

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, Commissioners Sharon Meieran and Commissioner Loretta Smith present. Vice-Chair Lori Stegmann was excused.

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

TODAY IS MAY THE 10TH THIS OUR REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, UNFORTUNATELY COMMISSIONER STEGMANN IS UNDER THE WEATHER SO SHE IS NOT GOING TO BE JOINING US THIS MORNING. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR? COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECOND, APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-36-18: Authorizing two position reclassifications within the Health Department.
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCA-17-18: Facilities and Property Management - Reclassify Position 714564 from Program Supervisor to Manager 1.
- C.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCHS-23-18: Reclassification of two positions in DCHS - Youth & Family Services Division.
- C.4 Approval of Four (4) Intergovernmental Agreements to Continue the Multnomah County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium for Program Years July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2021.

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.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

Board Clerk: YES MADAME CHAIR WE HAVE 6 PEOPLE SIGNED UP. [READS NAMES]

Jay Blume: SO I'M UP FIRST

Chair Kafoury: YEP

Jay Blume: BRUCE INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO ME TODAY AND ASKED IF I WOULD BE WILLING TO DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. AND AS A FATHER OF SON WHO DID TWO TOURS IN AFGHANISTAN AND GOT A PURPLE HEART AND A BRONZE STAR. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO DO THAT.

All: [RECITES THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

Bruce Broussard: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, I AM BRUCE BROUSSARD. CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT NUMBER 2. AND WOULD LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOUR VOTES. IM SURE YOU'RE ALL ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT VOTING, AND I WOULD SUGGEST ALSO THAT EVERYBODY VOTE, EVERY ONE GET OUT AND VOTE TODAY. MY COMMENTS IS THAT I REALLY APPRECIATE THE COMMITMENT ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE STATEMENT CHAIR KAFOURY, AS FAR AS THAT YOU SUPPORTING THE PEOPLES VOICE FROM THE STAND POINT OF SUPPORTING THE CAPPING ASPECT OF THAT. I THOUGHT THAT WAS GOOD BECAUSE IN ALL DUE RESPECT THAT'S REALLY WHAT THE COUNTY REPRESENTS, WE REPRESENT POOR FOLKS FOR SURE, THEY SPOKE UP AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT, I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE SHOULD ALL ABIDE BY, VERY VERY IMPORTANT.

THE OTHER POINT IS THAT THIS IS KIND OF OUR LAST DAY, IF YOU WILL, AND NOT NECESSARILY CAMPING BUT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WHOEVER, IF YOU WILL, TAKES THE SCENE, DISTRICT NUMBER 2, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT SEAT. WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO AT THE COUNTY. VERY, VERY MUCH SO. AND ACTUALLY LIKE ANYTHING ELSE WE GO THROUGH THIS ELECTION PROCESS AND WE GET DOWN TO THIS PARTICULAR POINT AND WE'RE LOOKING FOR A LEADER FOR THAT SPOT. THE ONLY CONCERN I HAD, THE LEADING CANDIDATE, WHICH ALL OF YOU SUPPORTED WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, AND A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS DID, BUT THE THING IS THAT I'VE BEEN HERE LEADING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG BUT I WOULD HAVE RESPECTED THE OTHER CANDIDATES TO HAVE BEEN HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COUNTY. I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE, AND UNFORTUNATELY THE PERSON, WITH THE VERY EXPENSIVE CAMPAIGN, I HAVE THREE FLYERS THAT HAVE COME TO MY HOME, THREE FLYERS, IN MY HOME, BUT YET STILL THIS PERSON HAND APPEARED BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR THE DURATION OF THE TIME THAT THE PERSON FILED FOR OFFICE. I'VE BEEN HERE EVERY THURSDAY. EVERY THURSDAY ACTING ON THE ISSUES AND THE LIKE.

AND SO I THINK THAT THAT'S A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT PIECE. I HOPE THAT SHE IS LISTENING TO ME, IS HEARING THIS. BECAUSE IT'S VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. WHOEVER TAKES THAT SEAT NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT EXISTS IN

THE COUNTY, ESPECIALLY DISTRICT 2. YOU KNOW IT'S ONE OF THE LARGEST DISTRICTS, AND AGAIN, COMMISSIONER, COMMISSIONER SMITH HAS SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME DEVELOPING HER ASPECT OF IT AND IDENTIFYING WITH THAT COMMUNITY IN A LOT OF THE ISSUES OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN'S ASPECT, AND I WORRY IN TERMS OF WHETHER OR NOT THIS PERSON WILL ACTUALLY DO THIS. THAT'S WHY I SAID, HAD SHE COME HERE SHE WOULD ACTUALLY HAVE MIXED UP WITH FOLKS, MAYBE TALKED WITH ME FOR A CHANGE. AND I HAVE HAD MY ONGOING SHOW AT THE OREGON VOTER'S DIGEST, AND I HAVE ALWAYS INVITED HER AND ALL THE OTHER CANDIDATES, AND MARIA, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. OKAY, GOOD.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. YOU ARE UP. YEP.

Kevin Minkoff: I AM UP. GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS KEVIN MINKOFF, A CPA. NOT YOUR ORDINARY BEAN COUNTER. I AM A RESIDENT OF TROUTDALE. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS OF TROUTDALE TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION AND HOPEFULLY GARNER YOUR HELP IN TRYING TO RESOLVE AN ISSUE RELATED TO THE OLD COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY. THERE IS DESIGNS, EFFORTS, IN ORDER TO DO A NUMBER OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS, BUMP OUTS, STREET CROSSINGS AND SO ON. THE BUSINESS OWNERS, 40 OF THEM, WHO HAVE SIGNED A PETITION, TO SAY THAT, AND RESIDENTS, AS WELL, OF TROUTDALE, TO SAY THAT THE CURRENT DESIGN AS PRESENTED FROM THE COUNTY ENGINEERS IS NOT, NOT TENABLE. IT'S EXPENSIVE. IT ALSO CREATES QUITE A FEW LOST PARKING SPACES. IT DOESN'T ADDRESS ALL OF THE ADA CONCERNS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING AND SO ON. MY GOAL TODAY IS TO CALL THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION SO THAT THE CONCLUSION COULD BE THAT YOU ALLOW US TO PRESENT AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN THAT MEETS ADA REQUIREMENTS, THAT PROVIDES SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS, FOR BICYCLISTS, AND FOR AUTOMOBILE DRIVERS, AND PROVIDES ADDITIONAL PARKING THAT WOULD BE LOST UNDER THE CURRENT PLAN. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO SAY IS, AND MAKE YOU AWARE, THERE IS APPARENTLY SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND SOME MISCOMMUNICATION ABOUT WHO HAS JURISDICTION OVER THAT HIGHWAY. IS IT THE STATE? OR IS IT THE COUNTY? AND I WILL READ YOU, AND I AM HAPPY TO HAND THIS OVER. UNFORTUNATELY I ONLY HAVE ONE COPY, BUT I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU, THAT SAYS FROM BASIL R. CHRISTOPHER, IF I AM PRONOUNCING THAT CORRECTLY, OF ODOT, WHO IS THE ENGINEER FOR THE STATE, WHO SAYS THAT JURISDICTION FOR THIS SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY WAS TRANSFERRED TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY SEVERAL YEARS AGO. AND THE COUNTY, NOT ODOT, ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND APPROVING ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT.

