

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, November 5, 2015**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CHAIR DEBORAH KAFOURY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:37 AM WITH VICE-CHAIR JULES BAILEY AND COMMISSIONERS LORETTA SMITH, JUDY SHIPRACK AND DIANE MCKEEL.

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

[ALL CAPS TEXT IS THE BYPRODUCT OF CAPTIONING THIS PROGRAM.]

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WERE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES FOR THE FIRST 15 MINUTES OF THE MEETING, RESULTING IN LOSS OF SOUND.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C.1 APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CITIZEN BUDGET ADVISORY AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEES (CBAC & CIC)
- C.2 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCA-11-16: RECLASS AN OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR TO PROGRAM SUPERVISOR IN PROGRAM OFFERS 78002-16 & 78042-16
- C.3 BUDGET MODIFICATION # DCA-12-16: RECLASSIFYING FINANCE SUPERVISOR TO FINANCE MANAGER IN DCA HUB CONTRACTS, PROCUREMENT & SS SECTION
- C.4 BUDGET MODIFICATION # HD-12-16: AUTHORIZING TWO POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- C.5 RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF ABANDONED VESSELS LEFT ON MULTNOMAH COUNTY WATERWAYS
- C.6 BUDGET MODIFICATION # LIB-02-16: RECLASSIFYING TWO POSITIONS IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY

CHAIR KAFOURY: WELCOME TO THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA?

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO MOVED.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR, ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA MATTERS. TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. FILL OUT A SPEAKER FORM AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE BOARD ROOM AND GIVE IT TO THE BOARD CLERK. UNLESS OTHERWISE RECOGNIZED BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER, TESTIMONY IS TAKEN IN THE ORDER THE FORMS ARE SUBMITTED.

LYNDA, DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT THIS MORNING?

YES, MADAM CHAIR, THREE HAVE SIGNED UP.

I AM PAUL PHILLIPS. (INAUDIBLE). I APPLIED FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARD, AND IT WILL TAKE 2 TO 2.5 MONTHS TO GET A CARD. [INAUDIBLE], I ASKED HIM THAT. [INAUDIBLE] IT'S CALLED THE OREGON MEDICAL MARIJUANA PROGRAM. HAVE THEM TAKE 2.5 TO [INAUDIBLE] TO GET A CARD. WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? AND I HAVE A PAPER HERE FROM THE TRIBUNE [INAUDIBLE]. THE REASON WHY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO APPLY FOR A MEDICAL MARIJUANA CARD, BECAUSE I BROKE MY HIP AND FRACTURED TWO [INAUDIBLE]. I HAD NERVE DAMAGE [INAUDIBLE]. HE WROTE THE LETTER SOME THREE OR FOUR OR FIVE YEARS AGO, HAD TO HAVE BEEN SIX, SEVEN YEARS AGO, [INAUDIBLE] WAS ATTACKED FIVE TIMES, AND HE AGREED, THE OREGON STATE LAW STATES THAT IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO INTERFERE WITH A SERVICE ANIMAL, AND I DON'T BELIEVE [INAUDIBLE]

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, I AM LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING WATCHDOG PDX. THE PORTLAND TRIBUNE DECIDED TO PUT THE DOG [INAUDIBLE] THAT'S YOUR SOLUTION TO WALK AND TOW. AGAIN, THAT WAS PROPOSED, AND [INAUDIBLE] COMMISSIONERS CAN SHARE, WE NEED TO USE THAT, WE NEED TO SET THAT UP FOR THE HOMELESS SHELTER. WE MADE THE COMMITMENT OF 30 PLUS MILLION DOLLARS. WE DON'T HAVE TO SPEND ANY MORE MONEY IF YOU OPEN THAT UP, IN YOUR COMMITMENT. FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, 800,000 [INAUDIBLE], JUST A WASTE OF MONEY. USE IT FOR A PUBLIC BENEFIT, GET A LOT OF PEOPLE OFF THE SIDEWALKS, OUT OF THE

DOORWAYS, AND BENEFIT THOSE PEOPLE, AND HAVE THEM LIVE SAFER, HEALTHIER. THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. [INAUDIBLE] DON'T GIVE IT TO THE DOG. ISSUE NUMBER TWO IS PAUL COMES UP HERE AND TESTIFIES EVERY WEEK, AS ANY OF THE COMMISSIONERS OR THE CHAIR MAY ONE PHONE CALL ON HIS BEHALF, AND HIS BROTHER TO TRY TO KEEP HIS BLIND BROTHER IN A WHEELCHAIR WHO HAS A NO-CAUSE EVICTION, WHO LIVED IN THIS APARTMENT FOR 25 PLUS YEARS, TOLD TO MOVE, AND THEY REFUSED TO TAKE HIS NAME FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS, HAS ANYBODY IN THIS MOVE MADE ONE PHONE CALL? OF COURSE NOT. YOU DON'T REALLY CARE. SO LET HIS BLIND BROTHER, EVICTED ON A NO-CAUSE EVICTION, AND YOU SAY YOU WANT TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND KEEP PEOPLE IN THEIR HOUSING, BUT HAVE ANY OF YOU MADE ONE PHONE CALL? IF I AM WRONG, I APOLOGIZE. ISSUE NUMBER THREE, PERTAINING TO MAYOR CHARLIE HALES, WE DISAGREE ON A LOT OF ISSUES, AND THAT'S FINE. BUT, ONE OF THE ISSUES HE'S TRYING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS PERTAINING TO THE OIL TANKERS, AND NEW BUSINESSES COMING INTO THE AREA. I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT, MAYOR HALES, ON CLEAN ENERGY. I THINK THAT EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM WOULD AGREE, CLEAN ENERGY, PROTECTS PLANET. BUT, WE ALSO HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES, IF YOU WANT TO STEP ON THEIR TOES, TRY TO [INAUDIBLE], DIVEST ALL THE MONEY IN THEIR COMPANIES AND STEP ALL OVER THEM, IT'S GOING TO HAVE EFFECTS ON EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM. WE NEED TO WORK WITH THEM. WE NEED TO LOOK IN MORE POSITIVE DIRECTIONS, WE NEED TO ALSO UNDERSTAND THE FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES ALSO EMPLOY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EMPLOYEES THAT WE NEED TO HAVE CONCERNS FOR THEIR JOB. WE NEED TO HAVE CONCERNS IF THEY LOSE THEIR JOB, THEIR HOUSE, THEY LOSE THEIR CARS, AND THEY LOSE EVERYTHING ELSE. WE NEED TO ALSO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND UNDERSTAND THE TRANSITION IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO DO THAT. WE NEED TO BE VERY [INAUDIBLE] IN WHAT WE DO, AND ULTIMATELY WE NEED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE THE EXPERTS IN THE ENERGY BUSINESS. THEY HAVE AN INFRASTRUCTURE OF OVER \$2 TRILLION, WORK WITH THEM, MAYOR HALES. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU, MR. LIGHTNING, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH HOME FORWARD.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

MR. ANDERSON: GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR. DISTRICT 2 COMMISSIONER SMITH, WHERE I RESIDE, AND OTHER COMMISSIONERS. I AM HERE THIS MORNING -- I AM SORRY. THANK YOU. I AM HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK ADVICE, NO MONEY, ASK FOR NO [INAUDIBLE], AND I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT

THAT [INAUDIBLE] THIS MORNING, TO MERELY INTRODUCE MYSELF. I RESIDED IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY FOR 4.5 TO FIVE YEARS AND SERVED THE LAST THREE PLUS YEARS [INAUDIBLE] ADVISORY COMMITTEE. [INAUDIBLE] COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL. [INAUDIBLE] AND BEFORE MULTNOMAH COUNTY [INAUDIBLE] AND COUNTY WHERE WE WERE ACTIVE, AND BUDGET COMMITTEE, PLANNING COMMISSIONS, AND EVEN THE [INAUDIBLE]. SO, AND I MET WITH [INAUDIBLE] MORGAN, THE PROGRAM MANAGER, AND OTHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES. I AM HERE TO SIMPLY SAY GOOD MORNING AND INTRODUCE MYSELF.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

R.1 PROCLAMATION Recognizing the Observance of Veterans Day on November 11th, 2015, in Multnomah County, Oregon. Sponsor: Commissioner Diane McKeel, District Three. Presenters: Eric Ensley, Veterans' Service Office Supervisor; Denise Holtrop, DCM HR and Member of Veterans Employee Resource Group; and, Sean Files, Policy Advisor, D-3 (15 min)

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: SO MOVED.

