

**Transcript of the Board of Commissioners
Multnomah Building, Board Room 100
501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon
Thursday, August 7, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

Chair Deborah Kafoury called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with Vice-Chair Diane McKeel and Commissioner Loretta Smith and Judy Shiprack present. Commissioner Jules Bailey was excused.

Also attending were Jenny Madkour, County Attorney, and Lynda Grow, Board Clerk.

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Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING AND WELCOME TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OF THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MAY I HAVE A MOTION ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

Commissioner Smith: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH VOCIFEROUSLY MOVES AND COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS. [CHORUS OF AYES] THE CONSENT CALENDAR IS APPROVED. LYNDA, DO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?

Board Clerk: YES, MA'AM, WE DO. WE HAVE THREE SIGNED UP TODAY. PUBLIC COMMENT, OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA MATTERS, TESTIMONY LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON. THIS IS A TIME FOR THE BOARD TO HEAR PUBLIC TESTIMONY, NOT FOR BOARD DELIBERATION. PLEASE COME FORWARD WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME. PAUL ADOLPH PHILLIPS, MR. LIGHTNING AND MR. JOE WALSH.

Chair Kafoury: GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Phillips: I'M PAUL PHILLIPS, AND I SPOKE HERE JULY 31st LAST WEEK, AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I'VE SPOKE HERE BEFORE, I SAID THAT NO ONE OR ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO BE INJURED OR HURT, AND THE ONLY EXCEPTION I COULD THINK OF IS EVEL KNIEVEL. AND THIS IS THE THIRD TIME I'VE SAID THAT HERE AT PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS, TWO PREVIOUS BOARD MEETINGS, AS WELL AS ONE AT CITY COUNCIL, AND THEY JUST LAUGHED ABOUT THAT. HEARING IT. LAST WEEK I WAS ADDRESSING ORS 167.337, AND THAT'S INTERFERING WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT ANIMAL, AND I SAID THAT

THE PORTLAND CITY POLICE DON'T ENFORCE ORS 167.352, AND THAT'S ASSISTANCE AND SEARCH AND RESCUE, OR A THERAPY ANIMAL. AND THAT WOULD BE A BOLD STATEMENT, BUT I DARE THE PORTLAND POLICE TO SAY THAT THEY'VE EVER ENFORCED ORS 167.352, AND COUNTY ATTORNEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESEARCH RECORDS ON THAT FACT. IF IT HAS EVER BEEN ENFORCED. AND THAT'S INJURING OR EVEN INTERFERING WITH ASSISTANCE, SEARCH, OR RESCUE OR THERAPY ANIMAL. THAT WOULD INCLUDE SERVICE ANIMALS SUCH AS I HAD, AND AS I'D SAID, MY SERVICE ANIMAL'S PREDECESSOR WAS AN OREGON ASSISTANCE ANIMAL, WHERE IT WAS BROUGHT UP TO THE OREGON STATE LEGISLATURE AT SALEM TO DO THAT. AND I HAD CONTACTED THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ABOUT MY SERVICE ANIMAL, SO THAT WAS PROOF TOO. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS I WANTED TO BRING UP WAS THAT BEING INJURED LIKE MYSELF, I WROTE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC HOLDER, AND SENT HIM ALL THE PAPERS AND NEVER HAVE HEARD FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, AND AS I'D SAID IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, DEBORAH KAFOURY'S MOTHER IS ON THE PORTLAND HOME FORWARD BOARD, AS WELL AS HER HUSBAND, AND WITH GREG KAFOURY BEING MY ATTORNEY, SO-CALLED, I WROTE TO THE OREGON STATE BAR TO PUT IN A COMPLAINT WHERE HE ACTUALLY HAD JUST QUIT MY CASE AND NEVER DID DO ANYTHING ABOUT THAT, AND I CONTENDED TO ERIC HOLDER THAT THAT WOULD BE A CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION. TO MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. OF FAIR AND EQUAL JUSTICE.

Mr. Lightning: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LIGHTNING, I REPRESENT LIGHTNING THINK LAB. ONE OF THE ISSUES I HAVE IS THAT THE CITY OF PORTLAND HAS WHAT THEY'RE CREATING CALLED AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WHAT THAT COMMITTEE IS, WHEN THEY'RE SELLING CORPORATE BONDS, THEY WANT TO KIND OF LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT THEY DO IS SOCIALLY AND MORALLY RESPONSIBLE. NOW, WHERE I HAVE A CONCERN ON THAT, BEFORE THEY EVEN HAD THIS COMMITTEE MOVING FORWARD, COMMISSIONER NOVICK ALREADY EXCLUDED WAL-MART. NOW, HE HAS A REAL PROBLEM WITH WAL-MART, AND SO THEY HAD THEIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE DO A REPORT, AND YOU HAVE SOME PEOPLE FROM PSU, YOU HAVE SOME ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PEOPLE ON THIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND THEY CAME BACK WITH JUST KIND OF A SMALL REPORT WHICH I REVIEWED. AND THEY HAD AN EXAMPLE ON HERE, THEY'VE ALREADY PUT WAL-MART ON A DO-NOT-BUY LIST, BUT IT SAYS WAL-MART HAS AN EXCELLENT ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD AND A POOR RECORD IN RESPECT TO LABOR. NOW, I KIND OF SAID, WHEN YOU'RE DOING THIS TYPE OF COMMITTEE, YOU BETTER HAVE YOUR DATA CORRECT -- AND BASICALLY I REFERRED, AND I SAID, DO YOU KNOW THAT WAL-MART HAD A 110 MILLION DOLLAR ENVIRONMENTAL FINE PUT AGAINST THEM? IT WAS THE SECOND LARGEST FINE IN HISTORY. AND AGAIN, THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER B.P. FOR FOR BILLION DOLLARS. SO I SAID YOU'RE PUTTING THESE STATEMENTS DOWN ON PAPER, AND YOUR FACTS ARE INCORRECT. SO I