THIS WOULD INCLUDE CHANGES TO CROSSWALK MARKINGS, SIDEWALK, ADA RAMPS, AND ETC. SO I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR AND ON THE RECORD THAT YOU HAVE COMMISSIONERS, HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINAL DRAFT

AND DESIGN APPROVAL OF THOSE CHANGES. WHAT WE WANT TO DO, ALL WE WANT TO DO AT THIS STAGE IS TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE PUT A HOLD ON THE CURRENT DESIGN. WE HAVE ENGAGED A VERY REPUTABLE ENGINEER, GREGORY KORAHASHI THAT SUBMITTED PLANS WHICH WOULD BE A QUARTER OF THE COST, A QUARTER OF THE COST OF WHAT YOUR CURRENT DESIGNS ARE.

Chair Kafoury: IF YOU TURN AROUND IN THE BACK, ADAM AND NATHAN, WOULD YOU TALK WITH THEM?

Kevin Minkoff: YES.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. THANKS FOR COMING.

Lightning: I AM LIGHTNING AND I REPRESENT LIGHTNING SUPER CREATIVITY WATCHDOG. THE MEETING THAT I HAD IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS WITH THE FEDERAL JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON, I REALLY FOUND IT VERY INTERESTING. I FIND, ACTUALLY, HIM VERY INTERESTING WITH A LOT OF DISCUSSIONS THAT HE HAS, AND YOU KNOW, A LITTLE BACKGROUND OF THE FEDERAL JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON, RELATED TO NEIL SIMON AND DANNY SIMON, SOME OF THE BEST SCREENWRITERS IN THE WORLD. I ALWAYS WAS AMAZED BY WATCHING HOW HE DOES HIS JOB. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HE BROUGHT UP DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WAS THAT TELL ME A BIT MORE ABOUT THE UNITY CENTER.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT HOW IT IS BEING FUNDED. TELL ME A BIT MORE ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT GO THERE. DO THEY END UP GOING BACK TO JAIL? AND THESE ARE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, AND AS YOU KNOW, I DON'T BELIEVE ANY OF YOU WERE AT THE DISCUSSIONS. AND AT THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DEALING WITH THE UNITY CENTER, I THINK IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HAVE SOMEONE IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS. AND WHEN HE'S ASKING VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS LIKE THIS, I AM GOING TO COME BACK WITH THE ANSWERS BECAUSE I AM GOING TO BE TALKING TO THE REPRESENTATIVES AT UNITY, AND I WILL BE GETTING THOSE ANSWERS AND DELIVERING THOSE BACK TO FEDERAL JUDGE MICHAEL SIMON. I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF YOU IN HERE WILL DO IT. I DON'T THINK THAT ANY OF YOU IN HERE REALLY QUITE CARE ABOUT DOING IT. SO I WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT. AGAIN ENJOY THE SALARIES THAT I AM PAYING YOU AND THE PUBLIC IS PAYING YOU TO DO THESE TYPE OF JOBS AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU GET THE ANSWERS BACK TO THE PROPER PEOPLE. MOVING ALONG, ON WAPATO, I AM THE VILLAIN. I AM THE ONE WHO CAUSED MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO LOSE 100 MILLION. LIGHTNING. I AM THE ONE. I AM THE ONE WHO HAS HAD 15 TO 20 YEARS IN COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND MADE THE MOST INCOMPETENT DECISION IN THE HISTORY OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BASED UPON MY EXPERIENCE IN THE REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY, BASED UPON MY EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS, BASED UPON THAT EXPERIENCE TO MAKE THAT TYPE OF DECISION. I AM THE VILLAIN. I AM THE ONE TO LOOK AT.

Lightning: I AM THE ONE THAT YOU WANT TO LOOK AT AND BLAME THAT 100 MILLION LOSS. AND BECAUSE I HAVE COST YOU 100 MILLION, REPRESENTATIVES OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I AM GOING TO ALSO BE KNOWN AS THE WATCHDOG OF WAPATO. I AM GOING TO GO OVER EVERY NUMBER, EVERY EMAIL, AND EVERY ANALYSIS, AND EVERY FINANCIAL DOCUMENT, EVERYTHING THAT I CAN PULL UP ON WAPATO AND I AM GOING TO PRESENT IT TO YOU, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, TO EXPLAIN WHY I AM THE VILLAIN. I LOST 100 MILLION. FRANKLY, TO THE PUBLIC, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK. BECAUSE YOU ARE JUST THE PUBLIC. IT'S YOUR MONEY AND WE CAN RAISE YOUR TAXES. ENJOY THE LOSS, PUBLIC. I AM THE VILLAIN. LIGHTNING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Board Clerk: [READS NAMES]