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SMITH SECONDS APPROVAL OF R1. COMMISSIONER.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL: THANK YOU, CHAIR. I AM VERY PLEASED TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION FORWARD TO THE BOARD TODAY, AND TO DO SO IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY VETERANS EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP TO OBSERVE VETERAN'S DAY HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. AND BEFORE WE BEGIN, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL OF THE VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE HERE WITH US TODAY IN THE AUDIENCE TO PLEASE STAND UP AND BE RECOGNIZED. [APPLAUSE] THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SERVICE. VETERAN'S DAY GOES BACK TO WORLD WAR I. PRESIDENT WILSON COMMEMORATED THE DATE AS ARMISTICE DAY, PRESIDENT EISENHOWER LATER PROCLAIMED IT VETERAN'S DAY, STATING THAT ALL VETERANS, ALL VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND THE ENTIRE CITIZENRY WILL JOIN HANDS IN THE COMMON PURPOSE. THIS HOLIDAY IS A CELEBRATION TO HONOR AMERICA'S VETERANS FOR THEIR PATRIOTISM, LOVE OF COUNTRY, AND WILLINGNESS TO SERVE AND SACRIFICE FOR THE COMMON GOOD. ALTHOUGH IT IS OBSERVED ON NOVEMBER 11, THESE ARE VALUES THAT WE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY STRIVE TO REALIZE EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR. TODAY'S PRESENTATION WILL INCLUDE AN UPDATE FROM OUR VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE, WHICH WORKS TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF THE VETERANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. TODAY IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VETERANS OR

ACTIVELY SERVING IN THE GUARD OR RESERVE. THERE IS OVER 400 EMPLOYEES IN THE COUNTY, ARE VETERANS, AND MANY MORE HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR A LOVED ONE WHO HAS SERVED IN THE MILITARY. I AM THE MOTHER OF A MARINE, AND MY CHIEF OF STAFF ERIK, SERVES IN THE OREGON NATIONAL GUARD. I KNOW FIRST HAND THE IMPACT OF A SOLDIER'S DEPLOYMENT ON A FAMILY, A WORKPLACE, AND A COMMUNITY. I ALSO VALUE THE OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY ON VETERAN'S DAY, TO THINK ABOUT THE SACRIFICE OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AND TO THANK OUR VETERANS. TWO YEARS AGO, WE DEVELOPED AND ENDORSED A COMMUNITY COVENANT FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES. THIS COMMITMENT IS SHARED COMMUNITY-WIDE TO PURSUE THE PRINCIPLES OF VETERAN'S DAY, WHICH ARE TO CELEBRATE AND HONOR OUR VETERANS, [INAUDIBLE] HOME FROM DEPLOYMENT, TO PROMOTE THE COMMON GOOD BY HELPING VETERANS GET A GOOD JOB, HAVE A PLACE TO CALL HOME, AND ACCESS WHATEVER SERVICES OR BENEFITS THAT THEY MAY NEED. THIS SHARED COMMITMENT IS EVIDENT IN OUR INITIATIVE TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS BY THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR, WHERE PROGRAMS AT THE CITY AND COUNTY, NONPROFITS, AND PRIVATE LANDLORDS ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL. IT IS ALSO DEMONSTRATED BY PRIVATE CITIZENS WHO SEE AN OPPORTUNITY OR A NEED, AND THEY STEP UP TO MEET IT. TODAY'S PRESENTATION INCLUDES A VIDEO THAT ILLUSTRATES HOW FAMILIES ARE IMPACTED BY MILITARY SERVICE. AND I THINK IT CAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF VETERAN'S DAY AND THE IMPORTANCE TO OUR COUNTRY, AS WELL AS RECOGNITION FROM ALL OF US TO OUR VETERANS. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE OUR VERY SPECIAL GUESTS HERE TODAY, CAYDEN AND ANGELA PATTERSON, AND CAYDEN'S GRANDFATHER, MICHAEL TAYLOR, THE FORMER PARKROSE SUPERINTENDENT AND RETIRED OREGON ARMY NATIONAL GUARD SERGEANT FIRST CLASS. WOULD YOU STAND, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE] AS YOU WILL SOON SEE IN THIS VIDEO, THEY ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL OF US, AND THIS TEN-YEAR-OLD IS AMAZING. I CAN'T EVEN SAY ENOUGH THINGS ABOUT CAYDEN. HE IS AN AMAZING, AMAZING YOUNG MAN WHO SEES A NEED AND STEPS UP TO, TO TAKE CARE OF THAT NEED. SO, THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE, AND I WILL NOW TURN THIS OVER TO SEAN FILES AND OUR PANEL. THANK YOU.

GOOD MORNING, BOARD, MY NAME IS SEAN FILES, A MEMBER OF COMMISSIONER MCKEEL'S STAFF HERE AT THE COUNTY, AND WITH ME IS ERIC ENSLEY FROM OUR VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE, AND DENISE FROM OUR H.R. AND A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY VETERAN EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP. ERIK WILL TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE WORK BEING DONE ON BEHALF OF OUR VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE, AND WE'LL SHOW THE VIDEO BEFORE YOU CONSIDER THE PROCLAMATION BEFORE YOU.

GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, ERIC ENSLEY, SUPERVISOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S VETERAN SERVICES

WITH AGING DISABILITY AND VETERAN SERVICES DIVISION. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME AWAY FROM YOUR BUSY SCHEDULES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS PROCLAMATION OF VETERAN'S DAY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO APPLAUD THE COMMITMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEMANDED BY YOU, ALL LEVELS OF THE COUNTY SERVICES, AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT IS THAT STAUNCH COMMITMENT THAT HAS ENABLED OUR OFFICE TO EXPAND ITS GEOGRAPHIC REACH TO GET TO WHERE THE VETERANS ARE. LAST YEAR I SPOKE OF COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES AS A PLACE WHERE WE COULD CREATE AN AWARENESS AND ENTITLEMENT TO BENEFITS FOR VETERANS AND THEIR THROUGH COLLABORATIONS WITH ALL COUNTY SERVICES AND OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, THE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICES HAS SEEN 75% INCREASE AND BENEFIT CLAIMS THROUGH THE VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION, AND 500% INCREASE IN THE COMMUNITY CONTACTS TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR VETERANS. THE STRATEGIC PLACEMENT OF THE COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICE, OFFICERS HAS ALLOWED US TO CREATE MULTIPLE ACCESS POINTS AND VISIBILITY. AS MUCH AS I WOULD LIKE TO REST WITH THIS SUCCESS, WE HAVE JUST BEGUN TO SCRATCH THE SURFACE. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE ADDED A NEW VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER, WHO IS OUR RESOURCE REFERRAL SPECIALIST, WHILE -- WHAT WE TERM, THE VETERAN'S GUIDE, THAT WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO EXPANDS OUR REACH. ONE OF THE KEY ROLES OF THIS POSITION IS TO DEVELOP A VOLUNTEER VETERAN'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM, OR WHAT WE TERMED A BATTLE BUDDY TO ASSIST VETERANS WITH OUR, WITH THEIR CHALLENGING NEEDS. SO FAR, SO THIS UPCOMING VETERAN'S DAY, AS YOU CONTINUE TO CONTINUE YOUR STEADFAST COMMITMENT TO HONOR VETERANS, WE ALSO STAND SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER WITH YOU AS YOUR BATTLE BUDDY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

THIS VETERAN'S DAY, AS MANY ADULTS LOOK TO WASHINGTON, OR SALEM, FOR HOW TO BEST SUPPORT VETERANS, ONE MULTNOMAH COUNTY FAMILY JUST NEEDS TO LOOK DOWN THE HALL. CAYDEN PATTERSON IS ONLY TEN YEARS OLD, A FOURTH GRADER IN TROUTDALE. FOR TWO YEARS NOW, HE'S BEEN ASKING HIMSELF, WHAT HE CAN DO FOR THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY. LAST MEMORIAL DAY, CAYDEN ORGANIZED A WARRIOR RUN, A FUN RUN THROUGH THE CITY OF TROUTDALE. HE WANTED TO RAISE MONEY TO SUPPORT A NEW USO, U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THIS YEAR HE'S BEEN THINKING ABOUT VETERANS WHO DON'T HAVE A HOME.

I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF HOMELESS VETERANS. IT MADE ME FEEL PRETTY SAD.

CAYDEN IS PLANNING A SECOND WARRIOR RUN SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEMORIAL DAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE VETERANS. HE'S PLANNING IT AROUND MEMORIAL DAY BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN HIS FATHER, CURTIS

PATTERSON, WAS HOME, CAYDEN AND HIS SISTERS, ALISON AND ABIGAIL, ARE CHILDREN ARE SERVICE MEMBERS.

MS. PATTERSON: THE LAST FIVE YEARS, I LEFT FOR IRAQ, CAME HOME, FOR MAYBE SIX MONTHS, AND MY HUSBAND LEFT, FOR AFGHANISTAN. HE CAME HOME. HE DID ANOTHER DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN. CAME HOME. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, I LEFT FOR AFGHANISTAN. CAME HOME, MAYBE AGAIN, BUT SIX, SEVEN MONTHS, AND HE LEFT FOR DEPLOYMENT. WE'RE NOT SURE YET WHERE -- HE'S BEEN GONE ALMOST A YEAR. IT'S SAD WHEN THEY LEAVE BECAUSE IT SEEMS LIKE A REALLY LONG TIME. I FEEL LIKE HE'S HAD A LOT MORE -- I DON'T WANT TO SAY STRUGGLES, BUT A LOT MORE THINGS IN LIFE THAT HE HAS TO DEAL WITH THAN, YOU KNOW, A REGULAR NINE-YEAR-OLD, TEN-YEAR-OLD KID HAS TO DEAL WITH. SINCE HE'S BEEN FOUR, ONE OF US HAS BEEN GONE. WE HAVE HAD TO STEP UP AND DO A LOT MORE THINGS TO HELP OUT AROUND THE HOUSE, WITH HIS SISTERS. AND I EXPECT A LOT FROM HIM.

AFTER HIS MOTHER CAME HOME FROM SERVING, CAYDEN HAD AN IDEA. HE WANTED TO DO SOMETHING TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO SERVED.

WELL, I'VE BEEN -- PROBABLY WHEN I WAS EIGHT, I WANTED TO DO A RUN, AND I KEPT ASKING, PROBABLY EVERY WEEK, MOM, WHEN CAN WE DO A RUN, AND THEN SHE FINALLY SAID YES.

AT FIRST, HONESTLY I THOUGHT OH, MY GOODNESS. LIKE HOW AM I GOING TO DO THIS? BUT REALLY, LIKE HE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING. HE WANTED TO DO IT, SO I THOUGHT OK, IF HE WANTS TO DO, THIS LIKE I HAVE TO HELP. I HAVE TO SUPPORT HIM. I THOUGHT OK, LET'S JUST START, THE MORNING OF THE RACE, FRIENDS AND FAMILY GATHERED WITH THE USO SUPPORTERS.