SAID, WHEN YOU START DOING THAT, THAT'S GOING TO CREATE A LOT OF PROBLEM ON WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE ON THIS. I SAID, YOU BETTER HAVE YOUR FACTS STRAIGHT BEFORE YOU START LABELING CERTAIN CORPORATIONS AND SAYING THAT THEY NEED TO BE ON A DO-NOT-BUY LIST. AND ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS THE CITY OF PORTLAND, WHEN WE'RE TALKING THE SUPERFUND CLEAN-UP, IF I WAS TO LOOK AT THE CITY OF PORTLAND FROM A SOCIALLY AND MORALLY STANDPOINT TO SEE IF YOU COULD BUY CORPORATE BONDS, THAT WOULD BE IN QUESTION, AND YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO, YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR A LOT OF THE CLEAN-UP AT THE SUPERFUND, YOU'VE ALREADY FUNDED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON RESEARCH, AND FOR YOU TO LOOK AT THE LARGE CORPORATION LIKE WAL-MART, WHO HAS 2,200,000 EMPLOYEES WORLDWIDE, AND TO JEOPARDIZE THEIR POSITION TO INVEST IN BONDS OR TO WORK OUT THROUGH THE COMMUNITY, I LOOK AT YOU ALSO AND SAY, WHAT IS IN YOUR BACKGROUND ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, AND COULD YOU BUY CORPORATE BONDS, AND COULD YOU PAST THE TEST YOU'RE TRYING TO PUT FORWARD ON WAL-MART? AGAIN, I DON'T WANT THIS PROGRAM GOING THROUGH, I THINK IT'S A WITCH HUNT, AND YOU NEED TO BE VERY CAUTIOUS ON THE DIRECTION YOU'RE GOING ON THIS, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK WOULD PASS EITHER TO BUY THESE CORPORATE BONDS. ANOTHER ISSUE I HAVE IS THAT I WOULD LIKE THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIVER PATROL DIVISION -- COULD I SPEAK ANOTHER HALF MINUTE? I WOULD LIKE TO MAYBE HAVE THAT LOOKED AT THIS TIME TO POSSIBLY TRANSFERRING THE WHOLE DIVISION TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A NEW LEVY PUT ALONG MARINE DRIVE, AND I THINK A LOT OF THOSE PROPERTIES ARE GOING TO END UP BEING BOUGHT OUT. THE NEW ORLEANS LEVEE COST \$18 BILLION, IT'S ALREADY IN PROPOSAL TO DO ALONG MARINE DRIVE TO PROTECT THE AIRPORT. MY OPINION THERE'S GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS COST, THERE WILL BE A LOT OF PROPERTIES REMOVED, INCLUDING THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY RIVER PATROL'S OFFICE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BASED UPON THE EXCESSIVE OVERTIME THAT WAS DEMONSTRATED, AND ALSO SOME OTHER ISSUES TO POSSIBLY HAVE THE WHOLE DIVISION TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND, AND ALSO RELOCATE THEM IN ANOTHER LOCATION. I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY TO DO THAT AT THIS TIME, I THINK MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHOULD FOCUS ON THE JAILS AND THE RIVER PATROL SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY OF PORTLAND. I THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND CITY OF PORTLAND AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO HAVE MORE RESEARCH DONE ON THAT, AND I HOPE THAT CAN MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING.

Mr. Walsh: GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOE WALSH, I REPRESENT INDIVIDUALS FOR JUSTICE. I'M HERE TO CELEBRATE THE FACT THAT MADAM CHAIR, YOU HELD YOUR FIRST MEETING ON THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP THAT IS GOING TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS. AND

ALSO YOU'RE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE 10-YEAR PLAN IS A MESS. AND WE DID NOT SUCCEED. I'M HERE TO CAUTION YOU AND ASK THAT YOU BE VERY CAREFUL OF NOT BEING TOP HEAVY. AND WHEN I SAY TOP HEAVY, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, AND YOU KNOW I REALLY LIKE YOU, WHEN YOU HAVE THE CHAIRPERSON FROM THE COUNTY AND YOU HAVE MAYORS IN THE ROOM, IT'S VERY HARD TO LEAVE THEIR EGOS OUTSIDE THE DOOR. AND THAT IS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS GROUPS HAVE. IF YOU CANNOT GET THE PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR EGOS OUTSIDE THE DOOR, ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES, AND REALLY DO SOMETHING, THEY'RE GOING TO END UP SPENDING TWO HOURS TELLING EACH OTHER HOW WONDERFUL THEY ARE, AND DO NOTHING. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN THE 10-YEAR PLAN. IT WAS A LOT OF MONEY SPENT BADLY. AND THAT'S MY CRITICISM WITH THE CITY AND THE COUNTY. IT'S NOT THAT YOU DON'T SPEND MONEY, YOU DO. BUT YOU SPEND IT BADLY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WERE EXCITED ABOUT TO SEE AND I HOPE THAT YOU REALLY PUSH THIS HARD, IS THAT YOU'RE SAYING, OK, LET'S HAVE SOME HOMELESS OR HOUSELESS PEOPLE ON OUR COMMITTEE. THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. IF YOU HAVE A COMMITTEE OF 20 PEOPLE AND YOU HAVE TWO HOMELESS PEOPLE ON IT, THAT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I WANT YOU TO BE BOTTOM HEAVY, I WANT YOU TO HAVE STREET PEOPLE THAT CAN TELL YOU WHAT IT'S LIKE AT 2:00 IN THE MORNING, WHEN THE POLICE COME AND KICK THEM AND TELL THEM TO MOVE. AND THERE'S NO PLACE TO GO. YOU DEPEND TOO MUCH ON THE NONPROFITS. AND THAT'S WHAT WE DO. WE GIVE OUR MONEY TO THE NONPROFITS AND WE SAY, GO DO THE JOB, PLEASE. AND THEN WE FORGET ABOUT IT. YOU CANNOT DO THAT, MADAM CHAIR, AND YOU'RE TOO BUSY TO LEAD THIS. YOU HAVE TO FIGURE OUT ANOTHER WAY OF DOING IT. YOU NEED SOMEBODY FULL-TIME THAT SIT THERE'S AND SAYS, HOW DO I OPEN THAT DOOR FOR PEOPLE THAT NEED TO GET OFF THE STREETS? THAT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. NOT PUT BARRIERS UP. IF YOU GO TO A SHELTER NOW, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A TETANUS SHOT. YOU HAVE TO HAVE OTHER STUFF THERE. ARE BARRIERS TO GET INTO THE SHELTERS. AND THERE SHOULDN'T BE. I KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND SAY, I HAVE NO PLACE TO GO, MY HUSBAND JUST BEAT THE HELL OUT OF ME, WHAT DO I DO? WE HAVE TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY. THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING. DO NOT, PLEASE, BE TOP HEAVY AND TELL EACH OTHER HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT. WE'VE FAILED. WE HAVE TWO, SOMETIMES 3,000 PEOPLE LIVING ON THE STREETS, AND THAT'S A FAILURE! FAILURE! IT'S NOT GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I WISH YOU WELL, AND I SIGNED UP TO BE NOTIFIED ON THE NEXT MEETING, AND I WILL BE THERE ON YOUR FIRST MEETING IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, APPARENTLY IT WASN'T, AND YOU MADE SOME DECISIONS, THAT'S NOT A GOOD START. THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE THERE.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU.

>> PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION APPROVING EXEMPTION TO USE THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER GENERAL CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTING METHOD FOR THE BROADWAY BRIDGE RAIL WHEEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Commissioner Smith: I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM INDEFINITELY.

>> SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SMITH? MAKES A MOTION, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS. APPROVAL TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY. WOULD YOU PLEASE --

Mr. Cannon: I'M IAN CANNON WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY BRIDGE PROGRAM. THIS PROJECT IS APPROXIMATELY 90% FEDERAL FUNDED, AND THAT MONEY FLOWS THROUGH THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT CHANGES IN THE CMGC LAWS IN THE STATE OF OREGON, AND THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HAS ASKED US TO ALLOW THEM ADDITIONAL TIME TO REVIEW THE FINDINGS AND WE'RE ASKING YOU TO POSTPONE THIS SO THAT WE CAN GET THAT COORDINATION WITH ODOT COMPLETED.

Chair Kafoury: GREAT. ANY QUESTIONS?

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY IS APPROVED.

>> R.2, BUDGET MODIFICATION DCHS-10-15 INCREASING DCHS AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES FEDERAL/STATE FUND APPROPRIATIONS BY \$371,175.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: MOVED AND SECONDED, APPROVAL OF R.2. GOOD MORNING.

Ms. Girard: GOOD MORNING. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND BOARD MEMBERS. I'M LEE GIRARD, SENIOR MANAGER WITH COUNTY SERVICES, AND I'M HERE THIS MORNING TO ASK YOUR APPROVAL TO AMEND OUR BUDGET TO INCREASE FUNDING BY \$371,175. FUNDING IS COMING TO US FROM THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES. THE OREGON LEGISLATURE HAS ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR ONE YEAR FOR SIX AREA AGENCIES ON AGING TO PILOT EXPANSION OF OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, TO SERVE ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE AGES 19-59 YEARS OF AGE.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS ACTUALLY BEEN AWARDED \$727,794 FOR THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND 371,000 OF THAT WILL GO DIRECTLY INTO OUR BUDGET AND THE REMAINING AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$285,000 WILL ACTUALLY REMAIN AT THE STATE TO DIRECTLY PAY FOR THE HOME CARE WORKERS WHO WORK DIRECTLY FOR CLIENTS. AND THE GOAL OF THIS PROGRAM, OREGON PROJECT INDEPENDENCE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1981, IT'S BEEN LIMITED TO PEOPLE AGES 60 AND OLDER. AND IN 2005 THE LEGISLATURE ACTUALLY APPROVED THE EXPANSION TO SERVE ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES, BUT MADE IT CONTINGENT UPON THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING. THIS IS REALLY THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY THE LEGISLATURE HAS HAD TO PROVIDE SOME OF THAT FUNDING. BUT THEY WOULD LIKE A PILOT TO SHOW THAT IT'S EFFECTIVE BEFORE THEY'LL AGREE TO PROVIDE ONGOING FUNDING, AND SO THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN ONE OF SIX AGENCIES THAT HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO DO THAT. THERE WILL BE SOME REPORTS THAT THEY'LL BE DOING EVALUATION AND REPORTING BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE SELE TIMES IN THE COMING YEAR TO SHOW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING. AND WHAT WE'RE PLANNING ON DOING IS WE'LL BE HIRING TWO LIMITED DURATION CASE MANAGERS. OUR GOAL IS TO ADD 200 ADDITIONAL CLIENTS WITH THIS FUNDING. AND MOST OF THE FUNDING ACTUALLY GO TO PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES, SO IT WILL BE HOME CARE SERVICES, PERSONAL CARE SERVICES, HOME DELIVERED MEALS, TRANSPORTATION, THE KINDS OF SERVICES THAT HELP PEOPLE REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN THEIR HOMES. AND WE DO HAVE -- THERE'S A LIMIT ON HOW MUCH CAN BE SPENT ON ADMINISTRATION, IT'S LIMITED TO 10%. SO THE COUNTY INDIRECT WILL BE COVERED OUT OF THAT 10%. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

Chair Kafoury: QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

Commissioner McKeel: I HAVE A QUESTION. I THINK THIS SOUNDS GREAT, BUT IT IS A ONE-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM, RIGHT? AND YOU SAID YOU WERE ADDING 200 PEOPLE? SO WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE -- WE KNOW THE STATE WILL FUND, RIGHT, BUT WHAT --

>> THAT'S OUR DEFINITE HEARTFELT HOPE, IS THAT THEY WILL BE ONGOING FUNDING PROVIDED. THERE ARE -- THEY'RE ALREADY STARTING TO HAVE STATEWIDE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR IF IT ISN'T FUNDED, SO WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN THOSE PLANS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'LL BE DOING IS A LOT OF -- WE'RE WORKING A LOT WITH INDIVIDUALS TO DO SCREENING TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OTHER KINDS OF PUBLIC BENEFITS, THEY'RE GETTING ON TO THOSE SERVICES. BUT THAT IS A CONCERN FOR US, IF THE PROGRAM ISN'T FUNDED ONGOING. THE OTHER REALITY IS THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE ON WAIT LIST RIGHT NOW FOR MULTNOMAH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE, SO WE KNOW THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T CURRENTLY GETTING SERVICES. AND THAT'S WITHOUT US DOING ANY ADVERTISEMENT OR OUTREACH FOR THE

PROGRAM. SO EVEN IF THEY'RE ABLE TO GET SERVICES FOR A YEAR, THAT WILL BE A BIG HELP.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU. I KNOW THAT'S ALWAYS A CONCERN, AND I KNOW IT'S A CONCERN OF YOURS. THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY. QUESTION -- WILL YOU STILL CONTINUE TO HIRE TWO ADDITIONAL NEW FOLKS IN YOUR DEPARTMENT?

>> IF THE PROGRAM IS CONTINUED OR CURRENTLY?

Commissioner Smith: EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET THE FUNDING.

>> WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO, OUR PLAN IS TO HIRE LIMITED DURATION JUST FOR THIS YEAR, AND WHAT WE'LL PROBABLY -- WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN IS WE HAVE STAFF THAT ARE INTERNAL TO THE AGENCY THAT ALREADY WORK FOR US THAT ARE VERY INTERESTED IN DOING THIS PILOT PROJECT. SO IF THE FUNDING DOESN'T CONTINUE, THEY'LL GO BACK TO THEIR OLD JOBS.

Commissioner Smith: SO WITH THE LIMITED DURATION, THOSE POSITIONS WERE ALREADY PUT IN YOUR BUDGET FOR THIS COMING UP YEAR?

>> THEY HAVEN'T YET, WE HAVEN'T HIRED THEM YET.

Commissioner Smith: YOU'RE STILL GOING TO HIRE THE LIMITED DURATION FOLKS EVEN IF YOU GET THE MONEY?

>> NO, WE'LL ONLY HIRE INDIVIDUALS IF YOU APPROVE THE BUDGET.