Charles BridgeCrane Johnson: GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE RECORD, CHARLES BRIDGECRANE JOHNSON. LIGHTNING TOUCHED ON SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE PUBLIC CONVERSATION. AND IT'S NOT NECESSARILY GOOD OR BAD. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COMPETENCY, MONEY, SALARY, WAGES. WE HAVE THIS SITUATION WHERE WE PAY YOU ALL ABOUT THE SAME THAT WE PAY THE TREASURER OR THE STATE OF OREGON, AND EVEN THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OREGON. AND THOSE SEVEN POSITIONS, THE FIVE OF YOU ALL, PLUS THE TREASURER OF OREGON AND THE GOVERNOR OF OREGON, ALL DO YOUR JOBS, FOR 30 TO 40,000 LESS THAN WE PAY PEOPLE TO HANG OUT AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR THE CITY OF PORTLAND. AND THEN WE GET INTO THE WEIRDNESS OF COMPETITIVE MARKET RATE WAGES WHERE SOMETIMES YOU PAY AWESOME PEOPLE LIKE MELISSA MADRIGAL MORE THAN YOU PAY YOURSELVES. AND OTHER TIMES THE OUTCOMES ARE NOT SO GREAT. MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE CHALLENGES, AND I THINK YOU PAY MARK JOLIN MORE THAN YOU PAY YOURSELVES. BUT IS THAT REALLY PRACTICAL? IS IT PRACTICAL FOR US IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO GO OUT AND GIVE MORE MONEY TO MARK JOLIN AND GEORGE AND WHOEVER RUNS THE HUMAN SOLUTIONS AND HAVE SUCH MINIMAL PROGRESS? ABOUT SAVING THE LIVES, REBUILDING THE LIVES OF THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE THAT ARE SLEEPING OUTSIDE AND STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION. SO THOSE SALARIES A TINY PART OF THE BUDGET PICTURE, BUT WILL WE REALLY GET ANY PROGRESS WHEN OUR GOAL, OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY IS PAYING THE POVERTY PIMPS, JOE WALSH WON'T BE HERE SO I HAVE TO SAY MOVIE -- SO I HAVE TO SAY THAT, WHEN WE PAY THIS, WE ARE ENCHANNELING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DOLLARS TO THE SOLUTIONS. AND DOES THAT APPLY AT UNITY?

THAT IS A MORE COMPLEX STRUCTURE. I DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH UNITY, LAST TIME I TESTIFIED TO YOU WHEN I WAS WEARING SCRUBS, THE SITUATION AT UNITY WAS CODE RED. SO THEY WERE DIVERTING -- PEOPLE COULDN'T GO THERE, ONLY TO GOOD SAM OR

ADVENTIST. I DON'T KNOW WHAT PROVIDENCE WAS DOING. AND KAISER, THOSE CRAZY PEOPLE. BUT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THE QUESTION OF VALUE FOR LEADERSHIP, ESPECIALLY IN THIS ELECTION SEASON. ONE THING THAT I WANT TO PLUG, PEOPLE, IF YOU HAVE NOT CAST YOUR BALLOTS CHECK OUT THE LABOR COMMISSIONER AND FIND OUT WHY IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT THING TO VOTE FOR VAL HOYLE. SOME ODD THINGS HAVE GONE ON WITH THE LABOR POSITION AND THE CRAZY THINGS, OREGONIAN VOTERS DID ABOUT THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, FOR LABOR, IT'S IMPORTANT TO VOTE FOR VAL, THANK YOU.

Yu Te: CHARLES, I TRIED TO SPEAK AHEAD OF YOU THIS TIME. FROM LAST WEEK. GOOD MORNING CHAIR AND GOOD MORNING COMMISSIONERS. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH.

Chair Kafoury: STATE YOUR NAME.

Yu Te: THANK YOU. I AM YU TE, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER. I.T. CONSULTANT, AND I AM ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CIC. I WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH TO BEING AN ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE. OFFICIALLY I THINK THAT -- SO THIS COMMITTEE WAS CREATED 34 YEARS AGO BY THE CITIZENS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY. IT WAS CREATE AS AN ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMUNITY WHO WERE FRUSTRATED WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY AND OUR GOVERNMENT, NOT LISTENING TO THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE. AND SO THROUGH GREAT EFFORTS AND THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF THE VOTERS AT THE TIME, IT WAS CREATED THROUGH A CHARTER AMENDMENT TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A VOICE WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

LAST APRIL, A MONTH AGO, OUR COMMITTEE, TWO OF THE MEMBERS, MYSELF AND THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE, WERE HERE, WERE HERE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE ISSUE WAS RAISED WHETHER OR NOT IT WAS OUR APPOINTMENT WOULD BE RESCINDED. TO THE GREAT, TO THE GREAT BENEFIT OF OUR COMMUNITY, COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH SPOKE OUT FOR US, FOR DUE PROCESS. AND SHE MADE REALLY GOOD POINTS, AND IT'S ON VIDEO, AND I HOPE THAT YOU ALL CAN GET A CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE VIDEO. I HAD TRIED TO MAKE A SHORTER VERSION OF THE VIDEO. I APOLOGIZE, I AM A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, AND THIS, THIS ISSUE HAS TAKEN QUITE A LOT OF MY EFFORT AND GREG'S EFFORT TO DEFEND OURSELVES. WE ARE VOLUNTEERS. WE ARE TAKING OUR TIME TO BE ADVOCATES FOR OUR COMMUNITY, AND AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE STAFF, AND WE HAVE COUNTY STAFF WHO ARE MAKING ACCUSATIONS AGAINST COUNTY VOLUNTEERS, MYSELF AND GREG, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE IS DUE PROCESS.

THE QUESTION HAS TO BE RAISED IS, WHAT ARE THEY SPENDING THEIR TIME ON? NOT ISSUES WITH WAPATO OR OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES, BUT THEY

ARE TAKING UP OR MAKING UP THINGS ABOUT COUNTY VOLUNTEERS AND BRINGING THE ISSUE BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DECIDE ON. SO THE QUESTION HAS TO BE FOR WHAT REASON THEN WOULD THIS DONE? AND WE HAD COME AND BROUGHT PEOPLE TO TESTIFY ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CIC AND ALSO WE RAISED QUESTIONS THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS STILL NEED TO ANSWER, WHICH IS, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THAT LATER, BUT.

Chair Kafoury: SORRY, I APPRECIATE IT.

Yu Te: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING, HAVE A GREAT DAY.