IT WAS AMAZING. AMAZING TO THINK THAT THIS NINE-YEAR-OLD KID IS DOING MORE IN THE COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, RAISING MONEY AND HELPING OTHERS, AND KIND OF PAYING IT FORWARD.

IT'S THE KIND OF COMMUNITY OUTPOURING THAT COMMISSIONER DIANE MCKEEL HOPED WOULD TAKE ROOTS WHEN SHE ESTABLISHED THE VETERAN'S COMMUNITY COVENANT, A PROMISE BY BUSINESS, NONPROFITS AND INDIVIDUALS TO SUPPORT SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. AS A MOTHER OF A UNITED STATES MARINE, WITH MULTIPLE DEPLOYMENTS, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL KNOWS THE SACRIFICE MILITARY FAMILIES MAKE.

WE HAVE FOUR GENERATIONS OF VETERANS HERE IN THE STATE, AND ALL ARE GOING TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY. EVERYONE CAN HAVE A ROLE, WHETHER YOU ARE

A COUNTY PROGRAM, A BUSINESS, A LANDLORD, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR A LOCAL CITIZEN LIKE CAYDEN. ON VETERAN'S DAY THE FAMILY CELEBRATES THE SERVICE OF CAYDEN'S THREE UNCLES AND HIS GRANDFATHER.

WE USUALLY GO TO THE VETERAN'S DAY PARADE LIKE DOWNTOWN, AND I CAN'T EVEN STAND THERE WITHOUT CRYING AND WATCHING YOU KNOW, LIKE PEOPLE, THE STRUGGLES THEY GO THROUGH AND EVERY DAY THINGS YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THE STRUGGLE, IN THE FAMILIES AND THE SUPPORT, AND THE SACRIFICE.

CAYDEN IS RIGHT THERE WITH US, THINKING ABOUT WHAT HE CAN DO FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THINKING OF WHEN THEIR FAMILIES WILL BE TOGETHER AGAIN AND THE MESSAGE HE HAS FOR HIS MOM AND DAD.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING.

COMM. MCKEEL: I WANT TO THANK MARK AND JULIE AND JAQUETTA FOR THE VIDEO. YOU DID A FABULOUS JOB ON THIS VIDEO, MARK, AND I WANT TO THANK CAYDEN AND ANGELA FOR SHARING YOUR STORY WITH US. YOU ARE SUCH AN INSPIRATIONAL FAMILY. I CAN'T EVEN SAY. I AM GOING TO CRY, BUT I WON'T. SO, WE'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A BREAK AND HAVE CAYDEN AND HIS FAMILY CE UP AND HAVE A PICTURE WITH US.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL READ THE PROCLAMATION.

THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE BOARD QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

COMM. MCKEEL: I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE MORE THING, ONE MORE THANK YOU TO ANNE HERE FROM THE GRESHAM OUTLOOK AND HER ORIGINAL STORY ABOUT CAYDEN WAS THE REASON THAT I KNOW ABOUT CAYDEN AND HIS FAMILY, SO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE, ANNE. THANKS.

COMM. SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T HAVE A QUESTION, I JUST HAVE A COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MCKEEL FOR HER LEADERSHIP ON VETERANS ISSUES. WE FOLLOW HER STEPS, SO THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU DO, AND THANK YOU, CAYDEN. THAT WAS A GREAT CONGRATULATIONS. I THINK WE ALL WERE GETTING MISTY-EYED UP HERE, AND I THINK, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY VETERANS, AND KARYNE, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE A VETERAN. YOU ROCK, TOO. THIS WAS GREAT, AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS, THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SAY, WE THANK YOU FOR THE SACRIFICES THAT YOU HAVE MADE TO KEEP US SAFE HERE AT HOME, SO I WOULD, I JUST WANT TO THANK THE VETERANS, WHILE WE'RE ACKNOWLEDGING VETERAN'S DAY NEXT WEEK.

COMM. BAILEY: I DIDN'T SAY IT ANY BETTER BUT I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER MCKEEL AND HER STAFF FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, TO ALL THE VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY, YOU ARE HONORED AND REMEMBERED, AND YOU, YOUNG MAN, WHAT A REMARKABLE JOB. YOU HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE, AND THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR THE COMMUNITY.

THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

THANK YOU COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. I AM ALWAYS IMPRESSED BY THE RECOGNITION THAT IS SINGLE PERSON CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY, AND TO THAT REALIZATION AT A TENDER ANAL GIVES ME HOPE FOR THE FUTURE, AND IT'S VERY EXCITING, AND CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, YOUNG MAN, FOR SHOWING ALL OF US WHAT A BIG DIFFERENCE ONE PERSON CAN MAKE, AND AS I WANT TO DO ON VETERAN'S DAY, CELEBRATIONS, SINCE THE DOOR IS OPEN, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE AT THAT MY FATHER WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN EUROPE DURING A VERY DARK TIME, INDEED, CAME HOME WITH THE RECIPIENT OF TWO PURPLE HEARTS. HE ALWAYS SAID THE SECOND ONE WAS AN ACCIDENT. AND ALWAYS REMINDED US, MY BROTHER AND I GROWING UP, THAT THE PURPOSE OF HIS ENGAGEMENT AND OF THE COUNTRY'S ENGAGEMENT WAS TO CREATE FOR US A SAFER AND PEACEFUL WORLD.

THANK YOU, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL.

AND I AM GOING TO PILE ON WITH THANK YOUS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO COMMISSIONER MCKEEL. I DON'T THINK THAT REALLY THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY ON VETERANS ISSUES AND RAISING THE AWARENESS IN OUR COMMUNITY CAN -- WE CAN'T CELEBRATE ENOUGH, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, CAYDEN, FOR YOUR WORK. THIS HAS BEEN AMAZING, AND BECAUSE YOU TALKED ABOUT VETERANS HOMELESSNESS, I WANTED TO GIVE AN UPDATE AS TO WHERE WE ARE ON OUR AUDACIOUS PLAN TO END VETERAN'S HOMELESSNESS BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. I DO BELIEVE THAT COMMISSIONER MCKEEL, YOUR WORK REALLY SET THE STAGE FOR THIS EFFORT IS BECAUSE BY BRINGING TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEMBERS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, NONPROFITS, BUSINESSES, LANDLORDS, IT'S REALLY TAKEN A COMMUNITY EFFORT TO BRING US TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY. AND THE PLAN WAS EQUALLY AUDACIOUS BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING MARKET, THE LOWEST RATES IN THE COUNTRY, AND RENTS THAT INCREASED IN THE PAST YEAR, SO SINCE JULY, WE HAVE HOUSED 150 VETERANS. THAT'S THE RATE AT TWO PER DAY, AND WE ARE ON TRACK TO REACH OUR GOAL OF ENDING VETERAN'S HOMELESSNESS BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THIS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT EVERYONE COMING TOGETHER, AND THAT MEANS YOU, TOO, CAYDEN, SO

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL THOSE IF FAVOR OF THE PROCLAMATION, VOTE AYE. THE PROCLAMATION HAS BEEN ADOPTED. [APPLAUSE]

CHAIR KAFOURY: NOW WE ARE GOING TO BREAK FOR A PICTURE.

CHAIR BEFORE WE START, I HAVE ONE MORE THANK YOU, AND THAT'S FOR SEAN FILES FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER, FOR ALL HIS WORK ON THE COMMUNITY COVENANT, AND FOR HIS STAFFING OF OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY MILITARY TASK FORCE. SO VETERAN'S TASK FORCE. SO YEAH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANKS, SEAN.

R.2 Public Hearing and First Reading of ORDINANCE Amending Multnomah County Code Chapter 21, Health, Relating to Licensing of Tobacco Retailers in Multnomah County. Sponsor: Chair Deborah Kafoury. Presenters: Rhys Scholes, Policy Manager, Office of Government Relations; Dr. Jae Douglas, Environmental Health Director, Health Department; and, Bernadette Nunley, Assistant County Attorney

COMMISSIONER SMITH: SO MOVED.

COMMISSIONER BAILEY: SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

CHAIR KAFOURY: JUST PAUSE SO WE CAN GET THAT. THANK YOU. LITTLE FINGERNAILS ON THE CHALKBOARD FOR ME. I AM GOING TO GUESS THAT THAT WAS COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVED AND COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDED APPROVAL OF R2. I AM GOING TO KICK IT OFF, AND I WANT TO SAY, AFTER A VERY EMOTIONAL R1, CELEBRATING VETERAN'S DAY AND HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED, WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ONTO ANOTHER EXCITING TOPIC, THE TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSURE PROGRAM. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY LONG OVERDUE. OUR STATE IS ONLY ONE OF 12 IN THE COUNTRY WITHOUT A LICENSING SYSTEM, AND WE KNOW THAT THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE FACT THAT WE HAVE, AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, ONE OF THE HIGHEST SALES TO MINORS. SO, THERE IS NO DEBATE OVER WHETHER CIGARETTES ARE BAD FOR YOU. THERE IS NO DEBATE OVER WHETHER KIDS SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO CIGARETTES, AND THERE IS NO DEBATE OVER WHERE THE RETAILERS SHOULD SELL CIGARETTES. AND YET, WE HAVE THIS REALLY TERRIBLE RECORD, BUT I AM PROUD OF THIS COMMISSION THAT WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SAY, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF OUR COMMISSION REALLY SHOWS, IN ANOTHER WAY, THE WAY THAT WE HAVE ALL WORKED TOGETHER, THIS HAS REALLY BEEN TRULY A GROUP EFFORT FROM EVERYBODY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION TO OUR FABULOUS STAFF, AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE

FOR GETTING US TO THIS POINT TODAY, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE REST OF THE TESTIMONY. JAY.

THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. MADAM CHAIR, COMMISSIONERS, I AM HERE TO INTRODUCE YOUR PANEL, BERNADETTE NUNLEY WILL BE HERE WITH US THIS MORNING TO TAKE US THROUGH THE ORDINANCE. RHYS SCHOLLES FROM GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE. I WILL BE TALKING US THROUGH THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS, OUR OVERVIEW AND TIME LINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION SHOULD YOU DETERMINE YOU ARE GOING TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE. AS YOU SAID, MADAM CHAIR, THERE IS NO DEBATE ABOUT THE EVIDENCE THAT WE, AS A COUNTY, ARE LEADING, HAVE THE DUBIOUS DISTINCTION OF LEADING THE NATION IN TERMS OF LEGAL SALES TO MINORS OF TOBACCO. YOU TOOK REMARKABLE AND STRONG LEADERSHIP IN FEBRUARY OF 2015 TO ESTABLISH, TO SUPPORT REGULATION OF RETAIL SALES AND TOBACCO PRODUCTION, AND INHALANT DELIVERY SYSTEMS, AND YOU SET THE TONE FOR A STATEWIDE DISCUSSION ABOUT TOBACCO RETAIL LICENSING, AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE STATE, THE LEGISLATURE WAS UNABLE TO ENACT LEGISLATURE AND TOOK STRONG LEADERSHIP TO LEAD US AT THE COUNTY AND STATE. SO, I AM GOING TO ASK BERNADETTE TO STEP IN AND TAKE US THROUGH THE ORDINANCE.

MS. NUNLEY: THANK YOU, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS, I WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE HIGH LEVEL PARTS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND THEN IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER THOSE. SO, WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN THE ORDINANCE IS SET UP THE BASICS FOR THE RETAIL LICENSING TEAM. THE DEFINITIONS OF IMPORTANT BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT TOBACCO PRODUCTS, IT INCLUDES THE TRADITIONAL TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT WE THINK ABOUT, LIKE CIGARETTES, BUT THEY ALSO INCLUDE INHALANT DELIVERY SYSTEMS, AND THE DISTINCTION THAT I WANT TO MAKE THERE IS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INHALANT SYSTEMS THAT DELIVER NICOTINE, SO THE FOCUS IS ON THE NICOTINE DELIVERY. WE ALSO HAVE A DEFINITION FOR TOBACCO RETAILER, AND AS FAR AS THE RETAILERS GO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE OR ENTITIES WITH BUSINESSES THAT SELL TOBACCO PRODUCT, AND AGAIN, TO GO BACK TO THE TOBACCO PRODUCTS DEFINITION, THAT DOES INCLUDE INHALANT SYSTEMS. A LICENSE WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EACH LOCATION FOR A BUSINESS, SO IF A BUSINESS OWNER HAS THREE LOCATIONS, WHERE THEY ARE SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTION, EACH LOCATION REQUIRES A LICENSE. THE LICENSE IS ANNUAL, SO IT WILL HAVE TO BE RENEWED ON AN AG BASIS, AND THERE WILL BE A FEE. LICENSES ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE SO YOU CANNOT TRANSFER IT TO ANOTHER BUSINESS OWNER, FOR EXAMPLE. WE HAVE LISTED OUT PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES, AND THOSE INCLUDE SALES WITHOUT A VALID LICENSE, SALES FROM MOTOR VEHICLES ARE PROHIBITED. TOBACCO PRODUCTS CAN'T BE SOLD OUTSIDE OF THEIR ORIGINAL PACKAGING, AND THEN TOBACCO RETAILERS MUST CHECK THE I.D. FOR ANY PEOPLE

APPEARING TO BE UNDER THE AGE OF 27. THERE WILL BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE, AND THE BOARD WILL APPOINT THE MEMBERS TO THAT RULE-MAKING IN THE COMMITTEE. IT SETS OUT THE DETAILS FOR THE LICENSING SCHEME, INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT THE ORDINANCE SETS OUT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE RULES SO ALL THE AREAS THAT THE RULE-MAKING COMMITTEE WILL NEED TO LOOK AT AND CONSIDER AND PUT INTO THE RULES, SO WE HAVE A ROBUST PROGRAM. THE LAST PART OF THE ORDINANCE, THERE IS AUTHORITY GIVEN TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO INSPECT, TOBACCO RETAILERS' PREMISES. THE ORDINANCE GIVES THE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THE ORDINANCE IN THE RULES. WE ALSO SET OUT THE DUE PROCESS PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING THE -- HOW A NOTICE OF VIOLATION IS GIVEN TO AN INDIVIDUAL, IF THERE IS A VIOLATION OF THE ORDINANCE, OR THE RULES, AND THEN HOW THAT VIOLATION CAN BE APPEALED. THERE WILL BE A HEARING PROCESS IF SOMEONE WHO HAS VIOLATED THE ORDINANCE DESIRING A HEARING. AND THEN FINALLY THE BOARD WILL SET THE LICENSE FEE, SO THE COST OF EACH LICENSE AND THE CIVIL PENALTIES THAT SOMEONE COULD RECEIVE IF THEY VIOLATE THE LICENSE AND GO THROUGH THE HEARINGS PROCESS, SO THOSE ARE THE BASICS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND I CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS NOW OR AT THE END.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDINANCE, ITSELF? GREAT. RHYS, DID YOU HAVE COMMENTS?

MR. SCHOLES: SO, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF PIECES THAT WE WILL BE ADVANCING HERE. ONE IS -- WE'LL BE RETURNING TO YOU AT THE END OF NOVEMBER, THAT'S THE TIME FRAME, SLATED, TO BRING TO YOU A SLATE OF NOMINATIONS FOR OUR RULES, ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH YOU WOULD APPOINT, AND WE EXPECT TO BE RECEIVING NOMINATIONS THROUGH A VARIETY OF METHODS. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WEBSITE UP WHERE PEOPLE CAN NOMINATE, AND WE'LL, PUTTING INFORMATION OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY, PARTNERS, AND WE'RE EXPECTING THAT WE WILL INCLUDE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, AND INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS PARTNERS, PROBABLY ALSO STATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, WHO HAS A KEY INTEREST AND, AND WE'RE EXPECTING THE STAFF TO HELP US, AS WELL, BUT WE'LL BE COMING BACK IN NOVEMBER TO BRING YOU THAT SLATE. WE WILL BE HAVING A VERY PROMINENT PUBLIC PRESENCE THROUGH OUR WEB ENVIRONMENT, TO INFORM THE COMMUNITY ABOUT OUR ACTIONS, TO ALLOW FOR, AS I SAID, THE NOMINATION PROCESS, AND WE WILL BE PUBLISHING DRAFT RULES AND TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT THROUGH THAT MECHANISM, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF OTHER MECHANISMS. IN THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS, WE'LL HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS THAT WILL NEED TO BE ESTABLISHED, AS BERNADETTE SAID, AND WE'LL BE INCLUDING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS IN THE RULE-MAKING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION, AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, RENEWAL, AND EXPIRATION, OUR FEE STRUCTURE WILL BE ESTABLISHED

THROUGH THE RULE, AS WELL AS THE COMPLIANCE MONITORING PROCESS AND ANY PENALTIES AND FINES THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED. ALL THAT WILL BE ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE RULE. OUR TIME FRAME, AT THIS POINT, AS I SAID, IS TO BRING YOU A SLATE OF CANDIDATES AT THE END OF NOVEMBER. WE WILL BE MOVING INTO HEAVY DUTY PLANNING, AT THE BEGINNING OF 2016, DECEMBER AND BEGINNING OF 2016 TO DEVELOP OUR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO HIRE PROGRAM STAFF, TO BEGIN THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS, PLAN OUT THE PROCESS, GET OUR DATA SYSTEM ONLINE, AND CREATE AN EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PLAN. OUR PLAN AT THIS TIME IS TO BEGIN THE RULE-MAKING PROCESS IN FEBRUARY, AND WE'LL BE IN RULE-MAKING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, AND DURING THAT TIME, WE'LL BEGIN OUR EDUCATION AND DEPLOYMENT OF OUR EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, MEDIA CAMPAIGN, AND WE'LL BE ESTABLISHING OUR EVALUATION PLAN FOR THE PROGRAM OVERALL. WE'LL BE LAUNCHING OUR MEDIA CAMPAIGN IN APRIL. DURING THAT TIME, AT THE END OF APRIL, WE'LL BE BACK TO YOU WITH OUR PROPOSED RULE-MAKING, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES FOR THE PROCESS, AND ALL THAT'S CONTAINED IN THAT, AND THEN YOU WILL ENACT. WE'LL BE ASSUMING YOU ENACT OUR RULES, WE WILL BE LAUNCHING LICENSING IN JULY. WE'LL BEGIN ISSUING LICENSES IN JULY. WE WILL ALLOW FOR A SIX-MONTH, WE'RE CALLING IT A SOFT PERIOD WHERE WE'LL BE INCENTIVIZING BUSINESSES TO GET THEIR LICENSES EARLY. WE WILL BE, BEGIN ENFORCEMENT IN JANUARY OF 2017.

COMM. SMITH: 2017?

THAT'S OUR PLAN.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY QUESTIONS?

COMM. SMITH: I HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. HOW MANY MEMBERS ON THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE RULE-MAKING WILL THERE BE?

WE'RE ESTIMATING SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 13 AND 17. THERE IS AN OPTIMAL NUMBER IN THERE THAT'S IN THAT RANGE.

COMM. SMITH: LAST QUESTION, ARE WE GOING TO SET UP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FOLKS, RETAILERS WHO HAVE LANGUAGE BARRIERS, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE NEW RULES ARE?

