AS WELL AS THEIR FAMILIES AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

Rod Underhill: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER STEGMANN.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: : SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND BOTH OF YOU FOR YOUR WORK YOU ARE DOING IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BUT FOCUSING ON THE HEART OF WHAT THIS PROCLAMATION IS ABOUT, AND THAT'S THE CRIME VICTIM'S, SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE ON THE BOARD I HAVE HAD THE HONOR OF SERVING AS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING, AND I THINK THAT HAS REALLY OPENED MY EYES TO A LOT OF THE WAYS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ARE IMPACTED WHEN A CRIME LIKE THAT IS PERPETRATED AGAINST THEM AND IN SO MANY OTHER WAYS AS WELL. I APPRECIATE NOT JUST THIS PROCLAMATION BUT THE WORK THAT REALLY SUPPORTS THIS IN TERMS OF MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE ENTERING THE EXPERIENCE OF THE VICTIMS AND WHAT THEY HAVE GONE THROUGH, SO THANK YOU.

Rod Underhill: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU D.A. UNDERHILL AND FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO. I APPRECIATE IT. YOU AND YOUR STAFF, YOU WORK REALLY HARD TO KEEP THE VICTIMS OF CRIME VICTIMS UP FRONT IN OUR WORK AND TO MAKE THE COMMUNITY A REALLY SAFE PLACE FOR US TO LIVE, WORK, AND PLAY. AND I ALSO KNOW THAT YOUR TEAM WORKS EVERY DAY TO ENSURE THAT VICTIMS ARE NOT REVICTIMIZED IN YOUR EFFORTS, AND THAT IS NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY ME. IT IS SO CRITICAL THAT EVERY CRIME VICTIM HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND SUPPORT, AND IT'S UP TO US TO MAKE SURE THAT HAPPENS. AS THE SAFETY NET GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THE SERVICE PROVIDERS WORK COLLABORATIVELY SO THAT THERE ARE NO GAPS FOR THOSE SEEKING THOSE SERVICES IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU DO. THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT. AND I APPRECIATE YOU STILL FIGHTING FOR THOSE 2,916 WAS IT KIDS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Rod Underhill: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SMITH.

Commissioner Meieran: MY FELLOW COMMISSIONERS, I THINK SAID IT ALL. I WANT TO ADD MY THANKS FOR THE TREMENDOUS WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE VICTIMS CRIMES. THANK YOU.

Rod Underhill: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MEIERAN.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU TO YOUR STAFF AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE WORKING TO SUPPORT THESE VICTIMS/SURVIVORS. I WAS SO INTERESTED A FEW WEEKS AGO TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION THAT YOU GAVE TO US ABOUT THE VICTIM'S PORTAL, AND THE WAY IT ALLOWS PEOPLE TO TAKE BACK SOME CONTROL OF THEIR EXPERIENCE. THE THOUGHT THAT HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE THIS TO ANOTHER BIGGER, BETTER PLATFORM STATEWIDE IS REALLY EXCITING AS WELL. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THIS BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY BEHIND YOU SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU.

Rod Underhill: THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. YEAH. [APPLAUSE]

R.8 Rescinding the appointment of two members of the Community Involvement Committee. Presenters: Dani Bernstein, Executive Director of the Office of Community Involvement; Anna Marie Allen, Community Engagement Advisor for Chair Kafoury

Chair Kafoury: A MOTION? COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.8.

Anna Marie Allen: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, I AM ANNA MARIE ALLEN, THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ADVISOR IN CHAIR KAFOURY'S OFFICE. I AM JOINED BY DANI BERNSTEIN, AND THE LAYMAN BETWEEN THE CHAIR'S OFFICE AND OCI. I LOOK FOR WAYS TO PARTNER AROUND APPOINTMENTS, OUTREACH PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES AND ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES. WE ARE BRINGING FORWARD A DIFFICULT BUT CRITICAL CONVERSATION AND DECISION POINT. ONE THAT HAS PROMPTED THE OCI AND THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND EQUITY TO DISCUSS HOW WE AS THE COUNTY APPLY THE EQUITY LENS TOOL AND ADOPTED WORKFORCE EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN TO THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF OUR VOLUNTEER PUBLIC OFFICIALS. FIRST WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION THAT HAS BROUGHT THAT QUESTION TO THE FOREFRONT OF OUR ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE HERE TO REQUEST TWO INDIVIDUALS BE REMOVED FROM THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE DUE TO CONDUCT THAT DOES NOT ALIGN WITH COUNTY VALUES. 33

COMPLAINTS FROM EIGHT INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO COUNTY STAFF REGARDING THE TWO INDIVIDUALS NAMED IN TODAY'S BOARD ACTION. THIS REQUEST IS NOT ABOUT EXCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WHO PUSH BACK OR CHALLENGE HOW WE AS A COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATE. WE HAVE DIVERSE IDEAS AND VOICES.

Anna Marie Allen: BUT THERE IS A RESPECTFUL AND INCLUSIVE WAY OF INSURING EVERYONE AT THE TABLE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE EQUITABLE CHANGE OUR COMMUNITY WANTS AND DESERVES. TODAY IS ABOUT LEANING INTO DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS AND ACTUALLY LISTENING AND ACTING WHEN OUR EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS BRING FORWARD CONCERNING EXPERIENCES. LAST WEEK THIS BOARD APPROVED THE WORKFORCE EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN. IT HIGHLIGHTS A FRAMEWORK THAT CALLS OUT THE CONCEPT OF SAFETY, TRUST AND BELONGING. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING CHANGES THAT ALIGN WITH THAT FRAMEWORK. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO STAND WITH AND PROTECT OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO EXPERIENCE OPPRESSIVE AND INTIMIDATING BEHAVIOR WHILE ENGAGING IN THE COUNTY SYSTEM. WE HAVE HEARD FROM PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS OF THE CIC THAT THERE IS A DESIRE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH ESTABLISHING THE GROUPS PRIORITIES AND PARTNERING WITH THIS BOARD TO ENSURE AUTHENTIC EQUITABLE CIVIC INVOLVEMENT. WE HAVE ALSO HEARD FROM STAFF THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCREASED PARTNERSHIP WITH OCI AND CIC TO BRING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY VOICE TO OUR WORK. MY HOPE IS THAT FROM HERE WE CAN STRENGTHEN THESE RELATIONSHIPS, BECAUSE ULTIMATELY WE HAVE THE SAME GOAL. TO CENTER THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. NOW I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO DANNY BERNSTEIN TO SHARE MORE ABOUT THE PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS. THANK YOU

Dani Bernstein: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS AS ANNA SAID MY NAME IS DANI BERNSTEIN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE STEPS THAT BOCI TOOK TO ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE THE BEHAVIORAL CONCERNS AND ENSURE THAT EVERYONE INVOLVED HAD A CHANCE TO BE HEARD AND I'LL ALSO TALK ABOUT WHAT COMES NEXT AFTER TODAY'S BOARD ACTION. MY OFFICE DOES NOT TAKE LIGHTLY THE REQUEST TO REMOVE VOLUNTEERS FROM A COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE KNOW THAT OUR VOLUNTEERS GIVE GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND ARE DEEPLY INVESTED IN WORKING ALONGSIDE US TO SERVE THE COMMUNITIES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. OUR BODIES PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE IN OUR WORK BRINGING COMMUNITY VOICE INTO COUNTY DECISION MAKING. THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE OR CIC HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY AT THE COUNTY AS THE COUNTY'S ADVISORY BODY ON OUR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS AND PRACTICES. BOTH MYSELF AND OCI'S PROGRAM MANAGER STAFF THE CIC PROVIDING THEM WITH

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND CONDUCTING OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENT WHEN THERE ARE VACANCIES.

Dani Bernstein: WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY AS COUNTY STAFF TO ENSURE THAT OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE WORKING IN A SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. IN JANUARY, WE BEGAN TO RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM CIC MEMBERS REGARDING THEIR EXPERIENCES WORKING WITH TWO OTHER CIC MEMBERS. SINCE THEN OUR OFFICE HAS DOCUMENTED 21 COMPLAINTS FROM EIGHT INDIVIDUALS REGARDING 1C I-84 C MEMBER'S BEHAVIOR AND WE'VE RECEIVED 12 COMPLAINTS FROM SIX INDIVIDUALS REGARDING THE SECOND CIC MEMBER'S BEHAVIOR. THE MAJORITY OF THESE COMPLAINTS ARE THE RESULT OF VERBAL INTERACTIONS. THESE VOLUNTEERS REPORTED FEELING BULLIED, INTIMIDATED AND THREATENED, MEMBERS TOLD US THEY FELT UNSAFE AND UNABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CIC, THAT THEY FEARED RETALIATION FOR EXPRESSING CONCERNS, AND SEVERAL MEMBERS SAID THEY WERE CONSIDERING QUITTING THE COMMITTEE BECAUSE OF THE TREATMENT THEY HAD EXPERIENCED.

THE CHAIR'S OFFICE ALSO RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS AND THOSE ARE INCLUDED IN THE NUMBERS I JUST MENTIONED. AS OUR OFFICE BEGAN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS WE BEGAN CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY HR ON HOW TO RESPOND. WE RECEIVED AN INCREASING NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS IN LATE FEBRUARY. AND SO WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND HR I REACHED OUT TO BOTH INDIVIDUAL ON MARCH 14TH REQUESTING THAT THEY MEET WITH MYSELF AND COUNTY HR. TO DISCUSS THE CONCERNS OTHERS AND EXPRESSED AND HOW WE COULD WORK TOGETHER TO FOSTER A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE, BOTH INDIVIDUALS DECLINED TO MEET. AGAIN WITH CONSULTATION FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEYS AND HR I DRAFTED LETTER OF EXPECTATION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHICH OUTLINE THE CONCERNS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR COUNTY PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THIS LETTER WAS SENT TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS ON MARCH 20TH ALONG WITH A SECOND REQUEST TO MEET, I DID NOT RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM EITHER INDIVIDUAL.

A WEEK LATER I SENT A THIRD REQUEST TO SET UP A MEETING AND STATED THAT IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AND INSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE WORK ENVIRONMENT IS SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND WELCOMING. IN THIS LAST REQUEST I WAS CLEAR THAT I WOULD CONSIDER REQUESTING THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESCIND THEIR APPOINTMENT TO THE CIC. THIS LAST REQUEST WAS SENT ON MARCH 26TH . I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM EITHER INDIVIDUAL TO THIS THIRD REQUEST. GIVEN THAT BOTH INDIVIDUALS HAVE REFUSED OR NOT RESPONDED TO REQUEST TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COUNTY STAFF TO BE HEARD OR ADDRESS CONCERNS AND GIVEN THE

SEVERITY OF THE CONCERNS THAT MULTIPLE CIC MEMBER REPORT FEELING UNSAFE, BULLIED AND INTIMIDATED WE ARE ASKING THAT BOARD REMOVE THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM THE CIC. LAST THURSDAY WE NOTIFIED BOTH INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS THE FULL CIC THAT OUR OFFICE WOULD BE SUBMITTING THIS REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION. AGAIN OUR OFFICE DOESN'T TAKE THIS LIGHTLY, THERE ARE CIC MEMBERS THAT HAS EXPRESSED THAT THEY DO NOT FEEL IT IS THE ROLE OF STAFF TO MAKE THIS REQUEST AND WHO HAVE NOT EXPERIENCED THE BEHAVIORS I HAVE DESCRIBED, BUT I FEEL IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT OUR VOLUNTEERS HAVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO BRING THIS REQUEST TO YOU ON BEHALF OF THE VOLUNTEERS WHO REACHED OUT TO OUR OFFICE. VOLUNTEERS WHO EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO DO THE COMMITTEES WORK BUT FEEL UNABLE TO DO SO WHEN FEELING BULLIED AND INTIMIDATED.

Dani Bernstein: AS STAFF I WANT TO BRING THEIR CONCERNS TO THE FOR FRONT. SO THE PEOPLE WHO REPORTED THIS BEHAVIOR DON'T HAVE TO FEAR RETALIATION. WE WOULD NOT ASK THOSE FOLKS TO BE HER TO TESTIFY TODAY WHEN THEY ARE FEELING UNSAFE. MY OFFICE HAS SPOKEN WITH SEVERAL CIC MEMBERS THIS WEEK WHO HAVE EXPRESSED RELIEF AND SUPPORT THAT WE REQUESTED THIS ACTION. IN TERMS OF NEXT STEP FOR THE CIC THE COMMITTEES NEXT MEETING IS THIS TUESDAY APRIL 17TH . THE CIC STEERING COMMITTEE SETS THE AGENDA FOR MEETING AND STAFF WILL RECOMMEND THAT TIME BE ALLOCATED AT THAT MEETING FOR MEMBER TO DISCUSS WITH STAFF THE OUTCOME OF TODAY AND ASK ANY QUESTIONS. WE'LL ALSO BE SEEKING INPUT FROM THE CIC ABOUT THE NEXT STEPS TO MOVE THEIR WORK FORWARD AND ANY SUPPORT THEY NEED FROM COUNTY STAFF. THE CIC IS ALSO CURRENTLY WORKING WITH A FACILITATOR SELECTED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND SHE WILL BE SUPPORTING THE GROUP TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN GROUP AGREEMENTS AND CLARIFY DECISION MAKING PROCESSES AND TO IDENTIFY ANY NEXT STEPS AROUND MEDIATION OR RESTORATIVE JUSTICE THAT THE GROUP FEELS IS NEEDED TO MOVE FORWARD.

THIS PROCESS HAS ALSO PROMPTED US TO REEVALUATE HOW WE ONBOARD NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CONVEY EXPECTATIONS OF VOLUNTEER PUBLIC OFFICIALS. WE ALSO WANT TO CONSIDER HOW WE HOLD OUR VOLUNTEERS ACCOUNTABLE TO CONDUCTING THEMSELVES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH COUNTY VALUES AND WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN VOLUNTEERS HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT OTHER VOLUNTEERS OR STAFF THAT THEY KNOW WHERE TO TURN WITH IN TH COUNTY FOR ASSISTANCE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOUR OFFICES AND OTHER COUNTY STAFF TO EXPLORE HOW THE NEW WORKFORCE EQUITY STRATEGIC PLAN CAN APPLY TO OUR VOLUNTEERS PUBLIC OFFICIALS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU DO PEOPLE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR DANI BEFORE PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Smith: MADAME CHAIR I DO HAVE A QUESTION, THANK YOU DANI FOR COMING BEFORE US TODAY AND AFTER REVIEWING THE COUNTY CHARTER AND THE RELEVANT CODE. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BOARD RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE 15 MEMBERS OF THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE IS VERY CLEAR IN THE CHARTER. SECTION 3.251 SECTION B SUBSECTION 1 STATES THE BOARD SHALL APPOINT 15 MEMBERS, THREE MEMBER RESIDING IN EACH OF THE 4 COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, AND THREE COUNTY RESIDENT AT LARGE, BUT I FAIL TO SEE THE LANGUAGE THAT GIVES THE AUTHORITY FOR THIS BOARD TO REMOVE CIC MEMBERS. WHAT IS YOUR TAKE ON THIS?

Anna Marie Allen: WE WERE ADVISED THAT IT'S UP TO THE DISCRETION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT OR REMOVE MEMBERS WHO ARE ON AN ADVISORY BODY THAT ADVISES THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Smith: WHERE DO YOU SEE THAT IN THE CODE OR THE COUNTY CHARTER THAT GIVES US THIS DISCRETION?

Dani Bernstein: THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR APPOINTING THE MEMBER, WE WANTED TO KNOW. WHAT WAS THE AVENUE TO MAKE THIS DECISION AND AS WE WERE CONSULTING WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND COUNTY HR THERE WAS NO OTHER BODY WITHIN THE COUNTY THAT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE THESE MEMBERS BECAUSE THEY ARE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. I DO THINK THAT ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE CAN EXPLORE THROUGH THIS PROCESS IS THE IMPROVEMENTS WE CAN MAKE TO COUNTY CODE TO MAKE THESE PROSES MORE CLEAR WITH AROUND ONBOARDING VOLUNTEERS, VOLUNTEER EXPECTATIONS AND THAT IS SOMETHING WE WOULD BE EXCITED TO WORK WITH YOU ON.

Commissioner Smith: TO BE CLEAR, THE ONLY AUTHORITY WE HAVE AS A BOARD IN THE CHARTER IS TO APPOINT. IT DOES NOT GIVE US THE AUTHORITY TO DISMISS OR TO TERMINATE. AM I CORRECT?

Dani Berstein: I WOULD LOOK TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO CLARIFY WHAT'S IN CODE.

Commissioner Smith: HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE CHARTER?

Dani Bernstein: YES.