Commissioner Smith: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Shiprack: WILL THE 200 PEOPLE ALL BE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE FOR MULTNOMAH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE?

>> YES, THEY WILL BE NEW INDIVIDUALS.

Commissioner Shiprack: AND DO YOU HAVE A METHOD BESIDES THE NUMBER 200 AS THE TARGET TO MEASURE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM?

>> YES. WE'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER ACROSS THE STATE. PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE ON AGING IS GOING TO BE HELPING WITH THE EVALUATION, AND WE'RE -- THEY'RE SETTING UP MEASURES RIGHT NOW, LOOKING AT COST UTILIZATION, LOOKING AT WHAT THEY POTENTIALLY WILL BE AVOIDING AS FAR AS MORE EXPENSIVE MEDICAID SERVICES, AND

UTILIZATION OF OTHER HEALTH SERVICES. SO THOSE ARE THE THINGS THEY WANT TO MEASURE.

>> Commissioner Shiprack: THANK YOU.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE BUDGET MODIFICATION IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> R.3, NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUMMIT AN INDICATION FOR UP TO \$200,000 TO THE NORTHWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION KAISER PERMANENTE COMMUNITY FUND.

Commissioner Shiprack: SO MOVED.

Vice-Chair McKeel: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK MOVES, COMMISSIONER MCKEEL SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.3. GOOD MORNING.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LAURA MOSES, I'M A GRANT WRITER FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT W ME IS JESSICA GUERNSEY. TODAY WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU A NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR \$200,000 FOR A THREE-YEAR PROJECT PERIOD FROM THE NORTHWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION, KAISER PERMANENTE COMMUNITY FUND. THIS WILL SUPPORT THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE ALSO KNOWN AS THE FGC IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT. THIS PROJECT AIMS TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITY AND SUPPORT HEALTHY PREGNANCIES AND EARLY LIFE OUTCOMES FOR URBAN NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. MULTNOMAH COUNTY WILL SERVE AS A FISCAL AGENT FOR THIS PROJECT. THE IT'S A COLLABORATIVE GROUP OF NONPROFIT NATIVE SERVING ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WHO SINCE 2011 HAVE WORKED TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF SUBSTANCE E. POSED PREGNANCIES IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES. THE NORTHWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANTED A CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT TO SUPPORT THIS WORK IN 2012. THIS YEAR THE FGC HAS BEEN INVITED TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES. THESE STRATEGIES WILL INCLUDE CONNECTING NEWLY TRAINED NATIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER NETWORKS, RESOURCES, AND ADVOCACY GROUPS. COLLECTIVELY IDENTIFYING AND ACTING UPON OPPORTUNITIES TO ADVOCATE FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER MODEL, AND CARE THAT IS TRAUMA INFORMED AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE WITHIN LOCAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE LANDSCAPE. AMPLIFYING THE NATIVE VOICE AND LOCAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DECISION MAKING BY FURTHER INTEGRATING NATIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTO THE LOCAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE LANDSCAPE. FUNDS WILL SPECIFICALLY BE USED TO PAY FOR HIRING A PROJECT COORDINATOR TO SUPPORT THE WORK AT A NONPROFIT PARTNER AGENCY,

HON -- AND NATIVE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZING ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND SYSTEMS CHANGE ACTIVITIES. AS WELL AS TRAVEL COSTS FOR ELDERS AND HELPERS AND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS, CONFERENCES AND ADVOCACY EVENTS. THIS PROJECT WOULD BEGIN JANUARY 1st AND ALL INDIRECT COSTS ARE COVERED BY THIS PROJECT. I'D LIKE TO ASK JESSICA TO MAKE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

>> THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING CHAIR KAFOURY AND BOARD. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT CONTINUING THE WORK TO SUPPORT THE FUTURE GENERATIONS COLLABORATIVE. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THIS WORK SUPPORTS OUR FOCUS ON RACIAL, ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES IN OUR COUNTY, AMONG AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKAN NATIVE COMMUNITIES, WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO CONTINUE THIS WORK, IT'S BEEN GROUNDBREAKING. YOU ALL HAVE HEARD IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE WORK, SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD?

>> Commissioner McKeel: I HAVE A QUESTION. THANK YOU. SO I SEE THAT WHEN THE GRANT EXPIRES, THE IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE COMPLETE IS WHAT IT SAYS HERE. SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THIS PROGRAM IS SET INTO PLACE SO THAT OTHERS PICK UP THE PROGRAM, THE COST OF THE PROGRAM, AND CONTINUE ON? IS THAT WHAT THAT MEANS?

>> THAT'S THE INTENTION, TO HAVE THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, SO THEY HAVE FULL CAPACITY TO CARRY IT.

Commissioner McKeel: THANK YOU.

Commissioner Smith: HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE IMPACTED BY THIS?

>> SO WE HAVE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT 15 COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS THAT WILL BE TRAINED IN EARLY JANUARY. AND THEN THERE'S ABOUT 15 ADDITIONAL HELP THERE'S WILL BE IMPACTED THROUGH THE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING THOSE ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES. AND THEN OUTSIDE OF THAT, IT'S INTENDED TO BE A SYSTEMS LEVEL KIND OF PROJECT, SO THE POPULATION LOCALLY IS ABOUT 50,000, SO WE'RE LOOKING AT TRYING TO IMPACT A LARGE NUMBER MUCH NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITHIN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.

>> WE'RE GOING TO BE BRINGING SOME QUALITATIVE EVALUATION INFORMATION TO THE BOARD LATER THIS YEAR THAT LOOKS AT SOME WORK

THAT WE DID AROUND MEETINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR CALLED THE GATHERING OF NATIVE AMERICANS, WHERE WE HAD A VERY LARGE TURNOUT OF THE POPULATION COME TO SORT OF SET THE FOUNDATION FOR THIS GRANT WORK AND REALLY HELP HAVE A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION ABOUT WHAT IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THESE HEALTH DISPARITIES.

Commissioner Smith: HOW MANY FOLKS THAT CAME TO THAT GATHERING?

>> A COUPLE HUNDRED. IT WAS A GREAT EVENT. IT WAS THE FIRST COUPLE DAYS OF 2014.

>> Commissioner Smith: GOOD WORK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE NOTICE OF INTENT IS APPROVED. THANK YOU.

>> R.4, PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2014 NATIONAL BREAST-FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON.

Vice-Chair McKeel: SO MOVED.

Commissioner Shiprack: SECOND.

Chair Kafoury: COMMISSIONER MCKEEL MOVES, COMMISSIONER SHIPRACK SECONDS APPROVAL OF R.4.