ABSOLUTELY. THAT WILL BE A MAJOR PART OF OUR PLAN FOR OUR OUTREACH EFFORT.

COMM. SMITH: OK. THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

COMM. MCKEEL: CHAIR, YOU HAVE ONE COMMENT. I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF OUTREACH THAT HAS BEEN DONE AROUND THIS ISSUE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND ISSUE IN EAST COUNTY WE HAD A PUBLIC MEETING IN GRESHAM AND A PRESENTATION TO FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL LAST NIGHT AND WOOD VILLAGE IS COMING UP, AND INFORMATION TO THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL, AS WELL. SO, THERE'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT OUTREACH, AND INCLUSION AROUND THIS ISSUE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

COMM. SHIPRACK: MADAM CHAIR, I WONDER IF YOU COULD GIVE US A SYNOPSIS OF WHAT THE OBJECTIONS HAVE BEEN THAT YOU HAVE HEARD AROUND THE COMMUNITY TO OUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

THE ONLY SPECIFIC OBJECTION THAT I HAVE HEARD HAS BEEN RELATED TO A DESIRE FOR A STATEWIDE LICENSING SYSTEM. SO THAT WE GET AWAY FROM THE PATCHWORK IDEA. BUT, OTHER THAN THAT, I HAVE HEARD NO SPECIFIC OBJECTION.

COMM. SHIPRACK: THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT THAT WE AGREE, WE DON'T THINK THAT THERE SHOULD BE THIS PATCHWORK. SPEAKING FOR MY COLLEAGUES, WE WOULD RATHER SEE THIS BE A STATE EFFORT, AND THAT'S WHY A YEAR AGO WE LAID DOWN THE GAUNTLET AND SAID WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS IF THE STATE IS NOT, SO WE HOPE THIS ACTION SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE STATE THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS, AND ALL RESIDENTS, APPROVE OF THIS DIRECTION THAT WE'RE HEADED, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY WILL FOLLOW OUR LEAD THE SAME WAY THAT THEY DID WITH THE E CIGARETTE BAN THAT WE PASSED AND THE STATE TOOK AND PASSED THEMSELVES.

I AM GOING TO GO THROUGH MY LITANY OF THANK YOUS BECAUSE I THINK BEHIND THIS KIND OF QUIET AND CALM VOTE THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TODAY HAS BEEN A LOT OF HARD WORK ON BEHALF OF SO MANY PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT I AM NOT GOING TO NAME EVERYONE, BUT I WILL TRY TO NAME A FEW. I WANT TO THANK JOANNA FULLER, JAE DOUGLAS, AND KARI MCFARLAND AND ALL THEIR STAFF FROM THE ELEMENTARY WHO HAS JUST DONE AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF WORK, AND DONE ALL THE GREAT COMMUNITY OUTREACH THAT COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK AND COMMISSIONER SMITH AND MCKEEL AND BAILEY, WE BENEFITED FROM, THE OUTREACH THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND PARTICIPATED IN THOSE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK DR. JEN WINES AND PAUL LEWIS WHO HAVE BEEN

ELOQUENT IN SPEAKING ABOUT THE DANGERS FOR SMOKING FOR YOUTH AND VAPING AND HELPED US TO CONVINCE PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN ON OUR SIDE TO BEGIN WITH, I WANT TO THANK OUR GOVERNOR'S TEAM IN THE SCHOOLS WHO HAS DONE AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF RESEARCH TO HELP US UNDERSTAND WHAT OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE DONE, AND WHILE WE'RE LEADING THE WAY FOR OREGON, WE ARE FOLLOWING THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THIS IS NOT SOMETHING NEW AND INNOVATIVE BUT SOMETHING THAT WE'RE ONE OF ONLY 1 STATES -- ONE OF 12 STATES THAT HAS NO LICENSURE PROGRAM, AND I WANT TO THANK YOU, RHYS. BERNADETTE NUNLEY AND [INAUDIBLE] FOR GUIDING OUR LEGAL TEAM, AND JULIE AND ANDREA, IN THE COMMUNICATIONS, AND THE COMMUNICATIONS STAFF FOR HELPING TO GET THE WORD OUT. AND ALSO, OF COURSE, THE FABULOUS STAFF THAT WORKS FOR US HERE BEHIND THE DESK, CHRISTINE LEWIS, COLIN, ADAM, ERIK, AND KATE HAVE ALL BEEN FABULOUS. AND OF COURSE, I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DID NOT SHOUT OUT THE FABULOUS LIZ SMITH CURRY FROM MY TEAM, ACTUALLY, SHE'S PROBABLY THE HAPPIEST PERSON IN TOWN TODAY. AND TO THE YOUTH AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ADVOCATES WHO HAVE BEEN PUSHING US, PUSHING US FROM DAY ONE TO TAKE A STRONG AND VOCAL STANCE AGAINST THE DANGERS OF TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTES. ALL IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. WHAT IS THIS? A FIRST READING IS APPROVED. THE SECOND READING IS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12. THANK YOU. YEAH, LET'S CLAP. [APPLAUSE]

R.3 Public Hearing and First Reading of ORDINANCE Amending MCC Chapter 12, Business Income Tax to Reflect Changes Made by the City of Portland in Recent Years and Certain Technical Changes. Presenter: Mark Campbell, Chief Financial Officer

CHAIR KAFOURY: CAN I GET A MOTION?

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER SMITH MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAIL 8 SECONDS APPROVAL OF R3.

GOOD MORNING. MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR APPROVAL FOR THE FIRST READING TO AMEND THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX CODE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: SORRY, YOU NEED TO USE THE OTHER MIC. WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES TODAY. BEAR WITH US. DOES THAT WORK? OK. SINCE WE DO THIS FAIRLY INFREQUENTLY, I THOUGHT I WOULD TAKE TIME TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THIS CODE AND THE CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE TO IT. IN 1994, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY'S BUSINESS

LICENSE TAX AND THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS INCOME TAX WERE CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE CITY OF PORTLAND. THE CITY OF PORTLAND SINCE 1994 COLLECTS AND ADMINISTERS OUR BUSINESS INCOME TAX. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT SINCE THE TAX IS, ESSENTIALLY, THE -- BOTH THE CITY AND COUNTY HAVE THE SAME TAX BASE, THAT FOR EASE OF ADMINISTRATION AND EFFICIENCY IN COLLECTING THE TAX, THIS WAS A GOOD MODEL TO USE. THE CITY HAS AMENDED ITS CODE A COUPLE TIMES OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, TO REFLECT CHANGES, AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE, FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT, IS IN THIS ORDINANCE, IS REMOVING REFERENCES TO THE BUREAU OF REVENUE, THE CITY REORGANIZED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO SO NOW THE ORDINANCE JUST SAYS THAT IT WILL BE THE CITY OF PORTLAND THAT COLLECTS THE TAX. THERE'S BEEN SOME MINOR HOUSEKEEPING CHANGES THAT THEY MADE, AND YOU WILL NOTICE IN THE ORDINANCE THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PLACES WHERE THE CODE IS BEING AMENDED, AND MOST OF THOSE ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL FROM A REVENUE STANDPOINT, AND THEY ARE CORRECTING THINGS LIKE MISSPELLINGS, IN ONE OF THE SECTIONS, APPORTIONMENT IS SPELLED AS APPOINTMENT, AND IT ALSO CHANGES A FEW DEFINITIONS AND CLARIFIES SOME TECHNICAL ISSUES AROUND DEFINING, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT AN, WHO AN INDIVIDUAL IS. FOR TAX PURPOSES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGE, THAT'S INCLUDED IS THE CHANGE IN THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION. AND THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION IS, ESSENTIALLY, A -- A PROXY FOR WHAT A BUSINESS OWNER WOULD PAY THEMSELVES AS A SALARY. AND IN 1994, THAT AMOUNT WAS SET AT \$50,000. IN 2008, THE CITY -- IN 2007, THE CITY AMENDED THEIR CODE TO INCREASE THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION TO 80,000, AND IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, WE FOLLOWED SUIT. INCREASED OURS TO 80,000, AND THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION AT THAT TIME WAS NEXT TO INFLATION, SO IT INCREASES BY THE CPI EVERY YEAR. CURRENTLY, FOR THE FISCAL, OR FOR TAX YEAR 2014, THE CURRENT OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS 92,500 PER OWNER. IN 2014, THE CITY AMENDED THEIR CODE AGAIN TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION DEDUCTION TO 100,000. AND THAT, ALSO, IS INDEXED TO INFLATION. SO WHAT THIS CHANGE WILL DO IS INCREASE THE COUNTY'S OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION TO 100,000 TO MATCH THE CITY'S, AND GOING FORWARD, IT WILL ALSO INCREASE WITH INFLATION. WE LOOKED AT THE IMPACT THAT THIS WILL HAVE ON COUNTY REVENUES, AND THAT IMPACT HAS IS VERY SMALL. IN FISCAL YEAR 2015, THE COUNTY COLLECTED APPROXIMATELY 75 MILLION IN BUSINESS INCOME TAX. INCREASING THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION FROM 92,500 TO 100,000, WILL SOMEWHERE A REVENUE IMPACT OF 550,000 FOR THE GENERAL FUND. SO, THAT REPRESENTS THREE QUARTERS OF 1% OF THE TOTAL REVENUE THAT WE COLLECT. AND LIKEWISE, THE EAST COUNTY CITIES THAT WE SHARE THIS TAX WITH, WILL SEE A SLIGHT REDUCTION IN THEIR REVENUES, WE ESTIMATED THAT REDUCTION IS 55,000 AND LIKEWISE FOR THEM, IT'S ROUGHLY THE SAME PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL

REVENUES. ON THE FLIP SIDE, THE INCREASE IN THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION WILL HAVE A BENEFIT TO SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS, AND WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 4,500 BUSINESSES THAT WILL BENEFIT FROM THE INCREASE IN THE DEDUCTION, AND THAT REPRESENTS ROUGHLY 10% OF THE TOTAL TAXPAYER BASE. AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT I HAD FOR THAT, AND I WILL TAKE ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY QUESTIONS FOR MARK?