Commissioner Smith: AND WHEN YOU LOOKED AT THE CHARTER, DID IT SAY THAT IT GIVES US THE AUTHORITY AS A BOARD TO TERMINATE? IT ONLY SAYS THAT WE ONLY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO NOMINATE.

Jenny Madkour: COMMISSIONER SMITH, THE SECTION THAT YOU'RE CITING IS THE COUNTY CODE AND I HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND HAVE ADVISED THAT THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAINTAINS AUTHORITY TO SELECT ITS MEMBERS AS ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND THAT AUTHORITY INHERENT IN THAT IS ALSO THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE PEOPLE WHEN THEIR SERVICES ARE NO LONGER NEEDED OR WHEN IT NO LONGER MEETS THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNTY AND IT IS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, NOT THE OFFICE OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT, TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS.

Commissioner Smith: THE E-MAIL THAT YOU SENT ME, COUNTY ATTORNEY, YOU SAID THAT THE CHARTER, NOR THE COUNTY CODE HAS ANY LANGUAGE THAT GIVES US THE AUTHORITY TO DISMISS OR TERMINATE. I LOOKED FOR IT BECAUSE I WAS NOT CLEAR MYSELF. I DIDN'T SEE IT. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE SAYING AS A WHOLE, WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THAT AS A BOARD, BUT IT IS NOT INDICATED IN THE CHARTER LIKE IT IS THAT GIVES US THE RESPONSIBILITY TO APPOINT. IT DOESN'T GIVE US THE RESPONSIBILITY TO TERMINATE. THE CHARTER DOES NOT.

Jenny Madkour: THE CHARTER DOESN'T SPEAK TO IT, THAT IS CORRECT.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Jenny M. Madkour: HOWEVER, THE BOARD DOES HAVE DISCRETION AND DOES HAVE AUTHORITY TO SELECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT ADVISE THE BOARD.

Commissioner Smith: ACCORDING TO WHO? WE GET OUR DIRECTION FROM THE CHARTER AND THE COUNTY CODE, IF IT IS NOT IN THE CHARTER, IF THE LANGUAGE IS NOT IN THE COUNTY CODE, WE DO NOT HAVE THAT AUTHORITY. AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR. THIS IS YOUR DISCRETIONARY, THIS IS YOUR OPINION, IT IS NOT IDENTIFIED IN THE CODE AND IT IS NOT IN THE CHARTER. SO WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY DOES NOT APPEAR THAT WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT WE'RE DOING TODAY. YOU DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO BRING THIS TO US. TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BEFORE WE LISTEN TO PUBLIC COMMENT? WOULD YOU CALL PEOPLE UP? THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: I'LL CALL FOUR PEOPLE AT A TIME. [READING NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Jan Johnson: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY, MY NAME IS JAN JOHNSON. AND YOU'VE SEEN ME IN THESE CHAIRS MANY TIMES. USUALLY, I'M ASKING

FOR AND OFTENTIMES THANKING YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE POLICY AND TRAINING REGARDING IMMIGRANT PROTECTIONS. AND EACH TIME I HAVE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY. THAT'S WHY I'M TESTIFYING HERE TODAY. I HAVE THREE CONCERNS ABOUT AGENDA ITEM R.8. ONE, WE ALL NEED TO HEAR AND RESPECT OPPOSING VIEWS. I WAS PART OF A COMPANY WHERE WE GREW FROM 12 PEOPLE AND NO ASSETS TO MORE THAN 900 PEOPLE AND \$12 BILLION IN ASSETS IN 10 YEARS. AND EVERY ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS, CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT WAS KEY, ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT BY ITS NATURE IS FEISTY. THE WHOLE POINT OF CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT IS TO OPEN UP A SPACE FOR VOICES AND SOMETIMES, THOSE VOICES GET LOUD AND ANGRY.

Jan Johnson: IN MY EXPERIENCE, SOMETIMES, PEOPLE BRING GUNS, BUT NEVER DID WE DESCRIBE ANY CITIZEN IN THE KIND OF LANGUAGE YOU USED IN AGENDA ITEM R..8. ANY ATTACK ON A VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY MEMBER IS PUNCHING DOWN. AND PUNCHING DOWN IS NEVER OKAY. TWO, IN MY OPINION, THESE CLAIMS ARE NOT BELIEVABLE. THEY HAVE PROVIDED I.T. CONSULTING FOR MY BUSINESS FOR NEARLY SEVEN YEARS, SIX YEARS. AND AS A RESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT, I ADMIRE HIS WORK AS PRESIDENT OF THE HOLLYWOOD BOOSTERS AND WE SHARE A COMMON PASSION FOR BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE. WHILE I WAS PUTTING UP WIND FARMS IN RED STATES AND RED PORTIONS OF BLUE STATES, I WAS HELPING TO BRIDGE THE DIVIDE. I VIEW YOU AS A MODEL OF REDUCING POLARIZATION SO FOR ME, THE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE HIM ARE IN MY EXPERIENCE NOT CREDIBLE. THREE, WE NEED MORE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT TODAY THAN EVER BEFORE. I'VE BEEN TALKING WITH YOUR STAFFERS AND SOME OF YOU PERSONALLY ABOUT REDRESS. SPECIFICALLY CREATING A JOINT OMBUDSMAN OFFICE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND ALONG THE LINES OF WHAT THEY HAVE IN DAYTON, OHIO, AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY. I'M IN FAVOR OF MORE INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT WITH MORE ROBUST STRUCTURES TO ADDRESS COMPLAINTS AND IMPROVE PRACTICES, NOT STAFF-LED CITIZEN RUBBER STAMPING. ANYBODY VOLUNTEERING TIME AND ENERGY TO EXERT GRASSROOTS POWER DESERVES TO BE HEARD. THIS IS NOT THE TIME IN HISTORY TO SILENCE CITIZEN VOICES. ALL PUNCHING DOWN, ALL THE PUNCHING DOWN THIS NATION CAN STAND IS COMING FROM THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN THE LAND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. I WILL FOLLOW UP WITH EACH OF YOUR OFFICES ON THIS MATTER. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. SO WE HAVE A LONG AGENDA, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF OTHER ITEMS SO IF PEOPLE COULD PLEASE NONVERBALLY COMMUNICATE THEIR SUPPORT OR NON-NOISILY. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Dr. Gloria Ngezaho: GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS GLORIA NGEZAHO, THANK YOU FOR IT HAVING ME HERE. I'M CURRENTLY ON THE CIC AND I'M REALLY,

REALLY DISAPPOINTED, EMBARRASSED AT SOME OF THE ACCUSATIONS I HEARD THIS MORNING BECAUSE SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE NEW TO ME. I SIT ON THE CIC AND I'M NOT AWARE OF SOME OF THESE THINGS AND TO ME, IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOME SHADOWY BUSINESS HAPPENING IN THE BACKGROUND THAT'S REALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND COUNTER TO THE WORK THAT WE DO AS A PUBLIC ENTITY AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY I'M HERE THIS MORNING. I'M SUPPOSED TO BE IN SEATTLE. I'M PROBABLY GOING TO GET A TICKET BECAUSE MY CAR IS OUT THERE, BUT THIS IS TOO IMPORTANT, AND I THINK A TICKET IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR THAT. WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WHO ARE PASSIONATE ON THE CIC. GREG AND UTE AND OTHERS AND WHAT WE'RE HERE TO DO, WE VOLUNTEER OUR TIME IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THIS PLACE IS A GOOD PLACE, A SAFE PLACE WHERE WE HAVE MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES. AND SOMETIMES, IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, PEOPLE MAY COME ACROSS AS BEING INTIMIDATING, QUOTE/UNQUOTE, AND THREATENING.

Dr. Gloria Ngezaho: I'VE NEVER FELT THREATENED BY EITHER ONE OF THE TWO. IN FACT, IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO EMBODIES TRANSPARENCY AND ROBUST DISCUSSION AND EQUITY, I CAN'T FIND ANY BETTER EXEMPLARS OF THAT. IS IT LOUD SOMETIMES? YES, IT IS, BUT THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES. A PROCESS, A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IS A MESSY PROCESS. WE NEED TO ALLOW SPACE FOR EVERYBODY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AND FOR ME, THIS IS A TREMENDOUS LACK OF DUE PROCESS. WE HAVEN'T BEEN GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY AND A TIME AS A BODY, THE LARGEST CIC BODY, TO WORK THROUGH SOME OF OUR DIFFERENCES AND FOR THAT TO GO FROM WHERE IT WAS TO GET TO THIS POINT HERE, NO ONE EVER ASKING US A QUESTION HOW WE FEEL, IT'S REALLY -- I MEAN, JUST SHOWS LIKE -- I DON'T KNOW EMBARRASSING IS EVEN THE WORD I WANT TO USE FOR THAT. I FEEL LIKE THERE'S SOME BACKGROUND BUSINESS THAT'S TAKING PLACE THAT I DON'T KNOW AND I CAN'T PUT MY FINGERS ON. PUT BUT I ALSO FEEL LIKE WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WHO CARE AND WE SHOULD BE GIVING THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A CONVERSATION. I RESPECT ALL CIC STAFF. I ALSO RESPECT MY COLLEAGUES ON THE CIC. AND I THINK WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY. COMMUNITY LEADERS WHO ARE GIVING THEIR TIME TO COME AND TRY TO MAKE THE CITY AND THE COUNTY A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE AND TO TREAT THEM THIS WAY FOR ME IS JUST NOT EQUITABLE. IT GOES CONTRARY TO EVERYTHING THAT WE STAND FOR AS A COUNTY AND SO I WAS GOING TO URGE A NO VOTE, BUT I THANK COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR CLARIFYING THAT AT THE BEGINNING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Judy Hadley : I'M JUDY HADLEY. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 2. I HAVE A COUPLE OF OBSERVATIONS. DURING MY TENURE AS FORMER CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE, I ASPIRED TO EMULATE PRESIDENT OBAMA'S BELIEFS AND PRACTICES SURROUNDING THE VALUE OF CIVILITY. MR. OBAMA

BELIEVES THAT REASON OVERTAKES NEGATIVITY AND THAT GIVEN TIME, PEOPLE RESPOND POSITIVELY TO CIVILITY AND RATIONAL ARGUMENT. AN ASTONISHING LACK OF CIVILITY HAS SHOWN ITSELF TO BE INVADING OUR LITTLE BAND OF APPOINTED VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS OF THE CIC, WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE FREE DEMOCRATIC DISCOURSE OF ITS MEMBERS. ABANDONMENT OF REASON, SHOUTING DOWN, AND DENOUNCEMENT OF SPEAKERS IS PUSHING AWAY NEW AND OLD MEMBERS. DIMINISHING OUR NUMBERS. THE WELCOMING EXPERIENCE OF MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN COMPROMISED. THESE BEHAVIORS, WHICH I HAVE WITNESSED MUST STOP BEFORE THE CIC CAN EVER BEGIN TO REACH ITS POTENTIAL. AS OF NOW, THE CIC IS AT A STANDSTILL. I'LL LEAVE YOU WITH ONE MORE LESSON PRESIDENT OBAMA SET DOWN FOR US. CIVILITY ALSO REQUIRES RELEARNING HOW TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Bernardino Delatorre-Gurrero: GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I WANT TO FIRST PREFACE BY THANKING MARINA FOR MAKING A COURAGEOUS ATTEMPT TO SAY MY NAME AND YOU DID A GREAT JOB. THANK YOU. I'M BERNARDINA DELATORRE-GURRERO AT-LARGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MEMBER AND I FELT MYSELF INCLINED TO COME AND SPEAK HERE BEFORE YOU BECAUSE WHAT I HAVE NOTICING OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS IS THAT DUE TO MR. GREG ANDERSON'S GREAT EFFORTS AND DUE DILIGENCE HAS PREPARED A PACKET OF NARRATIVE, OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE THAT HAS EDUCATED US TO THE EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF OUR ROLE. AND ALSO HOPEFULLY EDUCATES THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE AN INDEPENDENT BODY. WHAT I'VE NOTICED IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS IS SORT OF LIKE THIS USURPING OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AND THIS IS WHY I'VE WRITTEN LETTERS TO THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT THAT YOU HAVE ALSO SEEN THAT I SENT MOST RECENTLY BECAUSE I FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR VOICES BE HEARD AND THAT LIFE IS A TWO WAY STREET AS MY GRANDFATHER TAUGHT ME. HE ALSO TAUGHT ME TO STAND UP FOR INJUSTICE WHEN IT'S HAPPENING AND TO SPEAK UP FOR THOSE LESS FORTUNATE.

I HAVE LEARNED OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS THAT I REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF VOICES AND THEY'RE PRIMARILY IN THE SHADOWS THAT CONTRIBUTE BOTH CULTURALLY AND ECONOMICALLY TO THE COUNTY. AND THIS IS WHY I'M HERE TO SPEAK UP FOR THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS, MR. ANDERSON AND UTE. AND UTE WHO IS A REFUGEE AND REPRESENTS THE THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES IN THIS COUNTY. I FEEL THAT THESE ACTIONS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO RACE RELATIONS AND I'M GLAD FOR MS. SMITH FOR CLARIFYING AND ALLOWING US THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET NEXT WEEK, TUESDAY, AND ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS,

OUR DIFFERENCES, IN A WAY THAT IS INDEPENDENT AND WITHOUT INTERFERENCE. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

Board Clerk: PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. [READING NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: YOU CAN BEGIN.

Greg Anderson: GREETINGS. THANK YOU, HONORABLE CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. MY NAME IS GREG ANDERSON AND I'M CURRENTLY THE CHAIR OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE. I WAS ELECTED CHAIR I THINK IT WAS LASTING SEPTEMBER. I WAS ACTUALLY SERVING IN THE CAPACITY ON THE CIC BACK IN 2016 DURING WHAT I'VE COME TO CALL THE DEBACLE OF 2016, THINKING THAT I WAS A MEMBER, BUT FINDING OUT, IN FACT, THE PAPERWORK NEVER GOT OUT OF THE OFFICE AND I WAS APPOINTED AMONG 10 CHOICES IN NOVEMBER OF 2016 TO THE CIC AND SERVED AS VICE CHAIR AND WAS ELECTED TO CHAIR IN SEPTEMBER. I SORT OF DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY. I WILL TELL YOU THAT I HAVE A FEELING THAT IT'S KIND OF A KNOT IN MY THROAT AND A KNOT IN MY GUT. I'VE NEVER FACED THESE KINDS OF ACCUSATIONS IN MY LIFE. I'VE SERVED ON MULTIPLE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEES. I CHAIRED A PLANNING COMMISSION FOR FIVE OF THE SIX YEARS THAT I WAS SEATED ON THAT PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A MUNICIPALITY PREVIOUS TO ME MOVING HERE. I RAN FOR MAYOR AND SERVED A TERM AND I'VE SAT IN CONTENTIOUS MEETINGS BEFORE, BUT I'VE NEVER, EVER BEEN FACED WITH SUCH AN EGREGIOUS ACCUSATION. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE BEEN INDICTED, I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN FOUND GUILTY AND I FEEL LIKE I'M FACING PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE A SENTENCE TO ME WITHOUT DUE PROCESS. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THAT, EXCEPT TO CATEGORICALLY DENY THOSE ACCUSATIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO READ FOUR SENTENCES TO YOU, ONE LONG ONE. THE OFFICE OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED, THE OFFICE OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES, DESIGNED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE CITIZENS AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

TWO, THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT PROCESS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE. THREE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL APPROPRIATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE. FOURTH AND FINAL, THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE AND FIRE ITS STAFF, AND I THINK INHERENT IN THAT IS EVERYTHING BETWEEN HIRING AND FIRING, WHICH MEANS SUPERVISION. THE SENTENCES I JUST READ YOU ARE THE 1984 VOTER APPROVED CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT WAS

APPROVED OVERWHELMINGLY. AND I HAVE TRIED AND WHEN I FIRST TOOK OFFICE, I SAID THAT THERE WERE THREE THINGS I WANTED TO PROMOTE DURING MY TENURE. ONE WAS I WANTED TO PROMOTE FULL DISCLOSURE. SECONDLY I WANTED TO PROMOTE ROBUST DISCUSSION AND THIRDLY I WANT TO PROMOTE TRANSPARENT DECISION MAKING. I FEEL I'VE BEEN -- THERE'S BEEN GREAT OBSTRUCTION IN BRINGING THIS REPORT THAT YOU'VE BEEN FURNISHED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I WOULD ASK YOU TO PLEASE NOT SUPPORT THE REQUEST. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Yu Te: HELLO, COMMISSIONERS. I WILL LET MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS DEFEND MYSELF. LIKE GREG I FEEL I'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF SOMETHING THAT ISN'T TRUE AND IT'S HURTFUL. AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY THIS, BUT I WAS BORN IN CAMBODIA AND I KNOW WHAT PERSECUTION IS AND THIS IS NOT ON THAT LEVEL, BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT WHEN SOMETHING STARTS OVER, WHEN THE CIC HAS A 34, 35 YEARS OF HISTORY, BUT THE LAST THREE YEARS, THERE HAS BEEN AN ATTEMPT TO START OVER AND BRUSH ASIDE THOSE LONG YEARS OF HISTORY AND SO I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THAT PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. IN CAMBODIA, 1975, THERE WAS AN ATTEMPT TO DO THAT AND IT LASTED FOUR YEARS AND A LOT OF DESTRUCTION HAPPENED WHEN THE ATTEMPT WAS TO SET ASIDE THE LEGAL STRUCTURE, THE ENFORCEMENT, THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS, EDUCATION, AND SO FORTH AND SO THIS IS NOT ON THAT SCALE, BUT THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF THIS. AND SO I'VE INVITED SOME OTHER FRIENDS TO COME AND TALK ABOUT THE HISTORY, BUT WHAT I DO WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS THE POINTS OF INTEREST. CIC CHAIR GREG HAD LEADERSHIP UNDERMINED SINCE THE BEGINNING WHEN HISTORY PROJECT COMPLETED BY GREG SHOWS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF CIC, THAT CONFLICT WITH THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF 30 YEARS OF HISTORY FROM 1984.

THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL DISTORTIONS TO THE FACTS THAT WERE MADE IN THE ALLEGATIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS. THE EVIDENCE WILL SHOW THAT IT IS MOST LIKELY TO PREVENT GREG AND UTE FROM FURTHERING THE HISTORY PROJECT THAT THE NEXT CIC RETREAT AND WITH OTHER -- [READING] WITHOUT TRANSPARENCY OF THE DECISION MAKING AND ROBUST PUBLIC DEBATE LIKE THAT WHICH CREATED THE CIC IN 1984. KEY QUESTIONS, ARE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INDIVIDUALLY AWARE OF CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS TO THE CIC WITHOUT TRANSPARENCY IN THE COUNTY ORDINANCE? HOW WERE THE CHANGES TO THE CIC MADE? WHO MADE THEM? WHEN WERE THEY MADE? PERTINENT TO THE ALLEGATIONS, WHY WERE CONCERNS RAISED AFTER THE RETREAT WAS CANCELED? LONG, DETAILED TIMELINE WHICH REFERS TO THE NEWS AGENCY AND TO THE PUBLIC, IF YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THAT. THESE QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. AND I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I STARTED TO BE AN ACTIVIST IN 1970. I'VE BEEN DOING THIS ALMOST 50 YEARS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS ACTION BEFORE. A BOARD VOTING TO REMOVE TWO MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE. IT'S USUALLY DONE IN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AND THE REASON FOR THAT, AND I'M A REAL FIGHTER FOR TRANSPARENCY WHEN IT COMES TO THIS BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL. BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS! COME ON, FOLKS! THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WHERE EVERYBODY SITS DOWN AND HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. NOT HERE IN PUBLIC. THIS IS INSANE TO DO IT THIS WAY. AND IT'S INSULTING TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS! WE LOVE STAFF BECAUSE IN MY PREVIOUS LIFE, I KNOW HOW HARD THEY WORKED BECAUSE I WAS ONE. TO INSULT TWO VOLUNTEERS AND NOT GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND THEMSELVES IT'S JUST HYPOCRISY AT ITS VERY CORE. COME ON, FOLKS! I KNOW YOU HAVE YOUR MINDS MADE UP ON THIS BECAUSE IT WOULDN'T BE HERE IF YOU DIDN'T. BUT FOR JUST ONCE, DON'T BE THE PIRATE AYE WHEN THE VOTE COMES. VOTE YOUR BRAIN. THESE ARE VOLUNTEERS. I LOVE VOLUNTEERS. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE INTERNAL WORKINGS BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW THEM. I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR PROTOCOL. YOUR PROTOCOL SUCKS. COMMISSIONER SMITH BROUGHT UP A REALLY INTERESTING FACT. IT'S NOT IN YOUR CHARTER TO FIRE THESE PEOPLE. IT'S IMPLIED BY THE CITY, NOT THE CITY ATTORNEY, SORRY, COUNTY ATTORNEY. IT'S IMPLIED. THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. SO VOTE YOUR BRAIN, COME ON FOLKS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR PATIENCE.

Chair Kafoury: WELCOME BACK.

Kathleen Todd: THANK YOU, I SERVED THE COUNTY FOR 20 YEARS. MOST OF THAT TIME AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT. THERE HAVE BEEN TWO EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS SINCE I RETIRED IN 2014. IT IS VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TO COME BACK AND VOICE MY COMMENTS. ESPECIALLY AFTER THE MANY SATISFYING YEARS OF POSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL COLLABORATION I ENJOYED WITH MULTIPLE CIC CHAIRS, COUNTY CHAIRS, COMMISSIONERS, AND FELLOW DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THE ORIGINAL CIC OCI MODEL WORKED VERY PRODUCTIVELY OVER 30 YEARS. DECADE DURING WHICH THERE WERE MANY HEATED DISAGREEMENTS AMONG MEMBERS AND STAFF, NONE OF WHICH REQUIRED OUTSIDE INTERVENTION TO RESOLVE. OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND INDEPENDENCE WERE THE REASONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CIC AND ITS OFFICE. RECENT EVENTS CARRY NONE OF THOSE HALLMARKS I'M SAD TO SAY. PAST HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ACTIVELY SUPPRESSED FROM THE DISCUSSION AS IMMATERIAL.

Kathleen Todd: 30 YEARS OF PROVIDING A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED MODEL FOR INDEPENDENT CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT IS HARDLY IMMATERIAL. THE CURRENT MODEL WITH SUPERVISION OF STAFF ELSEWHERE IS CLEARLY NOT WORKING. IT IS GENERATING CONFLICT ARISING OVER LEGITIMATE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION AND QUESTIONS ABOUT STRUCTURE AND MISSION. IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING TO SEE YOU RAPIDLY THIS CONFLICT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED WITH SUCH A DRACONIAN RESPONSE. AFTER READING THE OCI STAFF COMMUNICATIONS I CAN STATE THAT I NEVER EVER WOULD HAVE MOVED TO THAT LEVEL OF OFFICIAL BUREAUCRATIC BULLYING, AND I USE THAT WORD ON PURPOSE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN ADMISSION OF DEFEAT AND INABILITY TO DO MY JOB, ESPECIALLY AS A RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR MEDIATION FROM A VOLUNTEER. THIS PROPOSED ACTION HAS MUCH, MUCH WIDER IMPLICATIONS THAN THE CIC. MAY I CONTINUE?

Chair Kafoury: FINISH YOUR SENTENCE.

Kathleen Todd: OKAY. IT WOULD SEND A NEGATIVE MESSAGE TO VOLUNTEERS THAT WOULD CAST A PALL OVER VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I STRONGLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO SEND THIS BACK TO THE CIC ITSELF TO RESOLVE AND RE-EXAMINE THE STRUCTURAL MODEL.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Kathleen Todd: CIC HAS BYLAWS, I WANT TO TELL YOU THIS.

Chair Kafoury: YOUR TIME IS UP, THOUGH.

Kathleen Todd: I REALIZE THAT, BUT THIS NEEDS TO BE SAID PUBLICLY. CIC HAS BYLAWS THAT HAVE A PROCESS FOR DEALING WITH MEMBERS' BEHAVIOR AND EXPULSION FROM THEIR COMMITTEE. IT'S AN INTERNAL THING.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GO AHEAD. DO WE HAVE OTHERS?

Board Clerk: YES. [READING NAMES]

Sara Wolk: THANKS FOR HAVING ME HERE. SO I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MR. YU TE. I'VE KNOWN HIM FOR OVER SIX YEARS AND IN THAT TIME, HAVE SAT WITH HIM THROUGH A NUMBER OF MEETINGS FOR A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. I'VE SEEN HIM LEADING AND HOSTING A MULTITUDE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS, PARTICIPATING IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND BRIDGE BUILDING ACROSS A NUMBER OF MEETINGS. I'VE ALSO HE HAD A KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE -- WORKED TO ELEVATE AND SHOWCASE KEYSTONE PROJECTS THAT COULD HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR VISION FOR PORTLAND. AS ONE ASPECT OF THAT PROJECT -- INCLUDING OUR OWN AT EQUAL VOTE. WHETHER HE'S COME TO OUR MEETINGS OR I'VE

COME TO HIS, HE WAS ALWAYS AN INVALUABLE ADDITION TO THE GROUP. HE'S SOFT SPOKEN, RESPECTFUL, EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND CAREFUL TO CREATE SPACE FOR EVERYONE IN THE CONVERSATION.

Sara Wolk: I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED HIS FOCUS ON THE LARGER GOALS AND MISSION. HIS HONEST AND CLARITY AND HIS CAREFUL ATTENTION TO MAKING SURE OUR WORK WAS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE BIGGER PICTURE. HIS NETWORKS IN MANY COMMUNITIES, HIS CRITICAL THINKING, HIS EXPERTISE, ARE ALL INVALUABLE TO FORGE THE KIND OF COALITIONS THAT WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH OUR GOALS. HE WAS ALSO A KEY LEADER AND ORGANIZER BEHIND PDX STARTUP WEEKEND SOCIAL JUSTICE, AN EVENT THAT HELPS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER FROM THE TECH BUSINESS, ACTIVISM AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORLDS IN ORDER TO CATALYZE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND USE IT AS A VEHICLE FOR CHANGE. BOTH EVENT WERE EXPERTLY FACILITATED BY YU TE AND EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED HAD AN INCREDIBLE, INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING EXPERIENCE.

I WAS ESPECIALLY IMPRESSED BY THE DIVERSITY IN THE EVENT AND ITS ATTENDEES AND ALSO IN THE CAMARADERIE AND WARMTH DISPLAYED. WHATEVER YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN, I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE PERSON WHOSE REPUTATION IS BEING CALLED INTO QUESTION TODAY IS ONE OF THE MOST SELFLESS AND TIRELESS COMMUNITY ADVOCATES THAT I HAVE EVER MET. HIS IMPACT HERE IN PORTLAND IS INDISPUTABLY POSITIVE. WHILE GROUP PROCESSES CAN BE CHALLENGING AT TIMES, AND NOBODY IS PERFECT, I ABSOLUTELY ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO RECONSIDER THE ALLEGATIONS MADE HERE TODAY. LOSING HIM FROM THE CIC WOULD BE A TRAGIC LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY. I HOPE THAT YOU CAN INSTEAD WORK TO REBUILD THE TRUST BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY AND TO REGAIN FOCUS ON THE PRESSING ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACED WITH TODAY. OFTEN OUR MOST IMPORTANT WORK IS UNCOMFORTABLE. I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE INVOLVED TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND NOT TAKE CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM AND HONESTY PERSONALLY. WE NEED EACH OTHER.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE POSTPONE THIS DISCUSSION SO THAT WE CAN DO FURTHER INVESTIGATION AFTER THIS -- SO MUCH OF THIS COMPELLING TESTIMONY.

Chair Kafoury: TO POSTPONE THIS AGENDA ITEM? OKAY. DO WE HAVE A SECOND TO THAT?

Commissioner Stegmann:: I'M GOING TO SECOND THAT.

Chair Kafoury: CONVERSATION?

Commissioner Smith: CONVERSATION IS TODAY, IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE TO TESTIFY I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT TODAY TO LISTEN TO THE TESTIMONY AND TO UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN WE MAKE A DECISION, IF WE'RE TAKING IN TESTIMONY FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING ACCUSATIONS, THAT THOSE ACCUSATIONS ARE MADE UNDER OATH. BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T MAKE THOSE ACCUSATIONS UNDER OATH, HOW DO WE KNOW THAT THOSE ACCUSATIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE ARE TRUE? WE CAN'T JUST ASSUME THAT THEY ARE TRUE. SO I WOULD -- I SUPPORT YOU, BUT I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT WHILE WE HAVE THE PEOPLE HERE TODAY THAT THEY CONTINUE TO TELL US WHAT THEY NEED TO TELL US AND THEY CAN GO BACK AND WE CAN GO FORWARD FROM HERE. GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY.

Commissioner Stegmann: I APPRECIATE THAT, COMMISSIONER SMITH, BUT WE HAVE SOME OTHER THINGS ON THE AGENDA THAT I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN ADDRESS TODAY AND I APPRECIATE EVERYONE COMING TODAY, BUT I JUST FEEL LIKE I NEED MORE INFORMATION.

Commissioner Smith: AND WE WILL GET MORE INFORMATION THROUGH THIS TESTIMONY. I CAN'T COMPEL YOU MORE THAN WHAT I'VE SAID EARLIER, BUT THESE ARE VERY SERIOUS ACCUSATIONS AND IF WE HAVE PEOPLE HERE TODAY, AND NOW TO SPEAK, LET THEM SPEAK, PUT IT ON THE RECORD, AND THEN WE CAN CLOSE IT OFF.

Chair Kafoury: OKAY. WELL, HOW MANY MORE SPEAKERS DO WE HAVE AFTER THIS?

Board Clerk: WE HAVE ONE MORE AFTER THIS GROUP.

Chair Kafoury: WHY DON'T WE FINISH LISTENING TO FOLKS, AND THEN WE WILL TAKE UP YOUR MOTION, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN, IF THAT'S OKAY WITH YOU?

Commissioner Meieran: ABSOLUTELY.

Yukiko Kawano: YU TE IS MY PARTNER FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. AN UNSAFE WORK ENVIRONMENT FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE STAFF. IN THE MEMO FROM MARCH 20TH, 2018, ADDRESSED HIS VERBAL AND WRITTEN INTIMIDATION GOING THROUGH ALL THE MATERIALS, I CANNOT SEE ANY SUCH INTIMIDATION, BUT HIS STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT THE FOUNDATION OF THE CIC, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE CIC. I BELIEVE THIS IS NOT A BELIEVABLE ALLEGATION AND I FEEL SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE ROLE OF CIC WITH THEIR MEMBERS WERE CUT SHORT BY THE COUNTY WITHOUT DISCUSSING THE ACTUAL MATTER, THE ALLEGATION WAS MADE TO END THE CONVERSATION THAT HAD JUST STARTED THIS YEAR. I SHARE THE FRUSTRATION WITH PEOPLE HERE AND AS A PARTNER OF YU TE, I STATE

THAT I NEVER FELT UNSAFE. OR THREATENED OR BEING BULLIED BY HIM. ON THE CONTRARY, THROUGH MY EXPERIENCE, HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAIR, AND PATIENT. I THINK HE HAS AN AMAZING SKILL TO LISTEN, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HAVE DISAGREEMENTS. I ALWAYS FEEL VERY COMFORTABLE TO TALK THROUGH THE MATTER FULLY WITH HIM. WE BELIEVE IN BEING FAIR. IT IS OUR DAILY STRUGGLE TO GAIN FAIRNESS AS A MINORITY INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMMUNITY. HE HAS A TRAGIC BACKGROUND. CAME TO THE U.S. AS A REFUGEE. IT IS UNIMAGINABLE EVEN TO ME WHO IS A THIRD GENERATION ATOMIC BOMB SURVIVOR FROM HIROSHIMA HOW MUCH EFFORT AND COURAGEOUS LOVE HE'S BEEN OFFERING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY, TRYING TO PUT HIMSELF IN A COMMUNITY MEMBER'S SHOES, EVEN HE DOESN'T SHARE ANY OF THE BACKGROUND THAT A LOT OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE. AS FAR AS I KNOW NONE OF MY FRIENDS --

Chair Kafoury: CAN YOU FINISH YOUR SENTENCE, PLEASE?

Yukiko Kawano: NONE OF MY FRIENDS ARE AFRAID TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT SENSITIVE TOPICS AS RACISM OR POLITICS. WE HAVE MANY LGBT AND WOMAN FRIENDS TO ENJOY OUR COMPANY AND ALWAYS FEEL COMFORTABLE TO TALK ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ISSUES IN OUR CURRENT SOCIETY. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU'RE UP.