>> GOOD MORNING. FIRST I'D LIKE TO SAY I AM REALLY HONORED TO BRING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING AUGUST 2014 AS NATIONAL BREAST-FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. ISN'T THAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT WITH THE DAD AND THE BABY? [APPLAUSE] I WANT TO THANK THE FOLKS, JESSICA GUERNSEY, WITH MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DR. PAUL LEWIS, OUR MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, THANK YOU, MR. BYRON REDMOND, MR. KEVIN McCRAY, JR., MS. LISA PINKER WITH RIDE CONNECTION, MS. A-ROD FROM OHSU, AND MISS LISA LING. MANY OF YOU KNOW LAWS NOW MAKE IT EASIER FOR MOMS TO TAKE BREAKS TO PUMP AT WORK AND MANY WORKPLACES HAVE RECOGNIZED THE BUSINESS CASE FOR SUPPORTING BREAST-FEEDING MOMS. AT MULTNOMAH COUNTY, WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO BREAST-FEEDING MOMS INCLUDING THE COORDINATION OF LACTATION PUMP LOAN PROGRAMS, ENSURING ADEQUATE SPACE FOR BREASTFEEDING MOMS TO PUMP AND SUPPORTING A FAMILY ADVOCATE EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUP TO SUPPORT OUR EMPLOYEES IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECT AND ADDRESS BROAD ISSUES AFFECTING WORKING FAMILIES AT MULTNOMAH

COUNTY. THE RETURN ON THE INVESTMENT OF WORKPLACE DEVELOPING SUPPORTIVE PRACTICES AROUND BREAST-FEEDING MOMS ARE CLEAR. BREAST-FEEDING MOMS MISS LESS WORK MORE OFTEN. ONE DAY ABSENT TO CARE FOR SICK CHILDREN OCCUR MORE THAN TWICE AS OFTEN FOR MOTHERS OF FORMULA FEEDING INFANTS. BREAST-FEEDING LOWERS HEALTH CARE COSTS AND GENERAL AND CAN RESULT IN FEWER PRESCRIPTION AND REDUCED ABSENTEEISM. EMPLOYEES ARE MORE LIKELY TO RETURN TO WORK AFTER CHILDBIRTH WHEN THEIR WORKPLACE PROVIDES A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR CONTINUED BREAST-FEEDING, EMPLOYEE WHOSE COMPANIES PROVIDE BREAST-FEEDING SUPPORT CONSISTENTLY REPORT IMPROVED MORALE, BETTER SATISFACTION WITH THEIR JOBS, AND HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY. WE ENCOURAGE SMALL, MEDIUM, AND LARGE BUSINESSES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL RESOURCES IN OUR IT STARTS HERE CAMPAIGN AND WEBSITE, TO DEVELOP PRACTICES AND POLICIES TO SUPPORT BREAST-FEEDING FAMILIES. GO TO WWW.MULTCO-ITSTARTSHERE.ORG/ FOR MORE INFORMATION. THANK YOU FOR COMING TODAY.

>> MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY COMMISSIONER SMITH, THANKS FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. MY NAME IS PAUL LEWIS, THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER, BUT I'M ALSO A PRACTICING PEDIATRICIAN. I'M WONDERING IF WE SHOULD HAVE MORE CHILDREN MORE OFTEN AT THE BOARD MEETINGS. [APPLAUSE] IT CERTAINLY IMPROVES MY MOOD A LOT. MY DUTIES INCLUDE ADVISING AND SUPPORTING THE MATERNAL -- COUNTY'S MATERNAL CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAM. THE PROGRAM IS PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THE FIRST EVER COMPREHENSIVE DATA BOOK, WHICH IS GOING TO BE PRESENTED TO YOU ON SEPTEMBER 9th. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A TINY BIT AFTER PREVIEW ON THAT RELEVANT TO TODAY. THE DATA BOOK HAS GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS. THE GOOD NEWS RELATED TO THIS TOPIC IS THAT NEARLY ALL NEWBORNS IN THE COUNTY BEGIN LIFE BREAST-FEEDING. AND THAT'S AMONG THE BEST IN THE NATION AND CERTAINLY SOMETHING WORTH CELEBRATING. THERE'S A LOT THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO BUILD ON THAT. THE GREATEST BENEFIT COMES FROM CONTINUING TO BREAST-FEED, NOT JUST THE FIRST COUPLE OF SUCKLES. AND THAT'S WHERE THE BAD NEWS IS. BY TWO MONTHS, MUCH LESS SIX MONTHS, THE RATES HAVE DROPPED PRECIPITOUSLY IN THE COUNTY, AND EVEN WORSE, THE DIFFERENCE IS GREATEST FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES. THIS IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT BREAST-FEEDING IS LINKED TO NUMEROUS POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, LESS ALLERGIES, LESS RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, EVEN LESS EAR INFECTIONS, AND ALSO TO LONG-TERM HEALTH ISSUES LINKED TO OBESITY. AND YOU'RE ALSO AWARE AND GOING TO LEARN MORE LATE THEY'RE FALL ABOUT OUR NOT ONLY PERSISTENT BUT PREVALENT HEALTH DISPARITIES, NOT JUST IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN BUT ACROSS THE ENTIRE LIFE SPAN. SO IT WOULD SEEM THAT DOING SOMETHING NATURAL, CHEAP, SAFE, AND CONVENIENT LIKE

BREAST-FEEDING WOULD BE AN OBVIOUS THING TO DO. AND IT IS AN OBVIOUS THING, BUT IT'S NOT AN EASY THING TO DO. AS A COUNTY, AS EMPLOYERS, AND AS FATHERS THAT WE HAVE HERE TODAY, WE NEED TO SUPPORT MOTHERS SO THEY CONTINUE TO BREAST-FEED THEIR CHILDREN ON BOTH AT HOME AND RETURN TO THE WORKPLACE. I THINK IT'S A LITTLE INTERESTING THAT BREAST-FEEDING PROCLAMATION YOU HAVE THREE MEN IN FRONT OF YOU. BUT WE'RE PART OF THE EQUATION, AND I'LL SUPPORT THE MOTHERS OF OUR CHILDREN AND THEIR CONTINUING BREAST-FEEDING. WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE A COUPLE EMPLOYERS HAVE A FEW WORDS. BUT I WANT TO TURN IT OVER TO KEVIN AND BYRON TO SPEAK TO US AS NEW FATHERS.

>> THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE. IT WAS A COOL EXPERIENCE TO SEE MY WIFE IN THE HOSPITAL BEGIN TO LEARN HOW TO BREAST-FEED. OUR SON WAS BORN FIVE WEEKS EARLY, SO IT WAS A BIT MORE OF A CHALLENGE FOR HER. AND THE NURSE WHO HELPED US AND ENCOURAGED US AND TAUGHT US DIFFERENT THINGS, I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE CLEAR, THE FIRST THING THAT COMES OUT, COLOSTROM. IT WAS EXCITING, HAVING A NEWBORN BABY, EVEN WATCHING POOP COME OUT. AWESOME THINGS TO SEE. [LAUGHTER] OR SEEING HIM BLOW BUBBLES FOR THE FIRST TIME. BUT IT ALSO BUILDS A SUPPORT BETWEEN ME AND MY WIFE, IT WAS COOL TO SUPPORT HER AND COACH HER, AND OBVIOUSLY IT SAVES MONEY, BUT IT ALSO STRENGTHENED OUR BOND, AND IT HELPED HER WITH HER DREAM OF BEING A MOTHER. BEING ABLE TO BREAST-FEED AND HAVING THAT ENCOURAGEMENT, BECAUSE I HAVE A NEPHEW WHO HIS MOM STOPPED BREAST-FEEDING BECAUSE IT WAS A LITTLE DISCOURAGING BECAUSE IT STOPPED AND SHE DIDN'T HAVE AS MUCH SUPPORT AROUND BREAST-FEEDING BECAUSE IT WASN'T SOMETHING SHE WAS RAISED WITH. BUT TO SEE MY WIFE DEVELOP IN A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR SON, AND TO SEE HOW STRONG HE'S GOTTEN OF AFTER BEING BORN FIVE WEEKS EARLY HAS BEEN AN AWESOME THING. AND I'M REALLY IN SUPPORT OF BREAST-FEEDING. [APPLAUSE]

>> GOOD MORNING. I'M BYRON REDMOND, AND I FATHERED TWO CHILDREN WITH MY -- MY WIFE BREAST FED OUR SON UNTIL HE WAS 20 MONTHS. I TEASE HER AND SAY TWO YEARS, BUT SHE ALSO BREAST FED OUR DAUGHTER UNTIL SHE WAS 2 1/2, AND I NOTICED THE BOND SHE HAS WITH OUR CHILDREN. I GET A LITTLE JEALOUS SOMETIMES BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL TOUCHY FEELY, THEY WANT TO TOUCH THE SKIN, I'M A DAD, SO I'M LIKE, GIVE ME SOME OF THAT LOVE! I WANT SOME OF THAT LOVE TOO! HOWEVER, LIKE KEVIN SAID, IT ALSO -- SUPPORTING OUR WIVES IS -- LETTING THEM KNOW THEY CAN DO IT, AND WHEN THEY GET BIT AND THE SCRATCHES, HONEY, WE'RE EXPECTING THE HIGHEST HEALTH OUTCOME WITH THIS, SO WE LOOK AT THE HEALTH ASPECT, LIKE OUR BABIES ARE -- MY SON IS 7 AND OUR DAUGHTER IS 3, THEY'RE VERY SMART, THEY'RE VERY ACTIVE, WE DON'T GO TO KAISER A LOT, SO IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT EVEN IN THEN AN

EMERGENCY, SOMETIMES OREGON GETS SNOWED IN, AND WHEN SHE WAS BREAST-FEEDING WE DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT GOING TO THE STORE AND BE SCARED THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY FORMULA. YOU PUMP, AND THAT'S WHAT IT IS. AND THE OTHER THING I REALLY NOTICE IS MY SON GOT INVOLVED. HE ASKED QUESTIONS, AND HE HANDLES THE MILK WHEN WE FREEZE IT, AND HE'LL BE MORE LIKELY TO BE A FATHER THAT SUPPORTS BREAST-FEEDING, AND IT WAS VERY, VERY AWESOME. AND EVEN WHEN MY WIFE WAS COMING BACK DOWN IN SIZE, I NOTICED SHE WAS BEING HEALTHIER. SHE LIKED IT. AND I THINK MY MOST NOTICEABLE THING IS WHEN SHE WAS GOING THROUGH POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION, SHE HAD THAT BABY RIGHT THERE. SOME STUFF I COULDN'T SAY, I COULDN'T DO, BUT SHE HELDER ON DAUGHTER, AND I JUST WATCHED THAT. AND I NEEDED THAT, BECAUSE SOMETIMES WHEN YOU CAN'T SAY, WHEN YOU CAN'T HELP, AND WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW, YOU JUST WATCH THE BOND BETWEEN A CHILD AND THEIR MOTHER, AND IT'S PERFECT. THAT'S IT. [APPLAUSE]

>> WE'RE GOING TO MAKE WAY FOR THE EMPLOYERS AND OUR PROCLAMATION.

Commissioner Smith: BEFORE YOU LEAVE, I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM SO INSPIRED AND YOU ALL ARE SO ENGAGED WITH YOUR FAMILIES, YOU MAKE ME WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER BABY. [LAUGHTER] BUT I NEED A DAD LIKE YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE]

>> CHAIR KAFOURY, COMMISSIONERS, MY NAME IS LESA PINKER, AND IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE TO BE PART OF YOUR PROCLAMATION TO KICK OFF BREAST-FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH AND SHARE MY STORY ABOUT HOW THE SUPPORT OF MY ORGANIZATION MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR ME AS A NURSING MOM. I WORK FOR RIDE CONNECTION, A NONPROFIT THAT PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY. AND I'VE WORKED THERE SINCE 2002. WHEN MY SON THEO WAS BORN IN 2005, IT WAS A CAUSE FOR GREAT CELEBRATION BECAUSE HE WAS KIND OF THE FIRST RIDE CONNECTION BABY. SO THE THING IS, THEO AND I DID NOT HAVE AN EASY START TO OUR BREAST-FEEDING RELATIONSHIP. IT TOOK A LOT OF TEARFUL TRIPS TO LACTATION CONSULTANTS, SEVERAL MONTHS, REALLY BEFORE WE FINALLY GOT INTO OUR GROOVE. AND I THINK MAYBE BECAUSE I'D WORK SOD HARD TO GET THAT RELATIONSHIP GOING, IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO BREAST-FEED AS LONG AS I COULD. AND THAT OF COURSE MEANT BEING ABLE TO PUMP AT WORK. MY PLAN OF BEFORE THEO WAS BORN WAS TO RETURN FULL-TIME AFTER THREE MONTHS OF MY MATERNITY LEAVE, BUT AS THAT TIME DREW NEAR, IT WAS REALLY HARD. IT WAS SO HARD TO GO BACK. I FORTUNATELY WORKED FOR A PLACE THAT UNDERSTANDS FAMILY FRIENDLY WORK PRACTICES, AND I CRAFTED A PLAN, WAS ABLE TO COME BACK, TRANSITION BACK SLOWLY PART-TIME. BUT EVEN WORKING PART-TIME, I HAD TO PUMP AT WORK. AND SO THINK BACK THIS, IS 2005, THERE