COMM. SMITH: I HAVE A QUESTION, OF THE 34500, IS THAT JUST EAST COUNTY BUSINESSES OR THE ENTIRE --

ALL THE TAXPAYERS.

DO YOU HAVE THAT LIST?

I DON'T HAVE THE LIST, SPECIFICALLY, NO.

COMM. SMITH: HOW DID YOU KNOW --

WE LOOKED AT TAX RETURNS FOR THE LAST, THE MOST RECENT YEAR THAT WE HAVE COMPLETE RETURNS FOR, WHICH IS 2013, AND WHAT WE DID WAS LOOKED AT WHAT THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION DEDUCTION WAS THAT PEOPLE WERE TAKING, AND IF WE INCREASED IT TO 100,000, HOW MANY BUSINESSES WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THAT, SO IT'S A ROUGH ESTIMATE.

COMM. SMITH: WILL WE BE SENDING OUT A NOTE? HOW ARE WE GOING TO LET THEM KNOW?

THE CITY OF PORTLAND WILL --

COMM. SMITH: ON OUR BEHALF? THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS GOING TO SEND A NOTE OUT ON OUR BEHALF?

BECAUSE THEY ADDED THE TAX.

COMM. SMITH: THEIRS WENT IN LAST YEAR?

CORRECT.

COMM. SMITH: THEY ARE GOING TO DOUBLE BACK AND SEND THE NEW 4,500 PEOPLE THAT WE ADDED, A LETTER TO LET THEM KNOW?

THEY WILL PUT A GENERAL MAILING OUT TO ALL TAXPAYERS, THAT SAYS

THAT THE CODE HAS CHANGED, AND IT WON'T JUST BE FOR THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION BUT FOR THE OTHER PIECES OF THE CODE.

COMM. SMITH: I WAS MORE THINKING OF SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE STEPPED INSIDE OF THIS, IF THERE IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO, JUST TO ALSO THEM KNOW THAT WE ARE CHANGING, BUT IT'S NOT JUST THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WHEN THEY GET A LETTER FROM THE CITY OF PORTLAND, THEY DON'T REALIZE THAT THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING WHAT WE JUST DID HERE, SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO HAVE SOME SEPARATION, THIS IS NEW BECAUSE THEY WILL GET CONFUSED ABOUT THIS.

WE CAN WORK ON THE, ON THAT.

COMM. SMITH: THANK YOU.

AND CHAIR, THANK YOU, AND JUST TO GO FURTHER WITH THAT QUESTION, FROM THE COMMISSIONER, THE CITY OF PORTLAND'S NOTIFICATION WILL BE GOING TO THE EAST COUNTY BUSINESSES, AS WELL?

IT WOULD.

COMM. MCKEEL: OK. AND FOR THE RECORD BECAUSE I ASKED THIS BEFORE AND I HEARD A PRESENTATION LAST NIGHT ABOUT THE -- HOW THAT WILL AFFECT THEM, AND I JUST WANTED TO, FOR THE RECORD, KNOW THAT GRESHAM, TROUTDALE, AND WOOD VILLAGE WERE NOTIFIED OF THIS CHANGE.

YES, THEY WERE.

THANK YOU.

MANY TIMES.

YES, THANK YOU. I HAVE REALLY WANTED TO MAKE SURE IN PARTICULAR THE SMALLER CITIES IN GRESHAM WHO WERE GOING TO BE AFFECTED, THAT THEY HAD A VOICE IN THIS DECISION, AS WELL. WE HAVE ONE PERSON SIGNED UP FOR A PUBLIC COMMENT.

DECADE, PLEASE COME FORWARD.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU. CHAIR KAFOURY AND COMMISSIONERS, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR CONSIDERING THIS TODAY. I AM DAVID, THE OWNER OF [INAUDIBLE] HERE IN TOWN. WE'RE A VERY OLD BUSINESS, 136

YEARS HERE IN PORTLAND, THE WHOLE TIME. I AM THE FOURTH GENERATION OWNER WITH SOME FIFTH GENERATION COMING ALONG SO WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN PORTLAND AND MULTNOMAH COUNTY. I AM ALSO THE SMALL BUSINESS CHAIR FOR THE PORTLAND BUSINESS ALLIANCE. WHICH IS PROBABLY THE MAIN REASON THAT I AM HERE TODAY I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING THIS, IT'S NOT A HUGE CHANGE. WE ALL RECOGNIZE, BUT IT IS A SIGNIFICANT ONE TO OUR BUSINESSES, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR, CAN. AS A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, I CAN TELL YOU PORTLAND METRO AREA, MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IS A GREAT PLACE TO START AND RUN A BUSINESS, LIKE I SAY, WE'VE BEEN HERE IS A VERY LONG TIME AND HAVE -- WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY AND APPRECIATE IT A GREAT DEAL. THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX IN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY IS A PROBLEM FOR US THAT I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT IT DOES ADD A LAYER OF EXPENSE AND COST TO LOCATING IN OUR COMMUNITY, THAT IT PUTS US AT A COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE TO SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES IN THE AREA. SO, ANYTHING THAT, REALLY, ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO TO EASE THAT DIFFERENCE AND MAKE IT MORE ATTRACTIVE TO LOCATE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, I THINK, IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT FOR BUSINESS, AND SENDING A MESSAGE, A PRO BUSINESS MESSAGE IS IMPORTANT. NOT TO HARP ON THIS BECAUSE I DON'T REALLY WANT TO DWELL ON THE NEGATIVES BUT I DO KNOW SEVERAL BUSINESSES PERSONALLY, THAT HAVE LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE AREA, UNFORTUNATELY, BECAUSE OF THE COST DISADVANTAGE TO BEING IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. SO, AGAIN, IT'S JUST VERY IMPORTANT TO OUR BUSINESSES, THAT WE COMMUNICATE THAT THIS IS -- THAT WE WANT, OBVIOUSLY, BUSINESSES CREATE JOBS AND TAXES AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY. FOR YEARS, THE ALLIANCE HAS ADVOCATED FOR INCREASES IN THE OWNER'S COMPENSATION, THE NUMBER THAT WE HAVE ADVOCATE IDEA IS 125,000. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO SEE SOME CONSIDERATION OF ALIGNING WITH THE CITY, AND AT THE 100,000 LEVEL, IT SIMPLIFIES FOR US, AS BUSINESSES, IT SIMPLIFIES THE TAX CALCULATION, MAKES IT MUCH MORE CLEAR, AND JUST ELIMINATES THAT LITTLE BIT OF DISPARITY. SO, AGAIN, WE'RE JUST VERY PLEASED THAT YOU ARE, AT YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND I HOPE YOU WILL ADOPT IT, AND JUST -- I FEEL LIKE IT SENDS A GOOD MESSAGE TO OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THAT, AND TO OUR SMALL BUSINESSES, IN PARTICULAR, THAT MULTNOMAH COUNTY RECOGNIZES WHAT WE DO, AND OF COURSE, THAT WE'RE VALUABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. BEFORE WE VOTE, DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS? I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR COMING AND FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD, I THINK THIS CHANGE TO OUR CODE IS TIMELY AND FAIR, AND SMALL BUSINESSES ARE SEEING INCREASES TO THEIR RENT, LIKE WE'RE HEARING FROM INDIVIDUALS IN THE COMMUNITY, IT'S NOT JUST ON RESIDENTIAL. WE'RE SEEING IT EVERYWHERE, AND ALLOWING BUSINESSES TO KEEP A LITTLE MORE MONEY

IN THEIR POCKET SO THEY CAN REINVEST IN GROWING THEIR BUSINESSES, HIRING MORE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RESIDENTS, I THINK WE WILL SEE A RIPPLE EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, AND I THINK THAT ALIGNING OUR CODE WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND IS AN IMPORTANT STEP, AS WELL, AND I THINK IN THE PAST WHERE THEY HAVE GONE AHEAD AND WE HAVE HAD TO CATCH UP, AND HOPEFULLY THAT WAS THE DAYS BEFORE WHEN THE CITY AND COUNTY WERE NOT IN AS GREAT OF COMMUNICATION AS THEY ARE NOW SO WE WILL HAVE MUCH BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, WHICH I THINK IS MORE BENEFICIAL TO OUR BUSINESSES, AS WELL. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. OPPOSED. THE FIRST READING HAS BEEN APPROVED AND THE SECOND READING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12. THANKS VERY MUCH.

R.4 RESOLUTION Authorizing an Internal Loan from the Risk Management Fund to the Willamette River Bridges Fund in the Amount of \$3,000,000 to Provide Funding for a Feasibility Study for the Seismic Rehabilitation or Replacement of the Burnside Bridge. Presenters: Mark Campbell, CFO; and, Ian Cannon, County Engineer

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

CHAIR KAFOURY: COMMISSIONER BAILEY MOVES, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R4.

GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING, CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS. KIM PEOPLES, THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND JOINING ME IS MARK CAMPBELL, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IAN CANNON, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR AND -- I MEAN COUNTY ENGINEER. ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, I AM HERE TO PRESENT FOR YOUR APPROVAL A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERNAL LOAN FROM THE RISK MANAGEMENT FUND TO THE WILLAMETTE RIVER FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF 3 MILLION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE SEISMIC REHABILITATION OR REPLACEMENT OF THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE. IN THE SPRING OF THE YEAR THE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED FOR THE BOARD'S ADOPTION THE CAPITAL BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE PLAN PRIORITIZED THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE AS A CRITICAL COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE SEISMIC RESILIENCY OF THE BRIDGES. THE CRITICAL FACTOR IN THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE IS THAT THE BRIDGE SERVES AS A LINK IN THE REGION'S LIFELINE CORRIDOR. AS THE REGION AND THE COUNTY LEARNED MORE ABOUT THE VULNERABILITY OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, IN THE EVENT OF A LARGE MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE, IT WAS VERY CLEAR FROM OUR

DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, THE SENSE OF URGENCY TO GET STARTED WITH THE FIRST STEPS. ACCORDINGLY THE BOARD DIRECTED THE DEPARTMENT TO RETURN THIS FALL WITH A PROPOSED FUNDING STRATEGY TO INITIATE THE FIRST STEP IN DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO ADDRESS THE SEISMIC RESILIENCY OF THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE. THE FIRST STEP IS TO INITIATE A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO ANALYZE OPTIONS AND SUBSEQUENT STRATEGIES TO OBTAIN A RESILIENT BRIDGE, WHICH I WILL BE ASKING IAN TO ADDRESS WITH THE SCOPE OF THAT STUDY. HOWEVER, THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGE IS SEEKING AN INTERNAL LOAN TO FUND THE STUDY IMMEDIATELY. I WILL BE ASKING MARK TO DISCUSS THE MECHANICS OF THE LOAN. THIS IS ONLY A LOAN, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT OUR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATURE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL BE PRODUCTIVE IN ADDRESSING INCREASED TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, WHICH IN TURN WILL PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE MEANS TO REPAY THE LOAN. IF NOT, IT WILL REQUIRE US TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THE LOCAL FUNDING STRATEGIES. I HAVE THIS MORNING, OUR FEDERAL LEGISLATURES, ARE PRODUCTIVE AND MOVING THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE, A SIX-YEAR TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BILL, WHICH HOPEFULLY, WILL LEND SOME LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL TO, IN ORDER TO MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT BEING SAID I WILL TURN IT OVER TO IAN, FOR HIM TO WALK YOU THROUGH THE COMPONENTS OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GOOD MORNING.

I AM IAN CANNON, THE TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, IS THAT WORKING? AND I DON'T WANT TO REPEAT EVERYTHING THAT KIM SAID BUT I WANT TO JUST REMIND PEOPLE OF THE INCREASED AWARENESS THAT WE HAVE NOW, OF THE SEISMIC CHALLENGES THAT OUR REGION FACES, AND A LARGE, A LARGE CHANCE, 37% CHANCE IN THE NEXT 50 YEARS OF A MAGNITUDE NINE EARTHQUAKE, THIS IS THE SAME OR SIMILAR MAGNITUDE TO WHAT HAPPENED IN JAPAN A FEW YEARS AGO, WHAT HAPPENED TO ALASKA IN 1964, AND BIGGER THAN WHAT HAPPENED IN CHILE A FEW YEARS AGO SO A SIGNIFICANT EVENT. THROUGH THE BOARD'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES WE PRIORITIZED THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE AS OUR HIGH, HIGH PRIORITY FOR IMPROVING A SEISMIC RESILIENCY OF THE CROSSING. THE BURNSIDE BRIDGE PROJECT IDENTIFIED IN THAT CIP, WAS A 515 MILLION PROJECT THAT COULD TAKE 10 TO 15 YEARS TO IMPLEMENT, AND THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, IS THE FIRST STEP IN THAT, AND CRUCIAL WITH ANY OF THESE KINDS OF PROJECTS, IS, YOU KNOW, EVEN AS DAUNTING AS THEY ARE, IS TAKING THOSE FIRST STEPS, AND THAT'S WHAT THE FEASIBLE STUDY IS ABOUT. THE FEASIBILITY STUDY, ITSELF, IS A TWO-YEAR PROJECT, AND IN THAT, WE PLAN TO EDUCATE AND ENGAGE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ISSUES OF SEISMICITY AND THE BRIDGE, AND ENGAGE WITH THE AGENCY PARTNERS, AND IDENTIFY CONCERNS AND ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROJECT, PERFORM AN IN-DEPTH EVALUATION OF THE SEISMIC RETROFIT OF THE EXISTING BURNSIDE BRIDGE, SO THAT WE CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION YOU KNOW, REALLY, IAN, HOW MUCH IS IT GOING TO COST IF WE WANT TO FIX THIS BRIDGE AND JUST IN TERMS OF THE KEEPING OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO MAKE IT SEISMICALLY RESILIENT, AND WE CAN HAVE A MORE INFORMED DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER IT MAKES SENSE TO DUMP A BUNCH OF RESOURCES INTO OUR ALMOST 100-YEAR-OLD BRIDGE OR TURN THOSE RESOURCES TOWARDS REPLACING IT. SO, ANOTHER PART OF THE STUDY WILL BE TO DEVELOP THE REPLACEMENT CONCEPTS SO THAT WE HAVE IDEAS, YOU KNOW, SO WE CAN HAVE A FULL DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. SO WHAT THIS WILL DO, IS IT WILL POSITION THE COUNTY TO MOVE INTO THE FUTURE PHASES OF THE PROJECT, WHICH POTENTIALLY INCLUDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY, THE DESIGN AND RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING FORWARD, AND THEN CONSTRUCTION. SO, AS KIM MENTIONED, THIS FEASIBLE BUILDING STUDY IS A CRITICAL FIRST STEP IN RECOGNIZING THAT WE LIVE IN A SEISMICALLY ACTIVE REGION, AND BEING RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, I WAS JUST DOING A LITTLE QUICK BACK OF THE ENVELOPE, BACK OF THE SHEET OF PAPER CALCULATION, AND IN PORTLAND RIGHT NOW, EXCLUDING THE TRI-MET BUT IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND INCLUDING ST. JOHN'S -- NO, I DIDN'T INCLUDE ST. JOHN'S, WE HAVE 35 LANES ACROSS THE WILLAMETTE RIVER. OF THOSE 35 LANES, YOU KNOW, IT'S A HIGH LIKELIHOOD NONE OF THOSE WILL BE OPERATIONAL AT THIS POINT. AFTER A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE. SO, DOING SOMETHING IS -- THIS IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM BUT IT WILL PROVIDE A LIFELINE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, AND THEN, AND ALLOW THE REGION TO START TO REBUILD.

COMM. SMITH: MADAM CHAIR. I HOPE THAT THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE WILL BE UP.

THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE IS, BUT I DIDN'T INCLUDE THAT.

COMM. SMITH: OK. BECAUSE I WAS SAYING, THIS IS ALL FOR NOT.

OK.

COMM. SMITH: GREAT.

WHEN WILL THE FEASIBLE STUDY START?

GREAT QUESTION, THANK YOU. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, SO WE ANTICIPATE SOME OF THIS WORK BEING DONE IN-HOUSE, AND A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE ENGINEERING BEING DONE BY ONE OF THE PROFESSIONAL FIRMS IN THE

REGION. WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE GREAT, GREAT ENGINEERING FIRMS LOCALLY, AND THE PROCESS WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO 24 MONTHS. AND SO, OUR RFP, KICKING IT OFF APRIL, MAY TIME FRAME.

COMM. MCKEEL: THANK YOU, I THINK THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT, SO I AM HAPPY TO SEE IT.

COMM. SMITH: MADAM CHAIR, DITTO. I AGREE WITH YOU. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. KNOWING THAT THIS IS GOING TO TAKE TWO YEARS, AND KNOWING THAT WE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD TO DO THIS ALL ON THE COUNTY'S DIME, SO BEFORE THIS FEASIBILITY STUDY IS COMPLETED, ARE WE HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS TO GIVE THEM A HEADS UP IF THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE - - IT'S GOING TO BE IN PLAY, SO THAT WE CAN GET ON TOP OF SOME FUTURE THINGS ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL?

THE SHORT ANSWER IS YES.

COMM. SMITH: OK. OK.

DID YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

COMM. SHIPRACK: I AM JUST SAYING A SILENT PRAYER TO OUR SPACE IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. [LAUGHTER]

ONE OF THE BENEFITS OF -- ONE OF THE OUTCOMES, I HOPE, FOR THIS STUDY IS THAT THROUGH THE INCREASED AWARENESS AND THE INCREASED KNOWLEDGE THAT WE GAIN, WE'LL BE POSITIONING OURSELVES WELL FOR THOSE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE, AND OUR OTHER AGENCIES IN THE REGION, ABOUT HOW WE CAN MOVE THIS PROJECT FORWARD.

COMM. SMITH: THE MAJORITY OF THE BRIDGE MONEY IS FEDERAL MONEY THAT IS PASSED THROUGH TO THE STATE.

CERTAINLY FOR OUR ROUTINE KIND OF MARINERS ON THE WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES, THE MAJORITY OF THAT MONEY IS FEDERAL.

COMM. SMITH: OK.