Theresa Walton: MY NAME IS THERESA. I SENT THIS TO YOU ALL EARLIER IN THE WEEK. I DON'T MEAN TO GO OVER EVERYTHING THAT I'VE DONE FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS ON THE CIC. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE BEEN AROUND, YOU KNOW ME. YOU KNOW THAT I'VE ALWAYS SERVED THE COUNTY WITH PRIDE AND WITH HONOR AND WITH DIGNITY. BUT IT'S BEEN THE GREATEST PORTION OF MY HEART AND MY LIFE THAT I'VE DEVOTED TO SERVING THE VERY PEOPLE THAT I NURSE EVERY DAY IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM. SO I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO THAT. WHEN I WAS FIRST APPROACHED TO EXPLAIN THE ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE TO A BRAND-NEW COMMITTEE, IT WAS MY HONOR TO PROMOTE THE POSITIVE THINGS THAT WE DONE FOR 30 YEARS. I EXPLAINED THE PROGRAMS IN A POSITIVE WAY. CATHLEEN AND I WERE THE CHEERLEADERS PUMPING THESE PEOPLE UP AGAINST THE DESIRE OF STAFF. STAFF DISMISSED US. STAFF SAID EVERYTHING WE HAD DONE FOR 30 YEARS WAS IRRELEVANT. THEY DIDN'T WANT US TALKING TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THEY DIDN'T WANT US SO WE MET AT A RESTAURANT. THEY WERE SO CHEERLEADER UP, THEY WERE READY TO GET OUT THERE AND GO TO WORK. THAT'S WHAT THEY WANTED. THEY WANTED TO GO TO WORK. YOU'VE GOT HALF A ROOM READY TO GO TO WORK. YOU'VE GOT THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY SAYING WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU AND CIVICALLY ENGAGE WITH YOU ABOUT 20 YEARS OF PENT-UP EMOTIONS WITH WAPATO AND EVERYTHING ELSE. YOU'VE GOT THE PEOPLE, THE COMMITTEE READY TO DO

THE WORK AND YOU'VE GOT THE OFFICE STAFF SAYING, NO. I WANT TO FINISH THIS BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. TWO WEEKS AGO, WE RECEIVED THREE INVITATIONS TO ATTEND SCOTT TAYLOR'S RETIREMENT.

Chair Kafoury: YOU'VE GOT TO FINISH YOUR SENTENCE. WE HAVE MORE PEOPLE WANTING TO TESTIFY.

Theresa: I WENT, THEY SAID WE'VE GOT A PROJECT FOR YOU, WE WANT YOU TO GO, THERE'S TWO EMPTY SEATS. I'VE DOCUMENTED THIS FOR YOU. I WAS TOLD BY THIS OFFICE THAT A., THEY'RE NOT FILLING THOSE POSITIONS UNTIL JULY, WHAT ARE WE DOING UNTIL JULY? AS A GUEST I CAN'T SPEAK AND THEY ASKED ME, REQUESTED ME TO COME UP AND SPEAK.

Chair Kafoury: I'M HAPPY TO TALK WITH YOU AFTER THE MEETING ABOUT IT, BUT WE NEED TO CONTINUE. WE HAVE YOUR TESTIMONY, BUT I'M HAPPY TO HEAR ALL OF YOUR ISSUES AFTER THE MEETING. THANK YOU. SIR.

James Davis: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JAMES DAVIS. IN 1984, CITIZENS CREATED AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE TO ASSURE COMMUNITY INPUT INTO COUNTY POLICY AND PREVENT THE KIND OF BACK DOOR DEALS THAT HAD HURT THE COUNTY'S REPUTATION. I TRUST THAT NONE OF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN A DEFAMATORY PLOY TO SUPPORT THE ILLEGAL GUTTING OF A VOTER APPROVED ADVISORY AND WATCHDOG STRUCTURE AND YET HERE WE ARE. I SERVED AS CIC CHAIR IN 2003 AND DURING THAT TIME, WE FIRED A STAFF MEMBER. WE HIRED A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WHO SERVED ADMIRABLY. CATHLEEN TODD. WE PROVIDED OVERSIGHT AND DIRECTION TO STAFF AND WE WERE SUBJECT TO A COUNTY AUDIT THAT CONFIRMED THE CIC'S INDEPENDENCE AND SO TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, THE LOGICAL BODY THAT COULD REMOVE THESE MEMBERS ARE THE FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENT CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE. WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WORK LONG HOURS AND HAVE STRESSFUL DEBATES, TEMPER CAN FLARE EVEN ON YOUR BOARD. SITUATIONS CAN GET BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION, SOMETIMES FOR POLITICAL GAIN.

WHEN TEMPER FLARED RECENTLY ON THE CIC, IT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME AND IT WON'T BE THE LAST. THE MEMBERS TALKED AFTERWARDS TO MAKE AMENDS AND THERE WAS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR MEDIATION. THE CONFLICT AROSE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR'S EXPLORATION OF THEIR ROLE AS AN INDEPENDENT ENTITY. WHEN HE BROUGHT HIS RESEARCH TO STAFF, THEY SURELY KNEW THE IMPLICATIONS WOULD UNDERMINE THEIR ROLE. THAT MUST HAVE FELT THREATENING FOR STAFF USED TO MANAGING COMMITTEE MEMBERS RATHER THAN TAKING DIRECTION FROM THEM. OVER TIME, STAFF CONFLATED A COUPLE OF HEATED EXCHANGES INTO NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSED BY NUMEROUS ANONYMOUS INDIVIDUALS. DON'T LET UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS BLIND YOU. THE SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS THAN THE TRUMPED UP CHARGES AGAINST

THE GENTLEMEN. WHILE YOU SHOULD AVOID THE DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER, YOU SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT THE ROLE -- TO REQUEST REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

James Davis: IF THE BOARD PROCEEDS WITH THIS PROPOSAL, NOT ONLY WILL IT BE ILLEGAL, SINCE THE CHARTER DOESN'T AUTHORIZE IT, BUT YOU WILL ALSO BE PITTING YOURSELF AGAINST THE VOTERS. THOUSANDS OF CURRENT AND FORMER MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY MAY DEMAND TO KNOW WHY YOU ARE MAKING AN APPARENT POWER GRAB TO UNDERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PEOPLE'S VOICE IN THIS COUNTY. IT'S OBVIOUS THESE TRUMPED UP ALLEGATIONS ARE A RUSH JOB TO DISMISS VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT DUE PROCESS WHOSE ONLY OFFENSE IS ASKING HARD QUESTIONS THAT MAKE STAFF UNCOMFORTABLE. IF THAT SOUNDS FAMILIAR, IT'S BECAUSE THAT IS THE JOB OF THE CIC AND ITS NUMEROUS VOLUNTEERS. FOR THESE REASONS I ENCOURAGE YOU TO NOT INVOLVE YOURSELF IN THIS CONFLICT BETWEEN AN INDEPENDENT APPOINTED COMMITTEE AND ITS STAFF. EVERY YEAR, YOU HONOR HUNDREDS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND MEMBERS WITH A DINNER AND AWARDS. VOLUNTEERS GIVE THOUSANDS OF HOURS TO THIS COUNTY BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY. THESE AWARDS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, DO THEY MEAN NOTHING TO YOU?

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. APPRECIATE IT.

James Davis: IF SO, IF THESE AWARDS MEAN ANYTHING, HONOR THEM BY DISMISSING THE PROPOSAL AND LETTING THE VOLUNTEERS GET BACK TO WORK.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU GET TO CHOOSE WHICHEVER SEAT YOU WOULD LIKE. YOU ARE LUCKY.

Sherry Willschen: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR SINCE TO US. MY NAME IS SHERRY AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE CIC AND REPRESENT DISTRICT 4. I'VE BEEN CHOSEN TO CHAIR THE SUBCOMMITTEE, WHICH IS CALLED THE RECRUITMENT, OUTREACH AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND THIS COMMITTEE SCREENS POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE MEMBERS. OUR RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN TAKEN TO THE FULL CIC AND THEN BROUGHT TO YOU FOR APPROVAL. IN THAT CAPACITY, THE RESCINDING ANY OF MEMBER FROM CIC IMPACTS OUR WORKLOAD AND WE SHOULD BE INFORMED AND CONSULTED. WE WERE NOT INFORMED OR CONSULTED. AS A MEMBER OF THE CIC, I DID NOT RECEIVE REASONING ABOUT THE CANCELLATION OF OUR RETREAT. I DID NOT KNOW THE ALLEGATIONS MADE BY SOME CIC MEMBERS WHICH OFFICE STAFF REPORTED TO GREG AND UTE ON MARCH 20TH. CIC HAS BEEN DEVELOPING AS A COHESIVE COMMITTEE AND THIS TYPE OF CLOSED COMMUNICATION AND RUSH TO RESCIND APPOINTMENTS PREVENT ANY DEVELOPMENT OF TRUST AND OPEN DISCUSSION. WE ARE COMMUNITY LEADERS AND I FOR ONE AM NOT AFRAID OF HAVING OPEN

DISCUSSION. CIC AS A COMMITTEE HAS NOT MET SINCE FEBRUARY AND HAS A SCHEDULED MEETING ON APRIL 17TH AND I SEE NO REASON TO RUSH TO RESCIND THE APPOINTMENTS. THE PROCESSING IS CLOSED IS DESTROYS OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD AS AN INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ADVICE AND ADVOCACY FOR THE COMMUNITY WE REPRESENT. WE NEED TO MEET AS A GROUP ON THE 17TH, DISCUSS CONCERNS OPENLY, AND MOVE ON. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: ALL RIGHT. THANKS FOR COMING. WELL, WE HAVE A MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM. AND I HAVE A SECOND. ANY CONVERSATION? ALL RIGHT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE ITEM IS POSTPONED. THANK YOU.

R.10 Acceptance of Revised Offer from Kehoe Northwest Properties, LLC, for Purchase of Wapato Facility. Sherry Swackhamer, Director DCA; Ken Elliott, Asst. County Attorney

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER STEGMANN MOVES, COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.10.

Ken Elliott: GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS. I'M KEN ELLIOTT FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND I'M HERE THIS MORNING WITH SHERRY SWACKHAMER, OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY ASSETS. AS THE AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST NOTED, THE BOARD HAS THREE OPTIONS IN RESPONSE TO A LETTER THAT WAS RECEIVED BACK ON MARCH 23RD FROM THE PURCHASER. WE CAN ACCEPT THE PROPOSED COUNTER OFFER AS WRITTEN IN THAT LETTER. THE BOARD CAN REJECT IT OR THE BOARD CAN MAKE A COUNTEROFFER OF ITS OWN. AND FOLLOWING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION LAST WEEK, AND THEN INDIVIDUAL CONSULTATIONS WITH COMMISSIONERS WE, STAFF, HAVE DRAFTED A PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT, WHICH PROPOSES A COUNTEROFFER TO THE PURCHASER. AND IN LIEU OF JUST GIVING THE PURCHASER A CONTINUING OPTION TO BUY THE PROPERTY UNTIL APRIL 20TH WITH NO NON-REFUNDABLE EARNEST MONEY AT STAKE, THE COUNTEROFFER PROVIDED FOR THE \$200,000 INITIAL DEPOSIT TO BECOME IMMEDIATELY NONREFUNDABLE IF THE BOARD WERE TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND TO INCLUDE A WAIVER OF THE PURCHASER'S DUE DILIGENCE CONDITIONS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION TO CLOSE THE PURCHASE BY THE END OF BUSINESS NEXT FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH.

THAT PROPOSED SECOND AMENDMENT WAS SENT OVER TO THE PURCHASER AND JUST THIS MORNING, WE RECEIVED A SIGNED COPY OF IT BACK FROM THE PURCHASER. I BELIEVE THAT COPIES OR SIGNED COPIES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE COMMISSIONERS AND THAT IS THE DECISION BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY, ESSENTIALLY TO APPROVE R.10, BUT AS A COUNTEROFFER THAT IS AS SET FORTH IN THE SECOND AMENDMENT.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: MAY I HAVE A MOTION, SORRY WE NEED A MOTION TO DISCUSS THIS. [INAUDIBLE]

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER STEGMANN SECONDS CONSIDERATION OF THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE OF SALE.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU, KEN FOR YOUR INTRODUCTION, BUT WHAT IT MISSED OUT ON WAS THIS IS A REINSTATEMENT IN ADDITION TO A SECOND AMENDMENT SO REINSTATEMENT MEANS THAT DEVELOPER KEHOE HAD NO STANDING WITH A SECOND AMENDMENT, THAT WE COULD HAVE GIVEN ANYONE A SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE WAPATO. SO I'M TRYING TO BE CLEAR ON WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO A REINSTATEMENT? BECAUSE HIS ORIGINAL -- HIS ORIGINAL EXTENSION EXPIRED ON MARCH 23RD, CORRECT?

Ken Elliott: MAY I RESPOND, CHAIR KAFOURY TO THE QUESTION?

Commissioner Smith: YES, YOU MAY RESPOND.

Ken Elliott: CERTAINLY COMMISSIONER SMITH, I DID NOT USE THE WORD REINSTATEMENT, BUT IF YOU LOOK AT THE TITLE OF THE DOCUMENT INDEED, IT DOES SAY SECOND AMENDMENT AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT OF PURCHASE AND SALE. ONCE THE NOTICE OF TERMINATION WAS DELIVERED BY MR. KEHOE ON MARCH 23RD, IT WAS UP TO THIS BOARD TO DECIDE AT A PUBLIC HEARING WHETHER IT WANTED TO ACCEPT THAT, TO REJECT IT OUT OF HAND OR TO OFFER SOMETHING AS A COUNTEROFFER AND THAT'S WHERE WE ARE TODAY.

Commissioner Smith: SO I'M NOT CLEAR. CAN YOU HELP ME OUT A LITTLE BIT, SHERRY? I THOUGHT WE SIGNED OFF ON OUR RIGHTS AND THE CHAIR HAD SOLE RESPONSIBILITY TO CONDUCT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. WE DON'T -- WE WERE PUSHED OUT OF THAT PROCESS AND SO SHE COULD ACTUALLY DO THIS ON HER OWN. SHE DOESN'T NEED US TO DO THIS PROCEDURE TODAY. WE GAVE HER PERMISSION TO NEGOTIATE THIS DEAL SO TODAY IS POLITICAL THEATER, IN MY OPINION.

Chair Kafoury: I'M GOING TO ASK KEN TO ADDRESS THAT.

Ken Elliott: AS THE AUTHOR OF BOTH THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND THE RESOLUTION THAT THE BOARD ADOPTED LAST NOVEMBER, COMMISSIONER SMITH, THE CHAIR'S ONLY AUTHORITY AND THE STAFF'S ONLY AUTHORITY WAS TO PROCEED TO A CLOSING OF THE SALE

SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THAT AS STATED IN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT. SINCE THE REVISED OFFER PROPOSES A PURCHASE PRICE THAT IS LESS THAN HALF OF WHAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZED LAST FALL, IT'S UP TO THIS BOARD TO DECIDE TODAY WHETHER THE COUNTY WANTS TO SELL THIS PROPERTY TO KEHOE NORTHWEST PROPERTIES FOR \$5 MILLION INSTEAD OF FOR \$10.8 MILLION. THAT IS NOT POLITICAL THEATER, THAT IS THIS BOARD'S ROLE AND DECISION TO MAKE TODAY.

Commissioner Smith: I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT, KEN. SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS WE ONLY GAVE HER AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THE CONTRACT FOR 10.8, SO THIS IS A NEW AND DIFFERENT CONTRACT THAT DOESN'T HAVE THOSE RESTRICTIONS ON THEM, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

Ken Elliott: NO, I'M NOT SAYING THAT. I'M SAYING -- WITH RESPECT TO THE PRICE AND THE CLOSING DATE, IT IS DIFFERENT, BUT ALL OTHER TERMS OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT REMAIN AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD LAST NOVEMBER.

Commissioner Smith: SO SHE STILL HAS -- IF THAT'S THE CASE, IF EVERYTHING STILL REMAINS CONSTANT, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS PROCEEDING BECAUSE SHE CAN NEGOTIATE AND CLOSE THIS DEAL WITHOUT US?

Ken Elliott: WELL COMMISSIONER SMITH, IN THE VIEW OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE CHAIR, THE PURCHASE PRICE OFFERED BY MR. KEHOE ON MARCH 23RD OF \$5 MILLION IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THE \$10.8 MILLION OFFER APPROVED BY THE BOARD LAST FALL SO, NO, SHE DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO CLOSE THE DEAL WITHOUT THE BOARD --

Commissioner Smith: THIS IS A NEW DEAL.

Ken Elliott: IT'S AN AMENDED DEAL.

Commissioner Smith: IF IT'S AN AMENDED DEAL, THEN SHE HAS AUTHORITY TO DO THIS ON HER OWN.

Ken Elliott: NO, SHE DOES NOT BECAUSE THIS IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR

Commissioner Smith: EITHER IT IS A NEW DEAL OR IT'S NOT.

Ken Elliott: IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, I'M SORRY.

Commissioner Smith: ANSWER ME THIS QUESTION. TELL ME ON THE RECORD, MS. SHERRY COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THIS TO ME? EITHER THE CHAIR HAS AUTHORITY THAT WE GAVE HER, WE GAVE HER ALL THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE THIS DEAL AND TO CLOSE IT. DOES SHE HAVE THAT AUTHORITY

RIGHT NOW TO CLOSE IT ON HER OWN OR DOES SHE NEED OUR SUPPORT TO PASS THIS NEW REDUCED SHORT SALE?