WAS NO LAW THAT MANDATED MY EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE A PRIVATE PLACE FOR ME TO EXPRESS MY BREAST MILK, BUT THAT WAS NEVER A QUESTION AT RIDE CONNECTION. I KNEW I WOULD BE GIVEN TIME AND A PLACE -- A PRIVATE PLACE TO PUMP THAT WASN'T THE BATHROOM. WE DIDN'T HAVE A DEDICATED ROOM, SO I HAD TO PUMP IN MY OFFICE, SOMETIMES HAD TO PUMP IN OTHER PEOPLE'S OFFICES, I AM A TRAINER THAT GOES OUT IN THE COMMUNITY, SO HAD TO ADVOCATE FOR MYSELF TO DO THAT, TO BE ABLE TO PUMP AT BREAK TIMES FOR MY CLASSES, BUT I KNEW THAT WASN'T GOING TO BE A PROBLEM EITHER, THAT MY EMPLOYER WOULD HAVE MY BACK IF I HAD ANY PUSH-BACK. SO IT REALLY WASN'T EASY TO ADJUST TO LIFE AS A WORKING MOTHER. BUT REALLY, THE SUPPORT OF NOT JUST RIDE CONNECTION, AND THE LEADERSHIP, BUT ALL OF MY COWORKERS ALLOWED ME TO STAY IN THE WORKPLACE AND CONTINUE MY CAREER. IT ALSO ALLOWED ME TO CONTINUE MY BREAST-FEEDING RELATIONSHIP WITH THEO. I'M PROUD TO SAY I WAS ABLE TO BREAST-FEED HIM INTO WELL INTO TODDLERHOOD, UNTIL HE WEANED HIMSELF. SO FAST FORWARD TO 2014, THOUGH THEO WAS THE FIRST RIDE CONNECTION BABY, HE WAS NOT THE LAST. OVER THE YEARS OUR AGENCY HAS GROWN FROM A STAFF OF 15 TO NEARLY 70 TODAY, AND WE'VE HAD MANY MORE ADDITIONS TO OUR RIDE CONNECTION FAMILY. IT'S NOT UNCOMMON TO SEE CHILDREN IN OUR OFFICE WHICH OF COURSE MAKES A VERY JOYFUL DAY FOR US AS WE ALL GET TO PLAY AND HAVE FUN. WE'VE MOVED INTO A NEW OFFICE BUILDING OVER IN NORTHEAST PORTLAND, SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW. WE WELCOME YOU TO VISIT US, IT'S A GREAT BUILDING. AND WE NOW HAVE A DEDICATED QUIET ROOM FOR OUR MOMS TO NURSE OR EXPRESS BREAST MILK, AND I REALLY DO ATTRIBUTE RIDE CONNECTION'S GROWTH AND LOW EMPLOYEE TURNOVER DIRECTLY TO A LEADERSHIP THAT HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED EMPLOYEES AS WHOLE PEOPLE, NOT JUST WORKERS, AND CREATED A PLACE THAT TREATS OUR LOVED ONES AS PART OF THE FAMILY. I NEGOTIATION I'VE STAYED AS LONG AS I HAVE AT RIDE CONNECTION BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT AND THIS ALSO PLAY AS PART IN RETAIN CAN THE YOUNGER EMPLOYEE WHO'S ARE CONSIDERING BECOMING PARENTS. THEY SEE RIDE CONNECTION MAKES FAMILY FRIENDLY WORK PRACTICES A PRIORITY, AND IT REALLY DOESN'T TAKE TOO MUCH LOOKING AROUND FOR THEM TO REALIZE THAT WE HAVE IT PRETTY SPECIAL. SO IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO SHARE MY STORY TODAY, AND I DO KNOW THAT MY POSITIVE EXPERIENCES ARE UNFORTUNATELY SOMEWHAT RARE FOR A LOT OF WOMEN. THOUGH MORE EMPLOYERS ARE REALIZING SUPPORTING WORKING PARENTS PAYS OFF, MANY STILL CONTINUE TO DO LITTLE MORE THAN PAY LIP SERVICE TO SUPPORTING BREAST-FEEDING MOMS OR CREATING WORKPLACES THAT ARE MORE FAMILY FRIENDLY. IF WE AS A SOCIETY WANT TO AVOID THE TALENT DRAIN THAT COMES FROM FORCING WOMEN TO CHOOSE WORK OR MOTHERHOOD, WE NEED TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES BOTH FOR PROFIT AND NONPROFIT IF WE'RE DOING IT RIGHT. TODAY'S PROCLAMATION DEMONSTRATES MULTNOMAH COUNTY UNDERSTANDS THIS

AND STANDS BY EMPLOYERS' EFFORTS TO CREATE GREAT PLACES TO WORK.
THANK YOU.

>> MY NAME IS HELLE RODE, AND I'M WITH OREGON HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY. I'M THE CHAIR OF OUR WORKPLACE EXPRESSION OF BREAST MILK ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WHICH WE CALL WEBMAC. OHSU IS HONORED TO BE ONE OF THE PRESENTERS HERE TODAY, AND WE THANK THE BOARD FOR INCLUDING US. OHSU'S PUMPING PROGRAM FOR BREAST-FEEDING MOTHERS STARTED SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND WE'VE BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PROMOTING BREAST-FEEDING AND PUMPING FOR EMPLOYEE AND STUDENTS SINCE THEN. OF COURSE OHSU ALSO PROMOTES BREAST-FEEDING AND PUMPING FOR OUR PATIENTS. INITIALLY WE STARTED WITH A FOCUS GROUP TO FIND OUT WHAT NEW MOMS WANTED IN A PUMPING SPACE. THEN IN ADDITION TO DESIGNATED INDIVIDUAL SPACES AROUND CAMPUS, WE CREATED A SIX-PERSON PUMPING SUITE WITH CURTAINED AREAS, TABLES, CHAIRS, A FEW LAPTOP COMPUTERS, A FEW PUMPS, LOCKERS, A FAMILY FRIENDLY BREAST-FEEDING ROOM, A REFRIGERATOR AND A SINK, AND ALSO AN ADJACENT RESTROOM. FROM THERE WE'VE GONE ON TO EXPAND TO OVER 18 PUMPING AREAS ACROSS CAMPUS AND AT OUR OTHER WORK LOCATIONS. MANY OF THEM WITH MULTIPLE STATIONS. OUR NEW BUILDINGS SUCH AS THE COLLABORATIVE LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING, DOWN AT THE SOUTH WATERFRONT, AUTOMATICALLY INCLUDE PUMPING AREAS WITH MULTIPLE STATIONS. WE HAVE THE COMMITTEE THAT I TALKED ABOUT, THE WEBMAC COMMITTEE, WE HAVE AN EXTENSIVE WEBSITE FOR NEW MOMS, AND -- WHICH HAS THE LIST OF PLACES TO PUMP SO EVERYBODY HAS ACCESS TO THAT. THIS YEAR WE DID A SURVEY OF OUR NEW MOMS TO FIND OUT WHAT THEIR BREAST-FEEDING NEEDS WERE, AND WHAT ISSUES THEY HAD WITH OUR CURRENT PROGRAM, AND WE'RE MAKING ADJUSTMENTS THERE. I BELIEVE THAT EMPLOYEE LOYALTY IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND THAT THAT INCREASES THE MORE YOU SUPPORT BREAST-FEEDING MOTHERS. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, IT'S RELATIVELY EASY TO CREATE A PUMPING SPACE. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE LARGE OR ELABORATE, IT JUST NEEDS TO BE A PRIVATE SPACE WITH A TABLE, CHAIR, AND ELECTRICAL OUTLET. A SINK NEARBY, REFRIGERATION NEARBY, THOSE ARE GOOD THINGS. AND AS EVERYONE KNOWS, IT CAN'T BE A BATHROOM OR ANYWHERE THERE'S A TOILET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF BREAST-FEEDING, AND THE NEED OF BREAST-FEEDING MOTHERS TO PUMP AT WORK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LISA LIEN, AND I AM A MOTHER, A WIFE, AND I AM ALSO A VOLUNTEER FOR NURSING MOTHERS COUNCIL, AND A STUDENT WITH PCC'S BRAND-NEW LACTATION PROGRAM ON THE STUDENT SETTING TO BE A LACTATION CONSULTANT. SO I'M HERE JUST IN HONOR OF BREAST-FEEDING MONTH AND WEEK TO TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY STORY AND