CHAIR, I AM EXCITED YOU ALL HAVE COME UP WITH A STRATEGY TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY ON THIS. MEMORIES OF THE NEW YORKER ARTICLE ON WHAT WOULD HAPPEN HERE MAY BE FADING, THE RISK HAS NOT, AND WE NEED TO BE PREPARED FOR A SEISMIC EVENT AND TO BE ABLE TO GET CRITICAL SERVICES TO PEOPLE IN TIME OF THE DISASTER AND TO REUNITE FAMILIES ACROSS THE RIVER. IT IS A BIT OF A JOURNEY INTO THE

UNKNOWN. WE NEED TO GET OUR INFRASTRUCTURE FIXED, AND WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT IF WE SIT ON OUR HANDS AND WAIT, FOR EVERY ANSWER, WE COULD BE WAITING A LONG TIME. SO, I AM REALLY HAPPY YOU HAVE COME FORWARD WITH A CREATIVE SOLUTION TO GET THE BALL ROLLING NOW BECAUSE PROJECTS LIKE THIS DO TAKE A LONG TIME TO PLAN AND EXECUTE. SO, I CONGRATULATE YOU ON THAT CREATIVITY.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I WANT TO THANK COMMISSIONER BAILEY FOR MAKING THIS A PRIORITY, ALONG WITH ALL OUR WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES NOW THAT HE'S THE BRIDGE COMMISSIONER. AND AS YOU SAID, THIS IS A FIRST STEP TOWARDS WHAT WILL BE A LONG PROCESS, AND I REALLY THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE'RE GOING TO START IT NOW BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT -- WE POSITION OURSELVES TO BE READY WHEN, AND I SAY WHEN, NOT IF, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECIDES THAT THEY REALLY WANT TO FUND OUR WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES. WE'LL BE THERE, READY, TO GO. THANKS.

I WILL ASK MARK TO WALK US THROUGH THE MECHANICS OF THE LOAN.

SO, THE OREGON REVISED STATUTES IN THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL AND BUDGET POLICIES AUTHORIZED -- AUTHORIZED THE COUNTY TO MAKE INTERNAL LOANS FROM ONE FUND TO ANOTHER FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO TEN YEARS. YOU MIGHT RECALL THAT WE DID A SIMILAR INTERNAL LOAN FOR THE SELLWOOD BRIDGE PROJECT A FEW YEARS BACK WHEN WE ADVANCED SOME FUNDS FROM WITHIN THE COUNTY BEFORE WE WERE READY TO ISSUE BONDS. THIS IS A SIMILAR KIND OF -- A SIMILAR KIND OF TRANSACTION. THE BEAUTIFUL THING ABOUT INTERNAL LOANS IS THAT THE STATUTE DOESN'T DIRECT US, HOW THEY ARE TO BE REPAYED, WHAT, WHAT THE TERMS MIGHT BE, JUST IS THAT YOU HAVE TO REPAY THEM WITHIN TEN YEARS AND CHARGE INTEREST, AND WE ARE CHARGING INTEREST ON THIS LOAN, AT THE RATE THAT WE CURRENTLY EARN IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL, WHICH IS SLIGHTLY ABOVE A HALF A PERCENT TODAY. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN SECURING ADDITIONAL FUNDS, WE HAVE PROPOSED AN INTEREST-ONLY STRUCTURE FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THIS TEN-YEAR LOAN. SO, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PAY 16,200 BACK TO THE RISK FUND, FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEARS, AND WE'LL PICK UP THE PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS IN THE SIXTH YEAR, AND WE THINK THAT THAT SHOULD PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF TIME TO IDENTIFY THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE SOURCES TO GO FORWARD.

CHAIR KAFOURY: GREAT, ANY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR OUR PANEL THIS MORNING? KIM, DO YOU HAVE ANY CLOSING COMMENTS?

NO CLOSING COMMENTS. WE HAVE A RESOLUTION IF IT'S APPROPRIATE TO READ THAT NOW.

CHAIR KAFOURY: YOU DON'T NEED TO READ THE RESOLUTION.

VERY GOOD THEN. THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THE RESOLUTION IS ONLINE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO HEAR IT.

COMM. SMITH: I WANT TO HEAR IT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: IT IS ONLINE, AND WE ALL HAVE OUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES SO EXCELLENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

R.5 BUDGET MODIFICATION # NON-D-06-16: Appropriating \$27,220 in the Emergency Management Homeland Security Grant Program. Presenter: Chris Voss, Emergency Management Director (5 min)

SO MOVED.

SECOND.

COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER BAILEY SECONDS APPROVAL OF R5. GOOD MORNING.

GOOD MORNING.

WE OFTEN RECEIVE HOMELAND SECURITY DOLLARS FROM ASSORTED GRANTS --

CHAIR KAFOURY: STATE YOUR NAME.

CHRIS VOSS, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU.

SO THIS YEAR IS A GRANT THAT WE RECEIVED LAST YEAR FOR \$40,000. WORK HAD STARTED LAST YEAR, BUT AS MANY OF YOU PROBABLY KNOW, THE GRANT DOLLARS THAT WE RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL, FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SORT OF COVER MULTIPLE YEARS. SO, THIS WOULD BE FOR THE REMAINING OF THAT GRANTED DOLLARS THAT WE

RECEIVED LAST YEAR. THE REMAINING \$27,220 TO SUPPORT OUR HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN. I COULD TALK QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN, I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH INFORMATION YOU HAVE HEARD, BUT IT IS A REQUIRED PLAN THAT WE PUT TOGETHER IF WE DO WANT TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL DOLLARS AND RESOURCES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I DO BELIEVE YOU PROBABLY HEARD THIS LAST YEAR, AND I SAW I WAS ONLY HERE FOR FIVE MINUTES AND KNOWING I'M ONE OF THE LAST THINGS BETWEEN YOU AND WHAT'S UP NEXT ON THE CALENDAR, I THOUGHT I WOULD STOP THERE AND WAIT FOR QUESTIONS.

CHAIR KAFOURY: THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE QUESTIONS FOR CHRIS?

COMM. SMITH: I HAVE A QUESTION, MADAM CHAIR. CHRIS, WITH THE WORK THAT YOU ARE DOING, AND THE DOLLARS THAT WE ARE RECEIVING, I AM THINKING ABOUT THE COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY, IS THERE ANY SPECIFIC WORK THAT'S GOING TO BE DONE TO ASSIST THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON THE SENIORS AND THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR?

THIS PLAN GOES THROUGH QUITE A BIT OF, YOU KNOW, DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS, AND SO WHERE THERE ARE SOME RISKS. THE ANSWER IS YES. THE ORGANIZATION WE'RE USING IS THE UNIVERSE OF OREGON, THAT SUPPORTS THIS, AND THEY ARE SUPPORTING FIVE OTHER COUNTIES, AS WELL, NOT JUST OURS. SO, THERE IS THIS MONEY IS SUPPORTING SOME OF THOSE, BUT MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIKES TO TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS THAT WE HAVE THAT SOMETIMES THIS VENDOR AND THE STATE DOESN'T ALWAYS SEE.

COMM. SMITH: GREAT. HAVE WE SPENT ANY GENERAL FUND MONEY IN ADVANCE WITH ANTICIPATING, WITH THE ANTICIPATION OF GETTING THIS FEDERAL MONEY?

A GOOD QUESTION. ACTUALLY, WHEN THIS GRANT -- THERE IS A MATCH THAT'S NOT PASSED THROUGH FOR US. BUT, I WOULD SAY THAT THERE'S BEEN SOMEONE IN MY STAFF THAT HAS BEEN WORKING ALMOST FROM AN IN-KIND STANDPOINT FOR MONTHS, SO IF WE HAD TO SORT OF JUSTIFY THE MATCH, I WOULD SAY OUR MATCH IS PROBABLY, AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, MORE THAN DOUBLES PROBABLY WHAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SORT OF ALLOTING. IT'S A VERY LARGE, A COMPLEX PLAN, AND THIS IS A SMALL PORTION OF THE DOLLARS THAT WE SPEND.

COMM. SMITH: GREAT, THANK YOU.

CHAIR KAFOURY: ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, VOTE AYE. THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS ADOPTED -- I DON'T KNOW, I CAN'T TALK TODAY, THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

BOARD COMMENT

BC.1 OPPORTUNITY AS TIME ALLOWS, FOR THE COMMISSIONERS TO PROVIDE COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS.

ALL RIGHT. NOW, WE HAVE COME TO THE END OF THE AGENDA, AND IF ANYONE HAS ANYTHING GOOD FOR THE ORDER. YES.

COMM. MCKEEL: THANK YOU, SINCE WE HAVE DONE OUR VETERAN'S DAY PROCLAMATION, TODAY, I WOULD REMIND PEOPLE THERE IS A NUMBER OF VETERAN'S DAY EVENTS GOING ON ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHERE YOU CAN COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR MILITARY AND OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY. AND I ALSO WILL COMMENTED, THERE MUST BE SOME TECHNOLOGY KARMA GOING ON AROUND MICROPHONES BECAUSE THE MICROPHONES AT FAIRVIEW CITY COUNCIL DID NOT WORK LAST NIGHT, EITHER. SO, I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS IN THE AIR AROUND US.

CHAIR KAFOURY: I THINK MERCURY IS IN RETROGRADE, KIND OF CRAZY THING. I JUST HAVE ONE THING ALONG THE SAME LINES OF VETERAN'S DAY, WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT OUR PUSH TO END VETERAN'S HOMELESSNESS, AND NOW WE'RE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO STEP UP IN A DIFFERENT WAY. IF FOLKS ARE INTERESTED TO HONOR VETERANS IN THE COMMUNITY, THERE IS A SIMPLE AND EASY WAY, AND YOU CAN DONATE FURNITURE OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO THE COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE BECAUSE NOW WE HAVE HOUSED ALL THESE VETERANS AND WE NEED TO GET THEM FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES SO THEY CAN LIVE COMFORTING THEIR HOMES. COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE PROVIDES FREE FURNITURE, NEW MATTRESSES AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS TO ALL THE VETERANS HOUSED, AND IF YOU GOOGLE DAY FOR THE BRAVE, A NATIONAL FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN, YOU CAN GO TO PORTLAND'S PAGE, AND YOU CAN DONATE FURNITURE OR DOLLARS TO THIS IMPORTANT EFFORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND SEEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

ADJOURNMENT – 11:02 AM

ALL RIGHT. HAVING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED.

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