R.1 Proclamation Honoring Older Americans Month. Presenters: Rebecca Miller, Planning and Development Specialist ADVSD; Betty Cox, Aging Services Advisory Council; and other guests.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON MOVES, COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SECONDS APPROVAL OF R1. ARE YOU KICKING THIS OFF?

Commissioner Smith: YES. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. WE ARE KICKING OFF TODAY WITH A GREAT PROCLAMATION HONORING THE MONTH OF MAY AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS ENGAGE AT EVERY AGE. NOW MOST OF YOU ALL HERE KNOW THAT I HOLD OUR OLDER ADULTS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART, SO TODAY I AM FEELING A LITTLE BIT NOSTALGIC AS THIS WILL BE MY FINAL TIME TO CELEBRATE OLDER AMERICANS MONTH HERE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY. BEFORE I INTRODUCE OUR PRESENTERS, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF OUR PARTNERS DOING THIS WORK. IF YOU ARE HERE FROM ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS PLEASE STAND UP. ELDERS IN ACTION. YES. URBAN LEAGUE. HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER. RIDE CONNECTION. THEY ARE COMING. PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGE FRIENDLY. YEAH. ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS. AND AARP. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO OLDER ADULTS IN THIS COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE FOLKS I HAVE INVITED TO BE OUR PRESENTERS TODAY. AS I CALL YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME UP, AND YOU ARE ALREADY HERE. IS YOU READ MY MIND. SO WE'LL START WITH MISS REBECCA MILLER. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, REPRESENTING MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGING, DISABILITY, AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION. WE HAVE MISS BETTY COX. A VOLUNTEER FROM THE URBAN LEAGUE. PHU NGYUEN. HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. HI PHU, AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENIOR VIETNAMESE ASSOCIATION OF OREGON. AND GEORGE HOCKER, A PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER LORETTA SMITH,

DISTRICT 2. ULTIMATE PUBLIC SERVANT. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY. WHO IS GOING TO KICK IT OFF? OKAY. THANKS.

Rebecca Miller: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SMITH. THANK YOU CHAIR KAFOURY AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS. I AM REBECCA MILLER, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST FOR AGING AND DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES. I ALSO CO-CHAIR THE VITAL AGING NETWORK EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP HERE AT THE COUNTY WITH STEVE JOYNER, AND SERVE ON THE PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGE FRIENDLY ADVISORY COUNCIL. IT'S MY HONOR TO COME BEFORE YOU WITH GREAT COMPANY HERE IN RECOGNITION OF OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH, SO THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS PASSED THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT IN 1965. IT WAS REAUTHORIZED IN 2016 UNDER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA, AND THE INTENT OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT IS TO PROMOTE THE DIGNITY OF THE OLDER ADULTS BY PROVIDING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT AND ENGAGE RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE EXPERIENCES AND ELEVATION THE ISSUES OF OLDER ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY. ONE-THIRD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S WORKFORCE ARE OLDER WORKERS, AND ALONG WITH OTHERS HERE IN PORTLAND AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY WE ARE EXPLORING HERE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AGE FRIENDLY EMPLOYER, A BUSINESS AND A COMMUNITY. OLDER ADULTS ARE REDEFINING AGING OUT OF DESIRE AND OUT OF NECESSITY.

THEY WORK TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE, AND THEY PROVIDE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF CAREGIVING FOR SPOUSES AND GRANDCHILDREN AND FRIENDS. THEY ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THEIR FAITH COMMUNITIES, THEIR, THEY ARE LEARNING NEW SKILLS AND PASSING ALONG THEIR EXPERIENCES TO NEW GENERATIONS. THEY HAVE PICKED THEMSELVES UP AND FOUGHT AGAINST SEXISM AND RACISM, AND EVERY OTHER ISMS FOR DECADES LONGER THAN YOU OR I. WHILE DOING ALL THESE THINGS, OLDER ADULTS FACE FOOD INSECURITY, POOR NUTRITION, FINANCIAL FRAUD, CHRONIC ILLNESS, AND A LACK OF AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING. MAY BRINGS AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE COMPLEXITY IN OUR LIVES, AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOTGUN A -- OPPORTUNITY TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND A NEED THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS TOGETHER, SO THE DIVISION [INAUDIBLE] AND PARTNERSHIPS WITH 15 COMMUNITY, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE COUNTY. MANY OF THEM ARE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY. EXCUSE ME.

SO OUR AGING SERVICES NETWORK WORKS COLLABORATIVELY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES WITH THE EFFORTS OF OLDER ADULTS, IN FORMING THOSE EFFORTS SO OF MY RESPONSIBILITIES, I RECRUIT AND SUPPORT AND ENGAGE OUR DIVISIONS THREE ADVISORY COUNCILS SO THEY CAN INFLUENCE THE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS THAT IMPACT THEIR LIVES AND THE OTHERS THAT WE SERVE. SO PARTICIPATION ON OUR ADVISORY

COUNCILS, THE AGING SERVICE IS ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND THE DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE MULTI-CULTURAL ACTION COMMITTEE, MEMBERSHIP IS GROWING AND NEARLY TO CAPACITY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS. OUR COUNCIL MEMPHIS BRING DIVERSE PERSPECTIVE AND LIVED EXPERIENCES, THEY LIVE IN EACH OF THE DISTRICTS, AND THEY CARRY TROUBLES AND TRIUMPHS AND ARE TELLING THEIR STORIES AND FLEXING EXPERTISE. THE OLDER AMERICAN'S MONTH THEME IS ENGAGED AT EVERY AGE AND EXCITING TO SEE FOLKS IN ACTION MAKING A HOPEFUL NOISE, RAISING AWARENESS, AND GATHERING TOGETHER FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE. SO OUR NEXT SPEAKERS WILL SHARE ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND HOW THEY SHAPE THEIR WORK WITHIN OUR DIVISION AND THE BROADER NETWORK AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MISS COX.