Sherry Swackhamer: I BELIEVE AS KEN HAS ALREADY SAID, SHE HAD THE AUTHORITY AS LONG AS IT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. WHAT I'M SAYING IT'S A NEW DEAL THEN, RIGHT?

Ken Elliott: NO.

Commissioner Smith: SO NOW, THAT IT'S A NEW DEAL WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ENTERTAIN OTHER OFFERS.

Sherry Swackhamer: THIS IS NOT A NEW DEAL.

Chair Kafoury: IF THE BOARD TODAY VOTES TO REJECT THIS OFFER, THEN WE COULD ENTERTAIN AND WE ARE HAVING A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHETHER TO ACCEPT IT. THE ITEM ON THE TABLE RIGHT NOW IS TO ACCEPT THIS OFFER.

Commissioner Smith: I'M TRYING TO SEE IF WE HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHAT WE'RE DOING OR IF YOU HAVE THE SOLE AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY EXECUTE THIS DEAL WITHOUT US BECAUSE IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOU CAN EXECUTE THIS DEAL FOR THE REDUCED PRICE, BUT IF IT'S A NEW DEAL, WE NEED TO BY OREGON PROCUREMENT LAW, REOPEN IT UP TO THE OTHER FOLKS WHO HAD APPLIED FOR THE RFP BECAUSE I THINK RIGHT NOW, WE ARE TREADING ON SOME REALLY, REALLY SHAKY GROUND.

Chair Kafoury: THE ITEM FOR DISCUSSION BEFORE US IS TO ACCEPT THE OFFER WITH THE AMENDMENT AND IF YOU DON'T WANT TO VOTE FOR IT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO VOTE FOR IT. I UNDERSTAND --

Commissioner Smith: I'M TRYING TO GET CLARIFICATION.

Chair Kafoury: I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET CLARIFICATION TODAY BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT AGREEING WITH THE ATTORNEYS WHO ARE TELLING US WHAT THEIR PERSPECTIVE IS SO IF YOU'RE NOT AGREEING WITH THEM, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GET THE CLARIFICATION THAT YOU NEED.

Commissioner Smith: I WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU HAD SOLE AUTHORITY BECAUSE I KNOW WE GAVE IT TO YOU.

Ken Elliott: I ALREADY DID ANSWER THAT QUESTION. WHAT I SAID WAS THAT WE CONCLUDED THAT \$5 MILLION IS NOT SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO \$10.8 MILLION AND THEREFORE, WE HAD TO BRING THIS COUNTEROFFER BACK TO THE BOARD FOR THE BOARD'S DECISION TODAY. IT IS IN THE FORM OF A

SECOND AMENDMENT WHICH CHANGES ONLY THOSE TERMS THAT ARE IN THE SECOND AMENDMENT. THE REST OF THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT REMAINS AS IS.

Commissioner Smith: BUT IT'S SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER? \$6 MILLION LOWER. AND IF WE WERE GOING TO SELL IT FOR THE \$6 MILLION, THEN I THINK \$6 MILLION LOWER THAN WHAT WE ORIGINALLY HAD AGREED TO, I THINK IT IS DISINGENUOUS TO US AS A COUNTY TO TAKE A PUBLIC PROPERTY THAT'S BEEN PAID FOR WITH BONDS TO THE TUNE OF \$109 MILLION OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS IT IS SUCH A HORRIBLE RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT, AND I THINK THE TAXPAYERS DESERVE A LITTLE BIT BETTER FROM US BECAUSE I KNOW FOR SURE WE ALSO GOT THE SAME OFFER FROM HOMER WILLIAMS FOR \$7 MILLION. I'M JUST NOT CLEAR IF WE'RE IN THIS GRAY AREA OF A NEW DEAL OR AN EXTENSION. YOU ALL SAY IT'S AN EXTENSION, BUT TO ME IF IT IS AN EXTENSION, THE CHAIR CAN ACTUALLY EXECUTE THIS ON HER OWN.

Commissioner Stegmann: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I APOLOGIZE, I AM A KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT AN EVENT, I WOULD LIKE TO READ A STATEMENT. SO FOR ME, THE QUESTION BEFORE US IS DO WE ACCEPT THE \$5 MILLION COUNTEROFFER FROM MR. KEHOE FOR WAPATO. I WANT TO BE CLEAR ABOUT WHAT WE'RE DEBATING AND WHAT WE'RE NOT DEBATING. THE BOARD HAS ALREADY VOTED TO SELL WAPATO SO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO SELL WAPATO, THAT'S ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED. SO THE QUESTION FOR ME IS DO WE THINK THAT WE CAN GET MORE THAN \$5 MILLION FOR THE SALES PRICE? THERE'S NO GUARANTEES IN LIFE. MR. KEHOE COULD FAIL TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH HIS OFFER, BUT THAT DOES NOT RELIEVE US OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH AND ENTERTAIN THIS COUNTEROFFER.

WE HAVE A VIABLE OFFER OF \$5 MILLION THAT GUARANTEES WE RETAIN HIS \$200,000 IN EARNEST MONEY AND FOR IT TO BE NONREFUNDABLE AND TO WAIVE THE DUE DILIGENCE. I KNOW THAT EVERY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES IS DEEPLY COMMITTED AND CONCERNED ABOUT THE HOUSING CRISIS AS I AM. BUT THE SOLUTION IS NOT THE MASS WAREHOUSING OF PEOPLE. THE SOLUTION IS NOT TO MOVE PEOPLE FURTHER AWAY FROM SERVICES AND SOCIAL NETWORKS BECAUSE AN EMPTY JAIL EXISTS. THE SOLUTION IS LONG-TERM, PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WITH SERVICES THAT HELP OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS BREAK AWAY FROM HOMELESSNESS TO BUILD THE STABILITY THAT THEY NEED TO THRIVE. THAT IS THE DIRECTION WE NEED TO GO. WE MUST ADDRESS THE ROOT CROSSSES OF THE HOUSING CRISIS AND FOCUS MORE OF OUR RESOURCES ON LONG-TERM PERMANENT HOUSING. WHILE I'M DISAPPOINTED WE MAY NOT RECEIVE THE ORIGINAL OFFER FOR WAPATO, THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT WE VOTED TO SELL THE PROPERTY, AND NOW, WE HAVE A VIABLE OFFER TO CONSIDER. WITH THE CONSTRAINED BUDGET FORECAST AND A SUBSTANTIAL NEED FOR MORE

PERMANENT HOUSING, I AM READY TO VOTE, BUT I WILL HAVE TO DO THAT BY PHONE AND SO I WILL BE CALLING IN, IN A FEW MINUTES. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON.. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WELL, I DO HAVE A FEW. I WANTED TO CLARIFY. LOOKING AT THE SECOND AMENDMENT -- THANK YOU, THANK YOU. IN CASE YOU DIDN'T HEAR ME, I DIDN'T HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS WHICH WERE RELATED TO CLARIFYING THE KEY POINTS WITHIN THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND REINSTATEMENT OF AGREEMENT THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING. SO THE MATERIAL DIFFERENCES THAT WE'RE CONSIDERING TODAY ARE FIRST THE CHANGE OF PRICE, OBVIOUSLY, FROM THE ORIGINAL OFFER OF \$10.8 MILLION TO \$5 MILLION. AND THEN ALSO THE SECOND IS THAT THE CLOSE DATE IS AT THE CLOSE OF THE ENTIRE DEAL -- SHOULD HAPPEN ON OR BEFORE 5:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH, CORRECT? AND THEN LASTLY THE \$200,000 THAT'S BEING HELD AS LIKE IN ESCROW, THE DEPOSIT RIGHT NOW, ONCE WE TAKE THIS VOTE OR ONCE THE REINSTATEMENT HAPPENS, THAT BECOMES MONEY THAT WOULD THEN BE NON-REFUNDABLE TO MR. KEHOE.

Ken Elliott: ALL THREE POINTS ARE CORRECT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: AND IS IT NON-REFUNDABLE AFTER THE VOTE OR ONCE THE REINSTATEMENT IS SIGNED?

Ken Elliott: THE REINSTATEMENT WOULD NOT BE SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY UNTIL A VOTE IS TAKEN. SO THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS BEFORE THE BOARD.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: AS SOON AS THE CHAIR SIGNS IT AFTER THE VOTE WOULD BE TAKEN IF IT WERE TO PASS.

Ken Elliott: THAT'S CORRECT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THOSE ARE THE THREE THINGS. THOSE ARE THE MAIN QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE ABOUT THAT.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR THERE'S SOME INCONSISTENCIES IN THIS REPORT. ON THE FRONT PAGE, IT SAYS MAY 20TH IS THE CLOSING DATE, AND THEN ON THE SECOND PAGE, IT SAYS THAT APRIL 20TH IS THE CLOSING DATE SO THIS IS REALLY SHABBILY WRITTEN AND I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS WHAT HERE. ON THE FIRST PAGE IT SAYS THAT THE DUE DILIGENCE PERIOD THROUGH MARCH 26TH 2018 AND SET A CLOSING DATE OF MAY 10TH 2018, AND THEN ON THE BACK PAGE IT SAYS APRIL 20TH 2018. SO WHICH ONE IS IT.

Ken Elliott: WELL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIRST AMENDMENT IT WAS TO BE MAY 10TH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECOND AMENDMENT THAT'S NOW BEFORE THE BOARD IT WILL BE ACCELERATED TO APRIL 20TH, NEXT FRIDAY. THIS IS NOT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

Commissioner Smith: OKAY I WASN'T CLEAR, IT DIDN'T MAKE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE TWO. SO IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO YOU OR ANYONE IN THIS ROOM THAT I HAVE A REAL CONCERN ABOUT THE SALE IOF THIS PROPERTY. RIGHT NOW OUR COMMUNITY IS FACING A HOUSING CRISIS LIKE WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE AND I HAVE TO ASK, HOW MANY MORE OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS MUST DIE ON THE STREETS BEFORE WE TAKE BOLD ACTION. SINCE FIRST PURPOSING THAT WE SERIOUSLY LOOK AT WAPATO AS A SHELTER AND A SERVICE CENTER FOR OUR HOUSELESS COMMUNITY MEMBERS BACK IN 2014 I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF REASONS WHY THIS CAN'T WORK , AND HERE WE ARE FOUR YEARS LATER, TWO EXTENSIONS LATER AND LAST COUNTY THERE WERE ABOUT 4,177 OF OUR NEIGHBORS LIVING WITHOUT PERMANENT HOUSING, AND 1,700 WHO ARE COMPLETELY UNSHELTERED. YET I AM STILL HEARING ABOUT ALL THE REASONS WHY THIS WON'T WORK. SINCE THIS MAY BE MY LAST CHANCE TO CONVINCe MY COLLOGUES TO VOTE NO ON THIS SALE. LET ME LAY OUT MY CASE ONE MORE TIME. THE FIRST OBSTICLE PEOPLE MENTION IS ZONING, EARLIER THIS WEEK THE PORTLAND TRIBUNE PUBLISHED A LENGTHY ARTICLE THAT DEBUNKED THIS MYTH THE ZONING RESTRICTIONS CAN'T BE LIFTED OR AMENDED. THEY SPOKE TO SEVERAL LAND USE EXPERTS WHO PROVIDED FOUR CLEAR PATHS TO CHANGE THE ZONING.

Commissioner Smith: THAT EXCUSE EXISTS NO LONGER. THE SECOND IS TRANSPORTATION. THIS FACILITY IS A SIX-MINUTE DRIVE TO THE PORTLAND EXPO CENTER WHERE RESIDENTS CAN TAKE A 27-MINUTE RIDE TO THE MOTOR CENTER OR 35-MINUTE RIDE TO PIONEER SQUARE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE SHUTTLE PROVIDERS WHOSE PRIMARY BUSINESS IS TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO SERVICES. WHY COULDN'T WE PUT IN A SHUTTLE SYSTEM FOR THE RESIDENTS? THE THIRD OBSTACLE IS ISOLATION FROM THE COMMUNITY AND DISTANCE FROM SERVICES. I HAVE MADE VERY CLEAR IN MY REMARKS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING THAT SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS COULD BE LOCATED RIGHT THERE ON SITE. AS THE THE EDITORIAL BOARD NOTED ON THE EDITION ON THE 10TH, IS IT MORE HUMANE TO LET PEOPLE SLEEP ON THE STREET OR IN A SHELTER WITH A FAILING ROOF AND WITH RAT FECES THAN IT IS TO PLACE THEM IN AN EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SHELTER WITH A FULL KITCHEN, PROPER BATHROOM FACILITIES, A BASKETBALL COURT, MEETING SPACE, MEDICAL SPACES, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. FINALLY, WITH THE HELP OF OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS, WE COULD USE THE GROUND TO BUILD AN OUTDOOR COMMUNITY.

EVERYBODY THAT'S HOUSELESS RIGHT NOW, THEY WILL NOT WANT TO COME IN. WE HAVE 18 ACRES OF LAND THAT WE CAN PROVIDE HOUSING FOR. WE

CAN WORK WITH DIGNITY VILLAGE TO HELP US DESIGN THAT. THERE COULD BE A FLOWER AND VEGETABLE GARDEN MADE BY RESIDENTS. WE COULD PARTNER WITH OUR REGION'S VIBRANT ARTS COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH RESIDENTS TO TRANSFORM THE INSIDE SPACE INTO A SPACE THAT'S A WARM, INVITING, AND FRIENDLY PLACE. IT'S THE PORTLAND SPIRIT. THAT'S WHAT WE DO. THE GOAL OF OPENING A FACILITY ON THE TEMPORARY RELEASE IS TO RELIEVE SOME OF THE PRESSURE CURRENTLY FORCING OUR JOINT OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS TO MAKE DECISIONS OUT OF CRISIS MODE AND PUT PEOPLE IN UNSAFE BUILDINGS. THIS RESIDENTIAL CAMPUS WOULD ALLOW US TO GET SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE UNDER THE COVER OF A ROOF WITH A WARM AND A DRY BED WHILE WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY AND CITE VARYING LEVELS OF SUPPORTED HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE CITY. EVERY PART OF OUR CITY, WE WILL NEED TO HAVE SOME SORT OF SHELTER FOR THIS REGIONAL HOUSING CRISIS. IT SLOW DOWN THE CLOCK BY RELIEVING SOME OF THE PRESSURE ON THE SYSTEM. I HAVE A REAL CONCERN THAT WE ARE NOT GIVING THESE AND OTHER BIDDERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK TO THE TABLE AT THIS GREATLY REDUCED PRICE THAT LOOKS LIKE A SHORT SALE.

Commissioner Smith: I WOULD FURTHER ASK THE QUESTION HOW MANY BITES OF THE APPLE DO WE GIVE THIS POTENTIAL BUYER SIMPLY BECAUSE HE GAVE THE ORIGINAL \$10.8 MILLION OFFER? HE'S ASKED US FOR EXTENSION AFTER EXTENSION AFTER EXTENSION JUST TO HOLD UP THE PROPERTY. DO I BELIEVE THAT HE'S GOING TO CLOSE THIS ON THE 20TH? NOT QUITE SURE ABOUT THAT BECAUSE HE HAS GIVEN NO REASON FOR US TO BELIEVE THAT HE'S GOING TO DO THIS. DID NOT REQUEST THE FIRST DELAY FROM THE PURCHASER. COUNTY DID NOT REQUEST ADDITIONAL TIME FOR GATHER AND REVIEW OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY AND WE DID NOT REQUEST COUNTEROFFERS OF 50%. WE DIDN'T DO THAT. HE GIVE US AN UNSOLICITED BID. FINALLY, OF COURSE WE CANNOT IGNORE THAT \$7 MILLION OFFER FROM HARBOR FOR HOPE. IF WE ARE NOT WILLING TO OPEN THIS AS A SHELTER AND SERVICE CENTER FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, WHY WOULDN'T WE GIVE SOMEONE ELSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO? THE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WE ARE IN A CRISIS AND WE ARE IN AN EPIC CRISIS. IT IS OUR DUTY TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN DO TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S MOST VULNERABLE. SELLING THIS FACILITY AT A ROCK-BOTTOM PRICE AT THE VERY SAME TIME THAT WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF HOUSING OPTIONS JUST DOES NOT CUT THE MUSTARD TO ME. I AM REALLY CONCERNED.