Betty Jean Cox: GOOD MORNING. I AM BETTY JEAN COX. I AM FROM NORTHEAST PORTLAND. I AM THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGING SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL. THANKS TO CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER SMITH AND ALL OTHERS HERE TODAY. THIS IS A PLEASURE AS A SENIOR TO BE HERE TO EXPRESS MY JOURNEY OF GIVING BACK OVER THE YEARS. MARRIED 66 YEARS, MILITARY WIFE. SERVED THREE YEARS ACTIVE, AND FOUR YEARS INACTIVE. HE DIED 10-7-13. I HAVE FOUR DAUGHTERS, TWO GRANDDAUGHTERS, ONE GREAT GRANDSON, A LOT, AND TWO GREAT GRANDDAUGHTERS. THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I AM VERY PROUD OF. I WAS THE PRESIDENT OF THE PTA COMMUNITY SCHOOL. MY GOAL WAS TO GET BETTER PROGRAMS AND GOOD INDICATION FOR EVERYONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. I WORK WITH THE DISABLED SENIORS. EVEN THOUGH THESE SENIORS WERE HOUSE-BOUND, THEY LEARNED HOW TO GIVE BACK. THAT WAS A LESSON FOR ME, AS TO WHAT GIVING BACK REALLY MEANS.

I WORKED IN A VERY LARGE COMPANY THAT HAD A COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM. I WAS GIVEN THE JOB OF TRAINING STUDENTS FROM WORK -- FROM SCHOOL TO WORK PROGRAMS. THESE ARE AT-RISK STUDENTS. I BELIEVE A HEALTHY, EMPLOYED COMMUNITY IS A SAFE COMMUNITY. THIS WAS A WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE. COMMISSIONER SMITH I UNDERSTAND THAT IS YOU WORKED WITH GETTING OUR PEOPLE BACK INTO THE WORKFORCE. I FULLY SUPPORT THAT. RETIREMENT. I AM A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR CENTER URBAN LEAGUE OF NORTH SIDE, I AM A MEMBER OF THE URBAN LEAGUE ADVISORY BOARD.

I AM NOT JUST A MEMBER. I AM A VOLUNTEER. I DO JEWELRY. ART CLASSES. AND I AM VERY, VERY PROUD OF MY ART CLASSES. THESE MEMBERS OF SOME HAVE MEMORY LOSS, AND OTHERS HAVE MAJOR DISABILITIES. THEY MAKE ME VERY PROUD TO TAKE A PAINT AND A PAINTBRUSH AND MAKE A PROJECT COME ALIVE. I WILL CONTINUE TO GET INVOLVED IN MAKING THE SENIORS

HAPPY, HEALTHY MINDS, AND BODIES, WE NEED SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS. SAFE HOME ENVIRONMENTS. FREE FROM PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL ABUSE, AND TRANSPORTATION, HOUGH, GOOD FOOD PROGRAMS, AND HOME REPAIRS AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. THANKS. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE URBAN LEAGUE SENIORS WHO SUPPORTED ME TODAY. [APPLAUSE]

Phu Ngyuen: GOOD MORNING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Phu Ngyuen: MY NAME IS PHU NGYUEN. BORN IN VIETNAM. I CAME HERE 26 YEARS AGO, BUT THERE IS STILL [INAUDIBLE]. I HOPE WHAT I SAY CAN BE UNDERSTANDABLE TO YOU. I SIT DOWN TO TALK.

Chair Kafoury: PLEASE SIT DOWN.

Phu Ngyuen: AFTER I RETIRE FROM PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR THREE YEARS AGO, I WAS INVOLVED IN MANY ACTIVITIES AT THE HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER. AND I WAS DISRUPTED BY AMBER JENSON [INAUDIBLE] DIRECTOR SENIOR CENTER TO COME HERE TO SEE YOU AND SPEAK SOMETHING. I AM A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THE SENIOR CENTER. THE PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAMESE SENIOR ASSOCIATION, FOR 16 YEARS, I HOPE SOMEBODY TO REPLACE ME BUT SO FAR NO SO I HAVE TO ENDURE IT. I HAVE A CERTIFICATE IN SEVERAL CLASSES AT SENIOR CENTER. YOU HAVE GOT A CLASS, THAI CHI. CLASS. WRITING CLASS. AND I TEACH VIETNAMESE CLASS FOR SENIOR AMERICANS AT HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER. I RATHER BUSY, RIGHT. OKAY. THANK YOU FOR HEARING IT.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

George Hocker Jr.: GOOD MORNING TO YOU, CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. COMMISSIONER SMITH, AND COMMISSIONER VEGA PEDERSON. I AM GEORGE E. HOCKER JR., ADVOCATE FOR LORETTA SMITH. THIS YEAR'S OLDER AMERICANS MONTH THEME IS ENGAGING AT EVERY AGE. IT SOUNDS LIKE AN ORDER OR A CHALLENGE. I FULLY AGREE WITH. HAVE EMBRACED BY BEING ACTIVELY ENGAGED AT EVERY STAGE OF MY LIFE. OLDER AMERICANS WORK. VOLUNTEER FOR CHURCHES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, AND BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR ECONOMY AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES. OLDER AMERICANS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN MENTOR OUR YOUTH, TEACH THEM ABOUT OUR HERITAGE OF SUCCESSES, AND HOW TO REMEMBER AND AVOID REPEATING OUR FAILURES AND SHORTCOMINGS. I HAD A NUMBER OF JOBS FROM THE AGES OF SIX TO 18. A NEWSPAPER ROUTE. DISHWASHER. SHORT ORDER COOK. CAN TEEN MANAGER AT THE END OF A STREETCAR LINE IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND

CADDY. AND A SWIMMING POOL LIFEGUARD. AT 18, AND BEGINNING MY SOPHOMORE YEAR AND UNIVERSITY, I BEGAN MY FIRST CAREER.

George Hocker Jr.: WORKING FROM 3:30 TO MIDNIGHT FILING THREE BY FIVE CARDS AS A GS-3, THIRD LOWEST RANK IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND I RETIRED FOR THE FIRST TIME, FIVE TIMES, 34 YEARS LATER, WITH THE CIVILIAN RANK AND THE SENIOR SERVICE EQUIVALENT TO A BRIGADIER GENERAL, ADMIRAL IN OUR MILITARY SERVICES. I NEXT CAREERS INVOLVED MANAGEMENT CLIENT RELATIONS AND SELLING DIVERSITY TRAINING TO IPHONE -- AND FORTUNE500 COMPANIES. IN 1999 I CELEBRATED MY 60TH BIRTHDAY BY TAKING MY WIFE HOT AIR BALLOONING IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. THREE MONTHS LATER I BEGAN MY FOURTH CAREER AS A CHRISTIAN PASTOR AT AN 800 MEMBER CHURCH IN BORING, OREGON, WHERE THE SAINTS WERE ANYTHING BUT BORING. AFTER 8.5 YEARS I RETIRED FOR THE FOURTH TIME. SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AND SIX WEEKS AFTER TOTAL LEFT KNEE REPLACEMENT SURGERY I HAVE A HIGH THRESHOLD FOR PAIN. I WAS APPOINTED PUBLIC ADVOCATE FOR COMMISSIONER NICK FISH ON THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL. THE APPOINTMENT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR ONE YEAR. IT LASTED SIX YEARS AND FOUR MONTHS. LAST MONTH ON APRIL 20 I CELEBRATED THREE WONDERFUL YEARS AS PUBLIC ADVOCATION FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH WHO HIRED ME 20 DAYS AFTER MY FIFTH RETIREMENT. I HAVE BEEN ENGAGED AT EVERY AGE AND PLAN TO CONTINUE AS LONG AS GOD WILL ALLOW ME TO SERVE. I CONSIDER MYSELF ONE OF THE VITALLY AGING, AND AS MY DEAR FRIEND JAY BLOOM, WHO SITS OVER HERE, I AM IN RETURNMENT. [LAUGHTER] ALSO I LOOK AT MYSELF AS BEING LIKE THOSE PLANTS AND FLOWERS. THEY RETURN EVERY YEAR. A PERENNIAL. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE SOME OF MY JOURNEY.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. THANK ALL OF YOU. LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND. [APPLAUSE] I THINK THIS IS JUST A SMALL EXAMPLE OF WHAT OLDER ADULTS DO IN AND FOR THE COMMUNITY, AND PRETTY SOON, ACTUALLY, I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW OLD GEORGE WAS. I WAS AFRAID TO ASK HIS AGE, BUT YOU'VE BEEN DOING GREAT AND WONDERFUL AS A PUBLIC ADVOCATE, AND TO BE THE HEAD OF THE VIETNAMESE SENIOR PROGRAM FOR 16 YEARS, PHU, GOD BLESS YOU BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THAT IS A TOUGH JOB WHEN YOU ARE IN THE PUBLIC. EVEN MONTH SO, SERVING OLDER ADULTS BECAUSE SOMETIMES WE HAVE NEEDS THAT OTHER FOLKS DON'T REALLY REALIZE OR TAKE INTO ACCOUNT. AND MISS COX, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY MOTHER'S NAME IS COX, SO WE MIGHT BE RELATIVES.

Betty Jean Cox: THAT'S MY MARRIED NAME.

Commissioner Smith: IT'S GREAT, SO THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AND AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS BECAUSE WE NEED GOOD PEOPLE WHO UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY. AND I THINK THAT

THAT'S WHAT KEEPS US, YOU KNOW, ACTIVE AND BUSY AND YOU ALL ARE MY EXAMPLES, AND I AM SURE THAT THE REST OF THE COMMISSIONERS SEE YOU AS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE COMMUNITY COULD BE WHEN YOU INVOLVE EVERYONE FROM THE TOP TO THE BOTTOM. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AND MISS REBECCA THANK YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DO. IT MAKES MY LIFE A LITTLE BIT EASIER BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU ARE AT THE HELM. I JUST WANT TO GIVE, BEFORE WE DO THE PROCLAMATION, GEORGE, ARE YOU GOING TO READ THE PROCLAMATION? SHOULD WE DO THE PROCLAMATION FIRST BEFORE THE CLOSING COMMENTS?

Chair Kafoury: YES.

Commissioner Smith: GO AHEAD.

George Hocker Jr.: JUST SO YOU KNOW IN JULY I WILL BE 79, THANK GOD. BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FROM MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, PROCLAIMING AS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS A, MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS COMMITTED TO ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING OLDER ADULTS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND THEIR GIVE US. B, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PART IN ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING, NO MATTER YOUR AGE. C, MULTNOMAH COUNTY ENRICHES THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS OF EVERY AGE BY PROMOTING HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES THAT SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING, INVOLVING OLDER ADULTS, AND COMMUNITY PLANNING, AND EVENTS, AND ADVOCACY, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. AND PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER ADULTS TO WORK, VOLUNTEER, LEARN, AND LEAD, AND MENTOR AM D, MULTNOMAH COUNTY PROGRAMS ARE BUILDING THEIR CAPACITY TO SERVE OLDER ADULTS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE AGE-FRIENDLY NETWORK AND WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND AND AN ARRAY OF PARTNERS ACROSS THE REGION. EFFORTS INCLUDE IMPROVED EMERGENCY RESPONSE, LIBRARY OUTREACH, AND PROGRAMMING, AND ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT USE OF OLDER WORKERS, AND TRANSPORTATION ADVOCACY, AND COORDINATION ACROSS AGING AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEMS. D, OLDER ADULTS ARE THE FASTEST GROWING SEGMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WORKFORCE, NATIONALLY, ONE IN FIVE WORKERS TODAY IS 55 OR OLDER. BY 2024, THAT NUMBER WILL BE ONE IN FOUR. ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS. MUCH OF THIS SHIFT IS DUE TO BABY BOOMERS DELAYING RETIREMENT AND MILLENNIALS ENTERING THE WORKFORCE LATER. E, ONE-THIRD OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S WORKFORCE WAS BORN PRIOR TO 1965. 12% OF OUR REGULAR EMPLOYEES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT NOW, AND 35% WILL BE RETIREMENT ELIGIBLE BY 2022. DCM EVALUATION AND RESEARCH UNIT. F, WE EMBRACE WORKFORCE POLICIES THAT SUPPORT OUR OLDER WORKFORCE SUCH AS FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES, FAMILY LEAVE,

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS, AND TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND GENEROUS RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

George Hocker Jr.: MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECOGNIZES THAT MEANINGFUL WORK IS CONSIDERED A KEY REASON THAT OLDER WORKERS DELAY RETIREMENT, OLDER ADULTS REPORTED HAVING MORE ECONOMY AT WORK AND MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THEIR WORK SCHEDULES. ACCORDING TO THE AMERICAN WORKING CONDITIONS SURVEY, AND TWO-THIRDS OF OLDER WORKERS SAID THAT THEY WERE DOING USEFUL WORK AND FELT SATISFACTION OVERWORK WELL DONE. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS THAT MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH, A TIME TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR THE MEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OLDER ADULTS TO THE NATION, TO OUR REGION, AND TO OUR WORK HERE WITHIN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE 2018 THEME OF ENGAGED AT EVERY AGE, WE URGE EVERY RESIDENT TO TAKE TIME TO RECOGNIZE OLDER ADULTS AS VITAL TO OUR COMMUNITY. ADOPTED THIS TENTH DAY OF MAY, 2018, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON, SIGNED, DEBORAH KAFOURY, CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN? OR VEGA PEDERSON?