I'M REALLY, REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS DEAL. I HAVEN'T JUST BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS THE LAST THREE MONTHS. I HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS OPEN FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS. I KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT UNDER ANY CONTRACT CURRENTLY. WE ARE IN A GRAY AREA RIGHT NOW. SO WE ARE GOING TO REINSTATE THE COUNTER AMENDMENT AND GIVE IT TO SOMEONE WHO'S A PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPER WHO WILL PROBABLY FLIP IT. AND I

WOULD LIKE TO SAY TODAY I WANT TO ADD AN AMENDMENT TO THIS THAT THIS PROPERTY CANNOT BE FLIPPED IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS. [APPLAUSE]

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: I DO WANT TO SAVE MY ACTUAL STATEMENT FOR AFTER WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY. BUT I JUST -- GIVEN SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT COMMISSIONER SMITH RAISED, I WANTED TO ASK HER A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS BECAUSE I NOTE SHE HAS BEEN ADVOCATING FOR THIS ISSUE AND SHE SAYS SHE'S NOTED SHE'S BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS ISSUE FOR FOUR YEARS. THERE ARE A LOT OF DIFFERENT ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP IN THIS TIME VERY COMPLEX, LOGISTICAL, AND PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES. A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THESE ALREADY, BUT SO EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE, BRIEFLY, ZONING, THE ISSUE -- IF THE CITY EVEN DID CHANGE THE ZONING -- WHEN THEY HAVE DONE SO IN THE PAST, IT HAS GONE TO THE STATE AGENCY WHICH REVERSED THE DECISION. THERE ARE CODES AND RESTRICTIONS THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD -- THE OTHER LANDOWNERS IMPOSE ON WAPATO. THE PORT OF PORTLAND HAS THE DISCRETION TO DECIDE IF THE CONDITIONS COULD BE WAIVED. THEY DID BECAUSE IT WAS A JAIL.

SO PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE COMING AND GOING LIKE A RESIDENTIAL CENTER, BUT THEY WOULD BE LOCKED IN AND THERE WOULD BE VERY HIGH SECURITY. THERE'S THE TRANSPORTATIONS CONSIDERATIONS THAT ARE BROUGHT UP. ONE OF THE BIG ONES FOR ME WHICH DOESN'T SEEM TO GET MUCH PUBLIC DISCUSSION IN THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE AND ALSO WHICH I HAVEN'T HEARD COMMISSIONER SMITH ADDRESS IS THAT, EVEN ASSUMING ALL OF THESE LOGISTICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL -- SORRY, MY MOUTH IS REALLY DRY. I NEED TO BREATHE. EVEN IF ALL OF THESE PHILOSOPHICAL AND LOGISTICAL CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT FOR YEARS WERE MET, WHAT'S MISSING FROM THE DISCUSSION IS THAT WE SIMPLY DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES TO OPERATE A FACILITY IN AN ONGOING WAY EVERY YEAR. THE FACILITY, EVEN IF WE GAVE IT AWAY LITERALLY OR WE HAVE IT FOR FREE, IT WOULD COST \$5 MILLION TO \$10 MILLION PER YEAR TO OPERATE THIS FACILITY AS A SHELTER AND PROVIDE SERVICES. WHAT WE DON'T HAVE IN THE PUBLIC DISCOURSE IS A DISCUSSION OF HOW THAT REVENUE WOULD BE GENERATED. RIGHT NOW, IF WE DID IT WITHIN OUR CURRENT SYSTEM, WE WOULD HAVE TO CLOSE MOST OF OUR OTHER SHELTERS THAT WE HAVE IN EXISTENCE IN ORDER TO CONSOLIDATE EVERYONE INTO THIS ONE SHELTER.

SO WE WOULD NEED AN ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCE AND PLANNING FOR THAT. THIS FINAL HURDLE, YOU KNOW, THAT I MENTIONED HARKENS BACK TO WHY IT NEVER OPERATED AS A JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT LEARN FROM MISTAKES IN THE PAST ARE DOOMED TO REPEAT THEM. THE SHERIFF PUSHED FOR THE JAIL TO BE BUILT LONG, LONG AGO. HE CONVINCED COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THEN

THE VOTERS THAT THIS WAS A GREAT IDEA, THIS CONCEPT OF THE JAIL. ONCE IT WAS COMPLETED, THE VOTERS ACTUALLY VOTED TO LIMIT THEIR PROPERTY TAXES, MAKING IT SO WOULD NEVER BE THE FUNDING TO ACTUALLY OPERATE THE JAIL ON AN ONGOING BASIS. AND THAT IS WHY WAPATO SAT AND CLOSED AND UNUSED A MONUMENT TO POOR DECISION MAKING BY GOVERNMENT. YOU COULD EVEN SAY POLITICAL INEPTITUDE. GETTING BACK TO MY ACTUAL QUESTION FOR YOU -- I WANT TO ASK IT VERY SPECIFICALLY, GIVEN THE YEARS YOU'VE WORKED ON THIS. HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE CITY ABOUT CHANGING THE ZONING? HAVE YOU TALKED TO THE PORT? DO YOU HAVE A MEMO OR SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PORT OF PORTLAND TO CHANGE THE CCNRS THAT WE COULD GET THAT EXCEPTION? HAVE YOU MEET WITH TRIMET POTENTIALLY? HAVE YOU COME UP WITH A DEDICATED -- MOST IMPORTANTLY, AS I SAID IN ALL OF THIS, A CONCEPT -- A REALLY THOUGHT-OUT CONCEPT FOR THE REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED SO THAT WE COULD OPERATE THE FACILITY INTO THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE? I KNOW YOU ASKED THE HARD QUESTIONS. I HAVE SEEN YOU DO THAT MANY, MANY A TIME HERE.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE AN ANSWER. THIS IS THE DEAL. I HAVE BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. OVER LAST FOUR YEAR, WE HAVE EXIST \$50 MILLION ON TOP OF EXISTING SERVICES FOR HOMELESSNESS. RIGHT NOW WE ARE DOWN 300 BEDS. WE COULD TAKE THAT EXISTING MONEY. LIKE WE DO EVERYTHING ELSE HERE FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS, WE HAVE DONE 2% CONSTRAINT. WE COULD DO ANOTHER 2% CONSTRAINT TO PAY TO OPEN UP WAPATO. FOR ME, THIS VOTE TODAY WILL BE POLITICAL MALPRACTICE FOR US TO SELL A \$109 MILLION BUILDING FOR \$5 MILLION. AND I'M NOT GOING TO GET DISTRACTED BY ANSWERING QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THAT I HAVE PUT IN AN OP-ED PIECE. IT'S VERY WELL-DOCUMENTED. WHAT I WANT TO KNOW RIGHT NOW IS HOW WE CAN AS A BOARD VOTE TO SELL THIS FOR \$5 MILLION. IF IT WAS FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD, I WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM. BUT IT'S BEING SOLD TO A PRIVATE DEVELOPER. HE'S GOING TO FLIP IT AND WE ARE GOING TO LOOK STUPID. I DON'T THINK THAT WE DID ENOUGH TO MARKET THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY, AND I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT IT. IF YOU WANT TO SELL THIS PROPERTY FOR \$5 MILLION, COMMISSIONER, GO RIGHT AHEAD. BECAUSE IF I WAS THE CHAIR AND HE CAME TO ME AND REDUCED HIS ALREADY PRICE AT 10.8, I WOULD HAVE SAID NO.

Commissioner Meieran: COMMISSIONER SMITH, YOU ACTUALLY DIDN'T ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS.

Commissioner Smith: AGAIN, I'M NOT GOING TO BE DISTRACTED BECAUSE I ALREADY OUTLINED IN MY OP-ED PIECE -- [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

Commissioner Meieran: THOSE ARE BASIC [MULTIPLE SPEAKERS] .

Commissioner Smith: OK. MICROAGGRESSION AGAIN.

Commissioner Meieran: CAN I ASK A QUESTION WITHOUT IT BEING CALLED OK.
[MULTIPLE SPEAKERS]

Chair Kafoury: ENTERTAIN YOUR QUESTIONS AFTER THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY
AND AFTER WE HAVE A VOTE. DO WE HAVE TESTIMONY?

Board Clerk: YES. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME [READS
NAMES]

Chair Kafoury: HOW MANY PEOPLE DO WE HAVE SIGNED UP?

Board Clerk: SEVEN TOTAL.

Joe Walsh: GOOD MORNING. FOR THE RECORD, MY NAME IS JOE WALSH. I
REPRESENT INDIVIDUAL -- WE HAVE RESISTED TAKING A POSITION ON THIS
BECAUSE WE UNDERSTAND ARGUMENT ON BOTH SIDES. THEY ARE GOOD
ARGUMENTS ON BOTH SIDES. FIRST PERSON THAT MENTIONED THE JAIL TO
ME WAS MR. LIGHTNING ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO. WE HAVE BEEN TALKING
ABOUT IT EVERY SINCE. YOU OUGHT TO STOP OUTSIDE AFTER THE MEETING
SOMETIME AND YOU'LL LEARN THAT WE DO TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE
THINGS THAT YOU DON'T HEAR VERY OFTEN. WE HAVE A CRISIS. WE HAVE AN
EMERGENCY. WE TOSS THOSE WORDS AROUND. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY
REALLY MEAN, UNLESS YOU'RE ON THE STREET AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING AND
IT'S RAINING AND A COP IS TELLING YOU TO MOVE AND YOU SAY, WHERE? HE
SAYS, I DON'T CARE -- JUST MOVE. BECAUSE SOME RICH GUY THAT OWNS A
BUNCH OF STUFF IN PORTLAND DOESN'T WANT YOU HERE. SO WE HAVE A
CRISIS. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT MEANS THAT WE LOSE ABOUT 80 PEOPLE
ON OUR STREETS EVERY YEAR, THAT WE CAN COUNT, WHICH IS ALWAYS LOW.
PROBABLY TRIPLE THAT FIGURE.

AND WE HAVE THIS FACILITY, THE DISPENSARY. IT HAS A PLACE TO EAT. IT
HAS A PLACE TO SLEEP. IT HAS 18 ACRES OF LAND AND WE ARE GOING TO
SELL IT FOR \$5 MILLION. I GOT \$20. WOULD YOU SELL IT TO ME? [LAUGHTER]
YOU GUYS ARE IN THE BARGAINING BUSINESS. SO LET'S DO THAT. LET'S
LOWER IT ALL THE WAY DOWN. THIS IS RIDICULOUS. IT'S \$100 MILLION OF
TAXPAYER MONEY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO GET \$5 MILLION BACK OR SOME
DISCOUNT, MAYBE ONLY THREE. I AGREE WITH COMMISSIONER SMITH, WHICH
IS RARE SOMETIMES. HER AND I FIGHT ALL THE TIME. BUT I AGREE WITH HER
ON THIS. THIS IS CRIMINAL. THIS IS CRIMINAL WHAT YOU ARE DOING. AND I'M
TELLING YOU THE PEOPLE OUT THERE ARE THIS CLOSE TO RUNNING
EVERYBODY OUT OF OFFICE. THEY DON'T WANT ANYBODY IN OFFICE. IF YOU
DO THIS AND THE NEWSPAPER STARTS TALKING ABOUT \$100 MILLION HERE,
\$3 MILLION THERE WHEN THERE WAS OFFERS OF 7 OR 8 OVER HERE, WHY

DIDN'T THEY JUST POSTPONE IT? 18 ACRES -- DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY TENTS WE COULD PUT ON 18 ACRES? WE COULD GET EVERYBODY OFF THE STREETS. EVERYBODY. DON'T SMILE AT ME.

Chair Kafoury: I UNDERSTAND. IT'S OK. GET IN LINE. GOOD MORNING.

Richard Moly: MY NAME IS RICHARD MOLY. I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE WILKS COMMUNITY GROUP WHICH IS A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION GROUP. THE FOLKS OUT THERE ARE SCARED OF THE MOVING HOMELESS SITUATION MOVING INTO THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY HAVE HOMELESS GUYS IN THE HEDGE BEHIND THEIR HOUSE. THEY HAVE HOMELESS PEOPLE BREAKING INTO THEIR HOMES. THEY ARE VERY UPSET. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE PORTLAND POLICE HAVE COME OUT AND ARE CONDUCTING NEIGHBORHOOD INFORMATION AND THEY ARE ANSWERING QUESTIONS. THEY ARE SAYINGS, WE ARE THE POLICE -- SAYING, WE ARE THE POLICE, WE DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN. THIS IS MY FIRST COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING. I'M KIND OF AMAZED WITH WHAT YOU FOLKS SPEND YOUR TIME TALKING ABOUT. BUT I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE FOLKS OUT IN EAST PORTLAND, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ARE GETTING ORGANIZED BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE A HOMELESS GUY USING YOUR BACKYARD AS A BATHROOM, YOU REALLY DON'T FEEL YOU HAVE THE TIME FOR ALL THIS DISCUSSION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Lightning: MY NAME IS LIGHTNING. I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY WATCHDOG. MR. KEY CAME IN AROUND \$10 MILLION LESS. HE COUNTERED BACK AT FIVE. FOR ANYONE TO THINK THE PROPERTY IS WORTH ANY MORE THAN THE APPRAISAL VALUE, YOU'RE IN FANTASY LAND. ANOTHER ISSUE -- THIS ISN'T REALLY ABOUT MARTY KEY. THIS IS ABOUT BUILDING THAT BUILDING IN THE FIRST PLACE, MISLEADING THE PUBLIC THAT THEY WOULD OPEN THE DOOR AND USE THIS AS A JAIL-TYPE FACILITY AND THEY NEVER CAME THROUGH. MR.KEYHO STEPPED UP HERE WITH A REASONABLE, LEGISLATE OFFER. HE'S MORE THAN QUALIFIED TO BUY THIS PROPERTY. HE CAME IN WITH A VERY REASONABLE OFFER BASED UPON HIS ANALYSIS AND HIS PROFESSIONAL BROKERS, HE'S AT \$5 MILLION. HE CAME IN WITH AN OFFER. HE'S IN POSITION TO BUY THIS PROPERTY. HE'S READY TO BUY THIS PROPERTY. THAT'S WHY THIS IS ALL ABOUT TODAY.

HE'S DOING GOOD FOR THE COUNTY TODAY. HE'S GOING TO THROW IT BACK ON THE PROPERTY TAX ROLLS. IF ANYBODY HAS A PROBLEM WITH WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST, YOU NEED TO START TALKING TO THESE PEOPLE WHO MESSED UP ON THE DEAL MANY YEARS AGO AND DIDN'T COME THROUGH FOR THE PUBLIC AND OPENED THE DOORS UP AND USE THIS THE WAY IT WAS SUPPOSED TO DO. TO COME TO THE PUBLIC AND SAY, HEY, WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE MONEY TO OPERATE THIS AS A JAIL BUT TODAY

SOMEBODY IS SAYING, BUT WE CAN DO IT TODAY -- GUESS WHAT? IT NEVER HAPPENED IN THE PAST. WHY SHOULD ANYONE TAKE A CHANCE AND DO IT TODAY? IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. ENJOY YOUR NEW PROPERTY, MR. KEYHO. I HOPE YOU DO VERY WELL. AND YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DO WHAT YOU WANT WITH THAT PROPERTY PERTAINING TO THE CURRENT ZONING AND PERTAINING TO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO. I COMMEND YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. I HOPE YOU GET THE PROPERTY TODAY. YOU DESERVE THIS PROPERTY BECAUSE YOU'VE EARNED IT THROUGH MANY YEARS OF SHOWING THAT YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, YOU KNOW HOW TO STEP UP TO THE TABLE AND YOU KNOW HOW TO PUT THIS DEAL TOGETHER. I COMMEND YOU. I COMMEND NOVAK AND CB COMMERCIAL WHEN THIS DEAL GOES THROUGH. CONGRATULATIONS.

Wayne Wigner: I'M READING THE ERA AND RUSSIA 100 YEARS AGO. THIS IS A TIME IN WHICH THE WHOLE CONCEPT OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP WAS DEBATED. ONE CLASS OF PEOPLE WAS USING THE CONCEPT OF A COMMUNE TO ORGANIZE THE PEASANTS. IF YOU REPLACE COMMUNE WITH PUBLIC LIBRARY OR SHELTER, OUR CONVERSATIONS ARE PRETTY MUCH THE SAME EXACT THING. I KNOW WE DON'T REALLY CARE MUCH FOR SOVIETS, BUT THEY AT LEAST ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT A FLAWED ARGUMENT IT IS THAT ONE CAN EARN LAND. IN OUR SMALL HUMAN LIFE, WE CAN NEVER WORK UP ENOUGH ENERGY TO REPRODUCE A SMALL FRACTION OF THE LAND THAT WE INHABIT. SORRY. IT'S ONLY THROUGH OUR CONSTITUTION PROPERTY RIGHTS ABOVE NATURAL RIGHTS WE JUSTIFY THIS FALSE IDEA. SO IT SICKENS ME TO MY STOMACH THAT WE ARE SITTING HERE BOILING IT DOWN TO A MAXIMIZE OUR RETURN AND NUMBERS. WE ARE OVERLOOKING A VITAL PIECE OF THE EQUATION, WHICH IS THAT WE -- YOU NEVER HAD THE RIGHT TO TELL PEOPLE WHERE THEY CAN AND CAN'T BE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU TAKE MORE FROM HOMELESS PEOPLE THAN YOU GIVE IN THE SENSE YOU TAKE THE LAND AND YOU OWE IT TO THEM TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT. LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING WHICH -- EXCUSE ME LANGUAGE. IT SHOULD SCARE THE SHIT OUT OF EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM. HOW TO DECRIMINALIZE WITHOUT OWNERSHIP SHOULD BE THE MORE PRESSING ISSUE. IT'S THE MORE REALISTICALLY ACHIEVABLE GOAL. WAPATO -- SOMEBODY WHO SLEPT UNDERNEATH HIGHWAY FOR THREE YEAR, IF YOU WERE TO TELL ME I GO TO THE WOODS AND BE AROUND OTHER HOMELESS PEOPLE, I'LL DO IT. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DRIVE AN HOUR TO BE TREATED LIKE A PRISONER. JUST LIKE RUSSIA DID 100 YEARS AGO, THEY HOLD PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE ON A COLLECTIVE BASIS. IN SHELTERS, THIS TAKES THE FORM OF EVERYBODY GETTING TREATED LIKE A PRISONER BECAUSE OF A FEW BAD APPLES. IN RESPONSE TO FALSE CLAIMS OF HOUSING FIRST WORKS -- CITY AFTER CITY OF IT NOT WORKING -- WASN'T PROOF ENOUGH THAT IT DOESN'T WORK, MAYBE YOU SHOULD STAY GONE. MARIAN, SORRY IF I GOT YOUR NAME WRONG. WE CAN GET WORKED UP ABOUT ALL THE DIFFICULTIES. NOBODY SAID IT WAS GOING TO BE EASY. THAT DOESN'T MEAN IT DONE.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Wayne Wigner: JUST ONE LAST THING.