Commissioner Vega Pederson: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND A THANK YOU TO COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. I KNOW YOUR WORK YOU HAVE DONE WITH THE SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY HAS BEEN A MODEL FOR ME IN TERMS OF REACHING OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND THIS LAST YEAR MY OFFICE HAD THE FIRST SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR IN EAST PORTLAND, AND IT WAS A WONDERFUL SUCCESS. WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT AN ANNUAL THING FOR SURE. I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WHEN YOU ARE GONE NEXT YEAR, WE ARE -- I AM HAPPY TO TAKE ON ACKNOWLEDGING THIS MONTH SO THAT IT DOESN'T GET LOST. I THINK THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT THING FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE. I THINK THE RESOLUTION, THE PROCLAMATION STATES IT MEMPHIS PERFECTLY THAT SENIORS ARE A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT, THE EXPERIENCES THEY BRING TO ALL OF THE ISSUES THAT WE'RE FACING IS REALLY THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN ADDRESSING THE ISSUES AND REALLY SOLVING THE PROBLEMS INCLUDING ONE OF THE THINGS THAT GEORGE MENTIONED ABOUT THE SUCCESSION PLANNING AND WHAT'S HAPPENING AS PEOPLE RETIRE, I HAVE A LOT FROM, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY VILLAGES, WHICH IS, WHICH IS ALL ABOUT INNER GENERATIONAL WORK AND HOW THAT CAN HELP OUR YOUTH BE MORE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE BY HAVING THE RELATIONSHIPS AND EXPERIENCES WITH SENIORS AND ELDERS, AND I KNOW THAT IN MY COMMUNITY IN THE LATINO COMMUNITY, INNER GENERATIONAL WORK IS A PART OF OUR FAMILY STRUCTURE AND IT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE US STRONGER. SO I AM SO GLAD THAT WE ARE TAKING THE TIME TO

ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TODAY AND REALLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING THAT YOU GUYS ARE DOING IN OUR COMMUNITY. I THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO, AFTER ALL THE YEARS OF LIFE AND SERVICE AND WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO GIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO HELP US, TO HELP US HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL THING, SO THANK YOU.

Commissioner Meieran: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WANT TO ADD MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH AND THAT WORK THAT SHE HAS DONE OVER SO MANY YEARS ON BEHALF OF OUR SENIORS. WHEN YOU ARE TALKING BORN BEFORE 1965, I AM THERE. SO I KNOW THAT THIS IS SUCH IMPORTANT WORK. I WAS GOING TO MENTION TAKING THIS ON AS WELL. I'VE BEEN DOING WORK WITH OLDER INDIVIDUALS, SO MAYBE WE CAN CO-DO IT IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE IT IS SO IMPORTANT, AND THIS WORK IS SO VALUABLE. IT IS THE KEY TO OUR -- ALL OF OUR FUTURES. INSURING THAT WE DO HAVE AN AGE-FRIENDLY, NOT JUST PORTLAND, BUT COUNTY AND REGION, AND STATE AND COUNTRY. WE NEED TO DO THAT WORK SO THAT WE CAN HAVE THAT FUTURE. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SEEING OUR, YOU KNOW, OUR OLDER GENERATIONS AND THEIR EXPERIENCES LOOKING AT OUR KIDS AND ENVISIONING WHAT THEIR FUTURES WILL BE. SO THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE TESTIFIED HERE TODAY. TO ALL OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE HERE. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO ALSO CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU INTO THE FUTURE.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU. CLOSING COMMENTS FOR TODAY IS, AS I SAID, IT'S A BIT NOSTALGIC. I WAS THINKING ABOUT ALL THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE DONE IN DISTRICT 2 FROM, YOU KNOW, FROM INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENT TO KEEP THE SENIORS IN THEIR HOMES. THE NUMEROUS ELDER, FINANCIAL FRAUD AND ABUSE FORUMS, AND THE OPIOID FORUMS, THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST, WHICH IS MY FAVORITE. IF YOU DON'T KNOW, IF YOU HAVE NOT LOOKED AT MY FACEBOOK PAGE, I LOVE BACON. SO IT'S A LITTLE BIT ONE-SIDED. I THINK THAT I DO THE PANCAKE BREAKFAST SO I CAN EAT THE BACON. BUT IT'S A LITTLE SELFISH. BUT IF YOU SEE ME ON THE WEEKENDS AND IN THE EVENING, MY STAFF KNOW, AND I AM PROBABLY PLAYING CARDS OR BINGO WITH MY AUNT. I HAVE 14 OF THEM. AND I JUST ENJOY BEING AROUND THEM. THEY ARE FUN. AND IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKE THEY ARE OLDER. THEY HAVE NOT MISSED A BEAT.

BUT JUST THIS HAS BEEN SPECIAL TO REPRESENT ALL OF AND YOU TO REALLY PRIORITIZE SENIORS AS INVALUABLE RESOURCES NOT ONLY TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND BUT TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY, AND AS COMMISSIONER MEIERAN SAID TO THE REGION. I JUST WANT TO THANK THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY STAFF AND THE PARTNERS FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE TO BRING THIS TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. I KNOW FIRST HAND THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT OUR ELDERS PROVIDE, IN THE AREA OF SERVICES TO SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE KNOW THAT MANY SENIORS BRING EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AWARENESS,

COMPASSION, AND CONNECTION TO THE WORKPLACE AS EMPLOYEES, AND AS VOLUNTEERS. LIFE DOES NOT STOP AT SOME SUPPOSED RETIREMENT AGE AS WE CAN TELL GEORGE HAS RETIRED FIVE TIMES. WHAT THE COMMITTED EMPLOYEES IN THE PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR DO ALONG WITH NUMEROUS OTHER VOLUNTEERS IN THE NONPROFIT WORLD, WHAT YOU ALL BRING IS PRICELESS. THAT'S WHAT YOU BRING TO THE TABLE. NOT ONLY ARE YOU PRICELESS TO US, BUT I THINK THAT YOU ARE A NATIONAL TREASURE. I AM PROUD TO SPONSOR THIS PROCLAMATION TODAY. THANK YOU AGAIN, AND THANK YOU TO OUR GUESTS, AND WONDERFUL PRESENTERS. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU COMMISSIONER SMITH FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GUESTS, AND TO THOSE WHO WORK FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THIS IS ALWAYS ONE OF OUR FAVORITE PROCLAMATIONS TO DO. IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT, AND I APPRECIATE THAT WE, AS A COMMUNITY, I THINK, HAVE REALLY MADE IT A CONCERTED EFFORT TO ENLIST THE EXPERIENCES OF THE PEOPLE FROM ALL SPECTRUMS OF OUR GENERATIONS FROM THE-YETTES TO THE ELDERS WITH THEIR WISDOM, AND KNOWING THAT WE GAIN EXPERIENCE, AND WE GAIN INSIGHT FROM EVERYBODY, SO HAVING A REALLY OPEN AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY MEANS THAT EVERYONE GETS A SEAT AT THE TABLE. I HAVE TO SAY THAT AS I HIT 50 THIS YEAR, SUDDENLY THE TERM SENIOR HAS A WHOLE NEW MEANING TO ME. AS WE WERE TALKING ABOUT LAST NIGHT. COMMISSIONER MEIERAN. AND I JUST, AS SOMEONE WHO HAS -- I DON'T HAVE ANY GRANDPARENTS WHO ARE ALIVE ANY MORE SO I NEED TO SEEK OUT OLDER FOLKS IN MY LIFE TO GAIN THAT ENERGY AND THAT EXPERIENCE THAT THEY HAVE, BUT I DO LAUGH BECAUSE MY HUSBAND'S TWO GRANDMOTHERS BOTH LIVED TO BE OVER 100. THE ONE THAT LIVED TO BE 102 WAS VERY OPINIONATED, WHICH I LOVED AND APPRECIATED. SHE OFTEN WOULD COMMENT ON MY HAIR AND NOT NECESSARILY IN A GOOD WAY. BUT I WILL NEVER FORGET HOW SHE WOULD SAY, ONE OF HER FAVORITE LINES THAT SHE SAID MANY TIMES WAS, I AM SO OLD I DON'T BUY GREEN BANANAS. SO OKAY, GRANDMA. SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER SMITH, FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD AND THANK YOU TO EVERYONE. IT'S LOVELY TO HAVE YOU HERE THIS MORNING. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] WE HAVE TO VOTE FIRST, SO ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. NOW WE CAN CLAP. YEAH.

Commissioner Smith: CAN WE DO A QUICK PHOTO?

Chair Kafoury: IF WE COULD TAKE THE CONVERSATION OUT INTO THE HALLWAY, WE HAVE MORE WORK TODAY HERE THIS MORNING.

Chair Kafoury: YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN THE SENIORS ARE GETTING CRAZY IN THE BUILDING.

R.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION # MCSO-04-18: Increasing Fed/State Appropriation for ODOT Program by \$15,000. Presenter: Jason Gates, Chief of Law Enforcement.

Chair Kafoury: IS THERE CAN WE HAVE A MOTION? COMMISSIONER MEIERAN MOVES. COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.2.

Jason Gates: GOOD MORNING, CHAIR KAFOURY. AND COMMISSIONERS. I AM JASON GATES, THE CHAIR, THE CHIEF DEPUTY OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. ON BEHALF OF SHERIFF REESE I AM SPEAKING BEFORE YOU TODAY IN REFERENCE TO THE BUDGET MODIFICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDS TO AUGMENT THE HIGH-SPEED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT IN FISCAL YEAR 2018. MCSO IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE 15,000 IN TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FUNDS, TO BE MATCHED BY 3,750 IN AGENCY FUNDS FOR A TOTAL OF 18,750. THESE FUNDS WOULD BE USED TO PROVIDE DEDICATED AND CONCENTRATED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT MISSIONS IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY THAT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS HIGH SPEED RELATED ISSUE LOCATIONS THROUGH ANALYSIS OF CRASH RELATED DATA. THESE AREAS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO I-84, US26, US30, MCSO'S CONTRACT CITIES OF FAIRVIEW AND TROUTDALE. WITH BOARD APPROVAL THESE FUNDS WOULD BE EXPENDED BY SEPTEMBER 2018 IN STEP WITH THE END OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR. MCSO WILL APPLY THE MONEY TOWARDS STAFF AND OVERTIME EXPENSES ACCORDINGLY. MCSO IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF THIS BUDGET MODIFICATION AUTHORIZING RECEIPT OF ODOT MONEY FOR HIGH SPEED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.

Chair Kafoury: DO WE HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE.

Jason Gates: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU, THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS ADOPTED.

BOARD COMMENT

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

Chair Kafoury: WELL THAT WAS A LOVELY BOARD MEETING THIS MORNING AND NOW WE'VE COME TO THE END, DOES ANYONE HAVE AN COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER?

Commissioner Smith: JUST ONE QUICK THING, THIS WEEKEND IS GOING TO BE THE SAINT JOHNS PARADE. THAT'S PROBABLY MY FAVORITE PARADE. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Chair Kafoury: THAT'S SATURDAY AT 11, AND OF COURSE SUNDAY IS ON SUNDAY.

Commissioner Smith: YES, HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Chair Kafoury: SO HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL THE MOTHERS ON DAY THIS SIDE OF THIS SIDE OF THE DAIS AND ALL THE MOTHER IN THE WORLD. OKAY, WELL NO WE ARE GOING TO ADJOURN OUT BOARD MEETING AND WE ARE GOING TO START OUR NEXT BUDGET WORK SESSION.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 a.m.

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