Chair Kafoury: WE HAVE OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PUBLIC SPEAKERS?

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Homer Williams: OK. THIS IS QUITE AN ISSUE. MY NAME IS HOMER WILLIAMS. I'M A REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER HERE. HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST 45 YEARS. JUST STARTED GETTING INVOLVED IN THE HOMELESS ISSUES ABOUT 18 MONTHS AGO. WE CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT THE CHRONIC HOMELESS AND THE 4,000 PEOPLE THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DEAL WITH. THE REALITY IS, WE HAVE 15,000 OR 20,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE SLEEPING IN CARS. THEY ARE SLEEPING IN THE WOODS. WE HAVE 4,000 IN THE TRICOUNTY AREA. CHILDREN DON'T HAVE AN ADDRESS. THEREFORE, ALL THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE CHILDREN. WELL, NO. WE KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE. THE COUNTY MADE A REALLY BIG EFFORT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE ALL FAMILIES HAD SHELTER. WE COULDN'T DO IT.

IT'S NOT FROM LACK OF EFFORT. MAYBE IN MY PROPOSAL I WANTED TO DO A STUDY BECAUSE WE COULD DO ONE OF THREE THINGS. CHRONIC HOMELESS, PEOPLE THAT HAVE ISSUES BUT NOT TOO MANY ISSUES, OR JUST WORKING PEOPLE WHO HAVE JOBS, WHO ARE LIVING IN CARS AND LIVING IN CAMPS AND THEY NEED A DRY, SAFE PLACE TO BE UNTIL THEY CAN SAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO MOVE INTO A NORMAL APARTMENT. WE TALK ABOUT BUILDING OUR WAY OUT OF IT. WE CAN'T. WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, WE DON'T HAVE THE TIME. SO WHAT WE NEED TO BE DOING IS LOOKING AT THIS AS A TRANSITION PIECE FOR PEOPLE. IT COSTS \$75,000 TO BUILD 500 SROS. THAT WOULD TAKE 500 PEOPLE. OK? IT WOULD TAKE US THREE TO FOUR YEARS -- IT WOULD TAKE THREE OR FOUR YEARS TO DO THAT. WE CAN'T HAVE THESE PEOPLE IN BUSHES AND KIDS IN CARS FOR THREE OR FOUR YEARS. AND THE COST TO OPERATE THAT WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY, SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN RUNNING A FULL SHELTER. SO THE IDEA TO TAKE A PROPERTY WHICH IS REALLY A DORMITORY -- THESE WERE FOR PRISONERS ON THEIR WAY OUT. IT'S REALLY A DORMITORY. AND PUT NINE DIFFERENT PODS -- TO NOT REPOSITION IT FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT OF A SIGNIFICANT WAY, I JUST THINK IS A HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Homer Williams: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: DO YOU WANT TO GO NEXT?

Don Mazziotti: I WOULD. MY NAME IS DON MAZZIOTTI. I HAVE SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY. I'M NOT GOING TO READ IT TO YOU. YOU CAN READ IT AT YOUR LEISURE. I'M ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF OREGON HARBOR OF HOPE. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL FOR \$7 MILLION TO PURCHASE THE WAPATO FACILITY SUBJECT TO A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO SEE WHETHER THAT FACILITY COULD BE CONVERTED FROM A LOW BARRIER JAIL FACILITY INTO A RESTORATION CENTER. WE HAVE SEEN RESTORATION CENTERS OF THIS SAME SIZE IN OTHER LOCATIONS, SPECIFICALLY SAN ANTONIO WHERE ABOUT 750 PEOPLE -- HOMELESS PEOPLE A YEAR -- A PROGRAM, FOOD, MEDICAL CARE, THINGS PEOPLE NEED BUT ARE NOT RECEIVING. WE MAKE THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT OFFERS REALLY THE ONLY FIRM COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE TRANSACTION WHICH YOU HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE HAVE CONSULTED, INCLUDING THE ORIGINAL ATTORNEY. HE AGREES, AS DOES OUR LAND USE ATTORNEY, THAT REZONING IS NOT ONLY FEASIBLE, BUT QUITE POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE EMERGENCY. WE ARE NOT PROPOSING THAT THE COUNTY OPERATE THIS FACILITY. THIS IS NOT PART OF OUR PLAN.

WE NEED TO STUDY THE COST OF OPERATIONS. WE HAVE LOOKED AT THE COST OF OPERATIONS STUDY DONE BY THE COUNTY STAFF. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS A STUDY DONE ABOUT A JAIL OPERATION, NOT ABOUT A RESTORATION CENTER AS WHAT WE WOULD LOOK AT. WE BELIEVE THAT, IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE SIMPLY NEED FOUR MONTHS OF -- OR 120 BUSINESS DAYS TO DEVELOP A PLAN, TO DO A FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS TO SEE WHETHER IT'S POSSIBLE TO UTILIZE THIS FACILITY. WE'LL PAY FOR THAT PLAN AND BRING IT BACK TO YOU. IF IT PROVES TO BE INAPPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE, WE'LL STOP AT THAT POINT. IF IT DOES NOT, WE'LL CLOSE WITH \$7 MILLION TO YOU. WE'LL ASSUME OPERATING THE PLAN AND INCLUDE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING COULD EASILY BE BUILT ON THE 14 ACRES THAT ARE THERE. I WOULD ASK THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL. HARBOR OF HOPE IS PREPARED TO GO FORWARD TODAY WITH OUR EFFORT. WE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT AND PRESENT YOU WITH A PLAN THAT WE THINK WOULD INDICATE THE POSITION THAT HAVE THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Don Mazziotti: CAN I TAKE 30 SECONDS.

Chair Kafoury: OF BRAD'S TIME. IF HE'S GOING TO GIVE YOU 30 SECONDS OF HIS. GO AHEAD.

Don Mazziotti: OK. ONE THING THAT HAS COME UP -- AS YOU KNOW, WE JUST OPENED A SHELTER. WE'RE RAISING THE MONEY PRIVATELY TO DO THAT. IF WE WERE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH WAPATO, OUR INTENTION IS PRIMARY FUNDING FOR IT AND FOR THE OPERATIONS WOULD NOT BE COMING FROM

THE COUNTY. AND THAT'S NEVER BEEN OUR INTENTION. FOUNDATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND OTHERS. THANK YOU.

Brad Perkins: I RUN A REAL ESTATE COMPANY AND ALSO C.E.O. OF HIGH SPEED RAIL AND WORKING ON THE TRAIL FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS. I WOKE UP THE OTHER DAY -- TUESDAY MORNING -- LISTENING TO OPD. I HEARD THAT MR. KAFOURY AND THE MAYOR AND HOMER WERE GOING TO GET TOGETHER AND TALK ABOUT A HOMELESS SHELTER. I JUST ABOUT JUMPED UP, THINKING IT WAS WAPATO. AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT HERE - - A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. THIS IS MUSIC TO MY EARS. FOR THESE TWO GENTLEMEN TO COME TO YOUR BOARD AND ASK TO HAVE THIS PROPERTY SOLD TO THEM -- AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND REAL ESTATE -- I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 24 YEARS -- THE REPRESENTATIVE IS WAY OFF. OK? WHEN A PERSON WHO MAKES A BID ON A PROPERTY COUNTERS, THAT LEAVES THE DOOR OPEN FOR ANYBODY ELSE TO STEP IN AND OFFER A DEAL. OK? THEY ARE OPTING THE BEST DEAL POSSIBLE FOR YOU PEOPLE. IF YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR NECK AT ELECTION, THINK OF THIS. THIS IS FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ON TOP OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. DO YOUR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. THIS IS YOUR JOB TO HELP GET THESE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. YOU'RE NOT WILLING TO DO THAT.

THESE GENTLEMEN ARE WILLING TO DO IT. HOMER JUST GOT THROUGH SAYING THAT HE'S NOT GOING TO BE ASKING YOU GUYS FOR PUBLIC MONEY ON THIS. AND I BET THAT ONCE THESE GUYS GET INVOLVED, THERE WILL BE PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK TRYING TO HELP OUT, IF THEY ARE ASKED TO HELP, AS GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS, TO HELP THESE PEOPLE NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE SITTING IN A JAIL, BECAUSE SITTING IN A GREAT SERVICE FACILITY THAT CAN ACT AS A PLACE FOR THEM TO GET A NEW START. THAT'S WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. OTHER PERMANENT LOCATIONS OUTSIDE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES. YOU TRY FIND ANOTHER COMMUNITY THAT'S WILLING TO TAKE THIS TYPE OF SERVICE CENTER IN, GOOD LUCK. GOOD LUCK. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE ARE TALKING ABOUT \$6.40 PER SQUARE FOOT OF PROPERTY. THAT IS NUTS. A STEAL. I BET YOU -- I THINK MARTY KEYHO IS A REPUTABLE PERSON. BUT WHY WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO TRADE IT OFF FOR ANOTHER \$2 MILLION? MOST GUYS IN THAT POSITION WOULD WANT TO DO THAT. I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS. DON'T COME TO THE TABLE TODAY THINKING THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY GOT YOUR MIND MADE UP. PLEASE LISTEN TO THESE INDIVIDUALS THAT REALLY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Board Clerk: WE HAVE ONLINE SUBMISSIONS. I'M CHECKING WHETHER THEY ARE HERE. [READS NAMES] PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOU'RE HERE.

Peter Stiffler: BEEN A WHILE. I SUBMITTED A LETTER --

Chair Kafoury: YOUR NAME.

Peter Stiffler: PETER STIFFLER. I TEACH AT STATE. AND I WORK AT POWER. I SUBMITTED A WRITTEN STATEMENT. I THINK THE WRITTEN STATEMENT MAKES A FAIRLY ELABORATE PLEA. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THIS. I THINK TODAY I THINK WE CAN SIMPLIFY THE QUESTION BECAUSE TODAY WE ARE ASKING WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE TAKING THE HIGHEST BID OFFER. AND WE ARE NOT. WE ARE CHOOSING TO TAKE AN OFFER THAT'S LESS THAN THE HIGHEST BID OFFER. I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT'S DUE DILIGENCE. WE CAN HAVE LEGAL INTERPRETATIONS AND THAT WILL PLAY OUT AS IT PLAYS OUT. BUT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY NOW -- I LIVE DOWNTOWN. I SEE HOMELESS PEOPLE. IT HURTS ME EVERY DAY. WE ARE NOT ACTING FAST ENOUGH. THIS IS A REAL ISSUE. I LIVE IN A CITY WHERE THREE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO TAKE THIS ON THROUGH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AND OUR GOVERNMENT IS IGNORING IT, IF NOT TAKING THAT OPPORTUNITY. THAT'S NOT THE PLACE THAT I LIVE. IF YOU'RE GOING TO DEFINE THAT AS THE PLACE I LIVE, I FORESEE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES TO IT. THAT'S REALLY ALL I HAVE TO THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury; THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: NO. [INAUDIBLE] YOU ALREADY SPOKE ON REGULAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY ABOUT WAPATO.

Chair Kafoury: HE CAN SPEAK ON THIS. I'M SORRY. IF YOU'RE GOING TO TESTIFY, YOU NEED TO SIT DOWN. STATE YOUR NAME.

Steve Chandler: MY NAME IS STEVE CHANDLER. I'M A RETIRED CARPENTER. I USED TO WORK FOR HOFFMAN. I HAVE BUILT JAILS. I HAVE BEEN IN JAILS. JAILS AREN'T A BAD THING. SOMETIMES THEY ARE NECESSARY. OK? ESPECIALLY THESE NEIGHBORS THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT -- IT'S NOT JUST HOMELESS. IT'S MENTAL ILLNESS. DEBRA, WOULD YOU LIKE THAT ACROSS FROM YOUR HOUSE? IT'S A NO-BRAINER. THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT FACILITY, A GREAT SHELTER TO SOLVE MANY, MANY PROBLEMS. I DON'T AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. I THINK IT SHOULD REMAIN -- I'M A TAXPAYER. I DON'T LIKE SEEING MY PUBLIC INTEREST SOLD OFF ON THE AUCTION BLOCK WHEN THEY REALLY DON'T NEED TO BE BECAUSE OF FUNDING WHEN THERE'S PLENTY OF FUNDING TO GO AROUND IN OTHER AREAS. BUT OBVIOUSLY THE ONLY COMMISSIONER LISTENING TO ME IS MY FAVORITE, LORETTA SMITH, SHE'S TRYING TO BLOCK THE SALE. THE OTHERS, I BELIEVE, DO NOT CARE WHAT THE PUBLIC TAXPAYER THINKS. THEY HAVE GOT AGENDAS. NOW, IF THIS SALE GOES THROUGH, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME OTHER WAY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO TRY TO BLOCK THIS BECAUSE IT'S CORRUPT. YOU DON'T SELL \$120 WORTH OF REAL ESTATE, 18 ACRES -- ST. JOHN'S -- LIKE COMMISSIONER SMITH SAID, IT DOESN'T HOLD WATER. IT'S

GOT EVERYTHING THERE, THE SERVICES -- IT DOESN'T HAVE A METHADONE CLINIC. YOU COULD MOVE ONE THERE. THIS IS AMERICA. IF SOMEBODY TOLD THE WRIGHT BROTHERS IT WOULDN'T WORK, THEY WOULD DO IT ANYWAY. THAT'S THE ADVICE I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE TO YOU. I'LL PART BY SAYING, PLEASE, COMMISSIONERS, YOU'RE TASKED WITH A DUTY TO HELP THIS COMMUNITY. THE HOMELESS. SHARON, LISTEN TO ME. DO YOUR DUTY TO YOUR COMMUNITY. VOTE NO ON THIS SALE. LET'S MOVE FORWARD ON MAKING IT A SHELTER. IT WILL WORK IF YOU ALLOW IT TO WORK. GIVE IT A CHANCE. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: I HAVE A COUPLE OF COMMENTS. WAPATO IS IN MY DISTRICT. AND WE HAVE BEEN DEBATING THIS FOR A VERY LONG TIME. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO PUT AN AMENDMENT ON THE FLOOR TO DENY THE COUNTEROFFER, PERIOD. AND WE COUNTER WITH AT LEAST \$8.5 MILLION, WHAT THE BUILDING IS APPRAISED AT. ANYTHING LESS THAN THAT, IT IS CERTAINLY POLITICAL MALPRACTICE.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE BOARD?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I HAVE COMMENTS.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: I APPRECIATE THE INTEREST THAT EVERYONE HAS HAD ON THIS AND THE WORK THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DOING ON THE QUESTION OF WAPATO. YOU KNOW, THE VOTE THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING TODAY THAT WE ARE TAKING TODAY, IT REALLY UNDERLINING AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S HISTORY. WE HAVE HAD THIS SALE -- IT STARTED 20 YEARS AGO WHEN VOTERS APPROVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAIL. WE KNOW THAT, BECAUSE OF THE STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS, IT UNDERCUT THE REVENUE THAT WAS EVEN POTENTIALLY THERE TO OPERATE IT. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT THE BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAIL AFTER THE VOTERS APPROVED MEASURES 47 AND 50, BECAUSE NOT ONLY DID IT -- DID THE LIMITATIONS UNDERMINE THE OPPORTUNITY, ALSO CRIME RATES WERE PLUMMETING. WE DIDN'T NEED THAT JAIL ANYMORE.

WE LEARNED THE LIMITS AND DOWNSIDE OF MASS INCARCERATION. WE KNOW SINCE THAT TIME THAT HAS SAT OUT THERE IDLE, OCCUPYING THE LAND THAT WAS ORIGINALLY INDUSTRIAL, WHICH WE HAVE VERY LIMITED CAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL LAND IN THIS AREA. WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE COMPOUNDING EFFECTS OF THE ADDITIONAL TAXPAYER FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN REQUIRED FOR THE ONGOING MAINTENANCE \$300,000 A YEAR EVERY YEAR. SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN OFFICE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACTUALLY MARKET THIS FOR THE FIRST TIME BECAUSE THE COUNTY BONDS WERE PAID OFF AND BECAUSE WE HAD AGREEMENT FROM

THE STATE THAT WE COULD GO FORWARD WITH THE MARKETING OF THE PROPERTY. THOSE MARKETING EFFORTS HAVE SHOWN THE LIMITED VALUE AND THE POTENTIAL USES OF THIS PROPERTY. THIS HAS -- THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN SHOWN FOR MOVIE PRODUCTION COMPANIES, INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURERS, DATA CENTER OPERATORS, AND OTHERS. THIS MOST RECENT OFFER THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING ILLUSTRATES THE LIMITATIONS OF THE PROPERTY. YOU KNOW, MR. KEYHO WAS TALKING ABOUT POTENTIALLY CONVERTING THE SITE TO DISTRIBUTION CENTER. BUT TRYING TO CHANGE WHAT WAS BUILT AS A JAIL TO SOMETHING ELSE WAS COST PROHIBITIVE. IT'S SIMPLE. THE BUILDING IS A JAIL. THERE'S NOT THAT MUCH YOU CAN DO TO CHANGE THAT.

Commissioner Vega Pederson: WE HAVE HEARD ABOUT THIS \$109 MILLION. THAT'S NOT WHAT THE PROPERTY IS WORTH. THAT IS, UNFORTUNATELY, WHAT ALL OF US AS TAXPAYERS HAVE PUT INTO WHERE WE ARE NOW WITH THE WAPATO JAIL. THE MAINTENANCE, THE BUILDING, ALL OF THAT. THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IS IN THE LAND. IT'S NOT IN THE BUILDING. IT'S ACTUALLY WORTH MORE WITH THE BUILDING NOT ON IT. IT'S ZONED INDUSTRIAL, AND IT IS VALUABLE WITHOUT THAT JAIL. MUCH OF THE INTEREST IN THE OFFERS THAT WE HAVE HEARD SINCE WE HAVE TAKEN THAT WERE BASED ON THE IDEA OF PURCHASING THE LAND AND REMOVING THE JAIL. THIS OFFER THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY AT THE \$5 MILLION MARK IS IN LINE WITH SOME OF THESE OTHER OFFERS. BECAUSE OF THE MOTION THAT COMMISSIONER PUT FORWARD AND THIS BOARD APPROVED, THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE FROM WAPATO WILL BE USED TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM -- THE LARGEST PROBLEM FACING OUR COMMUNITY. AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS. WE TOOK THAT STEP IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SALE BACK IN NOVEMBER AND I WANT TO SEE US PUT THIS REVENUE TO THE GOOD USE THAT IT'S INTENDED. THIS IS NOT, YOU KNOW, NECESSARILY THE HAPPY DAY FOR THE COUNTY WHAT WE ARE DOING TODAY. IT'S A BITTERSWEET DAY. YOU KNOW, WE KNOW -- I KNOW PEOPLE ARE GOING TO SAY WE ARE MISSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE A SHELTER. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THIS SITE IS ISOLATED.

IT'S FAR FROM TREATMENT OR JOB TRAINING SERVICES, HEALTHCARE, GROCERY STORES, LAUNDRY AND IT'S SERVED BY A SINGLE LINE THAT DOESN'T EVEN RUN ON WEEKENDS. I APPLAUD THE WORK THAT MR. WILLIAMS AND OTHERS ARE DOING THE TO HELP WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. I THINK THE NAVIGATION AND CENTER IS A FANTASTIC IDEA. I APPLAUD THAT. BUT THIS SITE IS FOR HEAVY INDUSTRIAL USE IDENTIFIED AS AN INDUSTRIAL SANCTUARY FOR THE CITY AND PORTLAND'S COMPREHENSIVE. IT'S LIMITED BY COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS, AS WELL AS DEED RESTRICTIONS. INSTEAD OF BEING A FURTHER DRAIN OF TAXPAYER FUNDS, THE SITE CAN HOPEFULLY CREATE NEW JOBS. AS I SAID, BUILDING WAPATO WAS AWE MISTAKE. BUT HOLDING ONTO IT ANY LONGER WOULD ALSO BE A MISTAKE. THAT'S HOW I'LL BE VOTING TODAY.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: ONE ITEM THAT WE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT -- WE STILL OWE STATE BONDS ON THIS PROPERTY THAT WILL NOT BE PAID OFF UNTIL 2030. I THINK WE OWE \$15 MILLION IN STATE BONDS. SO WHY WOULD WE SELL A PROPERTY FOR \$5 MILLION WHEN WE STILL OWE STATE BONDS?

Chair Kafoury: KEN, PLEASE CLARIFY.

Ken Elliott: THE STATE OWES THOSE BONDS. THE COUNTY FULLY OUR BONDS IN NOVEMBER OF 2016. THE STATE APPROVED OUR SALE OF THE PROPERTY FOR INDUSTRIAL USE TO A PRIVATE PARTY AND THEY HAVE OBTAINED AN OPINION FROM BOND COUNCIL TWO YEARS AGO THAT THE FACT THAT THOSE BONDS CONTINUE TO BE PAID OFF, WILL NOT PROHIBIT THE SALE FOR A PRIVATE USE AND THEY DON'T LOSE THEIR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS BECAUSE ONLY A DE MINIMIS BALANCE IS OWED. THE BONDS WERE ISSUED IN TWO SEPARATE ISSUES. ONE IS PAID OFF COMPLETELY THIS YEAR IN 2018. THE OTHER ONE IS PAID OFF IN 2023. SO THERE'S FIVE MORE YEARS ON THE STATE BONDS AND THE BOND COUNCIL SAID THAT, BASED ON THE DE MINIMIS BALANCE, I DON'T THINK IT'S ANYTHING CLOSE TO \$15 MILLION. THAT WAS THE ORIGINAL ISSUE AMOUNT FOR ONE OF THE ISSUES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: BUT WE STILL OWE BOND MONEY -- NOT WE, BUT THE STATE OWES BOND MONEY THAT IS CLEARLY MORE THAN THE VALUE OF THE SALE?

Ken Elliott: I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT BALANCE. I THINK IT IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN THE SALE. BUT THAT IS IMMATERIAL BECAUSE THE STATE HAS APPROVED THE SALE AND ALL OF THOSE PROCEEDS --

Commissioner Smith: THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE THE LOSS?

Ken Elliott: NO, THEY DON'T TAKE THE LOSS. THEY CONTINUE TO HAVE THE BONDS PAID OFF AND THE COUNTY GETS THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER, DID YOU HAVE A CLOSING COMMENT?

Commissioner Meieran: WANTED TO REITERATE SOME OF WHAT COMMISSIONER PETERSON MENTIONED, THAT THIS IS NOT A \$109 MILLION-VALUED PROPERTY. THIS IS A PROPERTY THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, WE AS TAXPAYERS HAVE PUT 1,000-ISH MILLION DOLLARS INTO OVER TIME. WE CONTINUE TO THROW SOME OF THAT GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD BY HAVING TO PUT IN \$300,000 PER YEAR JUST TO MAINTAIN THE FACILITY AND PREVENT IT FROM FALLING INTO DISREPAIR. BUT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY IS

AROUND THIS FIVE-ISH MILLION DOLLAR MARK. THAT HAS BEEN CLEAR, GIVEN THE APPRAISAL WHICH WAS FOUR YEARS AGO, AND ALSO THE MARKET ATTEMPTS WE MADE TO SELL IT, WHICH WERE EXTENSIVE. AND I AM DISGUSTED THAT WAPATO EXISTS. I HAVE TO SAY I RECOGNIZE THIS PREVIOUS COMMISSION ENCOURAGED BY THIS OVERZEALOUS SHERIFF MADE A MONUMENTALLY BAD DECISION TO BUILD IT. IT IS LITERALLY A MODEL OF WHAT NOT TO DO AS A COMMISSIONER. AND IT'S TRAGIC THAT THIS HAS ALL HAPPENED. BUT IT DOES BRING US TO TODAY AND THE SITUATION THAT WE HAVE INHERITED. SO ONCE THE BOND AS COMMISSIONER MENTIONED AND KEN CONFIRMED, ONCE THE BONDS WERE PAID OFF -- LAST YEAR WE WERE ALLOWED TO MARKET IT, WHICH WE ELECTED TO DO AGGRESSIVELY, RATHER THAN A \$300,000 MONEY SINK, WE WANTED TO SELL THE PROPERTY AND USE THE PROCEEDS TOWARDS PROACTIVE STRATEGIES THAT WE KNOW WILL MOVE THE DIAL ON ENDING THE HOMELESS CRISIS.

Commissioner Meieran: WE WANT TO PUT THE PROPERTY BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS AND ACTUALLY GET SOME MONEY COMING IN FROM IT. I DO WANT TO BRIEFLY ADDRESS MR. WILLIAMS' OFFER BECAUSE I REALLY DO APPRECIATE IT. I BELIEVE THAT YOUR VISION AND DEDICATION TO SOLVING THE HOMELESS CRISIS ACTUALLY MIGHT POTENTIALLY MAKE IT HAPPEN. I WISH I HAD KNOWN MORE ABOUT THE OFFER EARLIER BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE INFORMATION ON THAT -- AS WE RECEIVED IT, IT IS NOT IN A WAY THAT APPEARS TO BE ACTUALLY FOR THE \$7 MILLION. IT COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY LESS. SO IN COMPARING THE TWO OFFERS, AND CONSIDERING THE \$5 MILLION, THAT ONE IS THERE. WE HAVE ADDED THE REQUIREMENT THAT THERE BE PIECE TO THAT OFFER AND OUR COUNTEROFFER -- RATHER THAN HAVING POSTPONEMENTS AND EXTRA MONTHS, WE HAVE SAID, NO, WE ARE CALLING THE QUESTION, PUT DOWN \$200,000 HARD MONEY, NO MORE DUE DILIGENCE TIME. WE WILL KNOW BY NEXT WEEK WHETHER THIS OFFER GOES THROUGH. REGARDLESS, WE HAVE THE \$200,000 OF EARNEST MONEY. I FEEL THAT NO PART OF WAPATO'S HISTORY HAS BEEN A VICTORY IN WISE PLANNING. BUT IT IS WHERE WE ARE TODAY. I'M GOING TO JUST END WITH KIND OF A -- SINCE I'M A DOCTOR, I'M GOING TO END WITH A SORT OF HEALTHCARE ANALOGY HERE. HOMELESSNESS IS TRULY A CANCER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE APPROACHES THAT WE KNOW WORK IN TERMS OF CURING OR MANAGING CANCER. THOSE ARE CHEMOTHERAPY, RADIATION, COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES ALSO WORK. BUT THERE ARE OTHER MEASURES. YOU CAN GO TO SWEDEN AND PAY A TON OF MONEY AND GET THE -- SOME DOCTOR THERE SAYS, THIS WILL WORK, THIS WILL CURE YOU, WITH NO EVIDENCE, WITHOUT ANY BACKUP TO THAT. AND IT SOUNDS GREAT. BUT WE JUST -- IF WE HAVE LIMITED RESOURCES, WE CAN PAY FOR THE CURE -- ONLY ONE CURE. WE ARE GOING TO GO WITH THE ONE THAT WE KNOW WORKS RIGHT NOW THAT WE HAVE THE MONEY THAT WE CAN SPEND ON THE STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS. I HATE THE DECISION. BUT IT IS WHAT WE ARE FACED WITH TODAY. SO I WILL BE VOTING YES ON THE AMENDMENT.

Chair Kafoury: I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS COME OUT TODAY TO TALK ABOUT THIS ISSUE AND EVERYONE WHO HAS WRITTEN AND CALLED AND LET'S SAY I DON'T THINK THERE'S A PERSON IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THIS ROOM TODAY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND FACILITIES AND CBRE FOR WORKING SO HARD FOR SO LONG TO BRING THIS MATTER BEFORE US. WAPATO WAS BUILT AT A TIME WHEN OUR COMMUNITY WAS SCARED AND ANGRY AND THOUGHT THE BEST ANSWER TO THE DRUG ADDICTION CRISIS WAS A MASSIVE JAIL CLOSER TO VANCOUVER THAN IT IS TO PORTLAND. BUT LOCKING PEOPLE UP TURNED OUT TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE AND LEAST-EFFECTIVE THINGS WE AS A STATE AND A NATION HAVE EVER DONE. JAIL IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY SOME OF THE TIME.

BUT THROUGH EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT PREVENTION, DIVERSION, AND TREATMENT CAN HELP KEEP MANY OF THOSE LOW-LEVEL OFFENDERS FROM REOFFENDING WITHOUT EVER HAVING TO GO TO JAIL IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEY ARE ALSO MUCH MORE HUMANE AND MUCH MORE COST-EFFECTIVE. AND THEY AVOID THE BARRIERS THAT CAN PUSH PEOPLE IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM THAN ONTO OUR STREET. HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS IS AT THE CORE OF MY LIFE WORK. IT IS WHAT MOTIVATES TO ME TO COME TO WORK EVERY DAY. I HAVE, AND I WILL LOOK AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS AND INTO A SAFE PLACE. A HOME THAT WILL PUT THEM ON THE ROAD TO SAFETY AND STABILITY. I DID LOOK AT USING WAPATO AS A SHELTER. SEVERAL TIMES. I HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR FROM THOSE WHO KNOW BEST, THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCES, THOSE WITH EXPERIENCE IN HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS - - I LEARNED WHAT WORKS FOR PEOPLE AND WHAT GETS RESULTS. AND WE KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING HOMELESS, HELPING PEOPLE QUICKLY RETURN TO OR STAY IN THEIR HOMES MAKES A LASTING DIFFERENCE.

HAVING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, DRUG TREATMENT SERVICE INTEGRATED INTO OUR COMMUNITY MAKES SENSE. HAVING PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST IN NEED CLOSE TO THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS, THEIR JOBS, AND THEIR SUPPORT NETWORKS MAKES A LASTING DIFFERENCE. WE DEPARTMENT HAVE THE MONEY TO RUN WAPATO THEN, AND WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY NOW. AND AS IT TURNS OUT, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT OTHER THINGS WORK BETTER. IT'S NOT JUST THE COST OF HANGING ONTO WAPATO THAT WILL BURDEN US. LAND USE LAWS ACTUALLY MATTER IN OREGON. IN FACT, WE PRACTICALLY INVENTED LAND USE LAWS. AND EVERY DOLLAR SPENT ON ATTORNEYS AND TIME FIGHTING THOSE LAWS, TO FIGHT THE STATE, THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND THE NEIGHBORS IS ONE LESS DOLLAR THAT WE CAN SPEND ON OUR SENIORS, ON OUR SCHOOLS, BRIDGES, AND ON THE HOMELESS. WAPATO HAS GIVEN ME A GREAT SENSE OF HUMILITY ABOUT HOW THIS BOARD'S DECISIONS WILL AFFECT THE

FUTURE. BUT IT HAS DEEPENED MY RESOLVE TO LEARN FROM THE PAST, TO MAKE PUBLIC POLICY DECISIONS TODAY THAT DISSPELL THE MYTH OF WAPATO AND RETURN THAT VALUE TO THE TAXPAYER. WE AS A BOARD MADE THIS DECISION LAST NOVEMBER TO SELL IT.

Chair Kafoury: IT WAS A COURAGEOUS DECISION AND A SOUND ONE, AS WE WILL USE THE MONEY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND I PLEDGE THAT I WILL WORK HARDER THAN EVER TO GET MORE PEOPLE PERMANENTLY OUT OF HOMELESS BY GETTING THEM HOUSED IN THE WAYS THAT WE KNOW WORK. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. [AYES] OPPOSED?

Commissioner Smith: AYE.

Chair Kafoury: THE COUNTY'S COUNTEROFFER SET FORTH IN THE SECOND AMENDMENT AND REINSTATEMENT IS APPROVED.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: NOW WE HAVE COME TO THE PART ON OUR BOARD CALENDAR WHERE WE HAVE COMMISSIONERS PROVIDE COMMENTS ON NONAGENDA ITEMS. DOES ANYBODY HAVE ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER? ALRIGHT, SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING IS ADJOURNED. [GAVEL]

ADJOURNMENT – 1:11 p.m.

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