THIS IS MY FIRST SON THIS, IS KELLEN, HE CAME WITH ME TODAY. I ALSO HAVE 8-MONTH-OLD TWINS AT HOME THAT I AM CURRENTLY BREAST-FEEDING AND PUMPING FOR WHEN I'M AWAY FROM THEM. SO KELLEN IS ALMOST 4 YEARS OLD, HE WAS BORN IN AUGUST OF 2010. I WENT INTO DELIVERY NOT SURE WHETHER I WAS GOING TO BREAST-FEED. I KIND OF JUST DECIDED, WELL, WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GET THERE. THE FIRST TIME I PUT HIM TO BREAST, IT WAS LIKE MAGIC. IT WAS THE MOST BONDING, BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE I HAVE EVER HAD IN MY LIFE. WHICH WAS VERY SHORT-LIVED, BECAUSE THEN I SHORTLY DISCOVERED HOW HARD IT IS TO BREAST-FEED WHEN YOU ARE IN A CULTURE THAT ISN'T PRIMARILY FOCUSED ON BREAST-FEEDING. AND THAT HAS CHANGED SINCE HE WAS BORN, AND CONTINUES TO CHANGE, WE'RE BECOMING A MORE BREAST-FEEDING CENTRIC COMMUNITY. BUT I DEFINITELY STRUGGLED TO BREAST-FEED HIM. AT 14 MONTHS -- AT 14 WEEKS I HAD TO GO BACK TO WORK, AND I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO WORK WITH AN EMPLOYER THAT WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF MY BREAST-FEEDING GOALS. THEY HAD ESTABLISHED A LOCATION FOR ME TO PUMP DURING THE DAY, AND WHILE THEY WERE ONLY REQUIRED TO GIVE ME SO MUCH TIME TO PUMP, THEY REALLY ALLOWED ME THE FREEDOM TO PUMP WHENEVER I WANTED AS IT WAS NECESSARY. HE WOULD LIKE ME TO TELL YOU I PUMPED FOR HIM. [LAUGHTER] AND SO THEY LET ME PUMP FREQUENTLY, NOT ONLY DID I JUST HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK, I LIVE IN GRESHAM, AND I COMMUTED TO LAKE OSWEGO, SO I HAD AN HOUR DRIVE TO WORK AND I WORKED MY FULL DAY, AND I HAD AN HOUR COMMUTE HOME BEFORE I WAS REUNITED WITH HIM. AND SO THEY DID PROVIDE ME WITH A PLACE TO PUMP AS WELL AS PLACE TO STORE MY MILK. AND BECAUSE OF THAT, I WENT ON TO EITHER BREAST FEET OR PUMP FOR HIM UNTIL HE WAS 18 MONTHS OLD. I REALLY ONLY STOPPED AT THAT POINT BECAUSE WE DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO TRY TO HAVE MORE CHILDREN, WHICH TOOK LONGER THAN WE EXPECTERRED, BUT I WAS BLESSED WITH TWINS. SO I HAVE 8-MONTH-OLD BOY-GIRL TWINS AT HOME, AND HE'S VERY FAMILIAR WITH BREAST-FEEDING AND PUMPING PROCESSES, AND I HOPE THAT HE WILL GROW UP TO BE A FABULOUS DADDY LIKE WE SAW THE DADDIES UP HERE EARLIER, BECAUSE HE ALSO HAS A FABULOUS DADDY THAT'S ALSO VERY SUPPORTIVE OF BREAST-FEEDING. MY HUSBAND IS ON THE BOARD FOR THE BREAST-FEEDING COALITION OF OREGON, HE'S THE TREASURER FOR THE BCO, AND HE COULDN'T BE HERE TODAY, BUT HE IS VERY, VERY SUPPORTIVE OF BREAST-FEEDING. SO BECAUSE I HAD SO MUCH TROUBLE BREAST-FEEDING HIM, AND IT WAS QUITE DIFFICULT WITH MY TWINS AS WELL, IT'S NOT ALWAYS AN EASY PROCESS, AND LIKE I MENTIONED, SOCIETY,. OF US DIDN'T GROW UP SEEING OUR MOTHERS BREAST-FEED BECAUSE WE WERE A FORMULA FEEDING CULTURE FOR QUITE A LONG TIME. THAT I HAD TO CONSULT A LOT OF LACTATION CONSULTANTS AND REALLY WORK AT BREAST-FEEDING MY BABIES, WHICH IS WHY I BECAME A NURSING MOTHER'S COUNCIL VOLUNTEER. SO I COULD HELP OTHER MOTHERS UNDERSTAND AND LEARN HOW TO BETTER BREAST-FEED THEIR BABIES AND UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS OF GOING ON TO LONG-TERM BREAST-FEEDING.

AND THAT LED ME NOW TO I'M NO LONGER WORKING AT THIS POINT IN TIME, I'M ONLY -- I AM WORKING, I'M DOING CLINTON CAMS, BUT I'M IN THE PCC LACTATION PROGRAM STUDYING TO BE A LACTATION CONSULTANT SO I CAN HELP OTHER MOMS AND BABIES REACH THEIR BREAST-FEEDING GOALS. SO THAT'S MY BREAST-FEEDING STORY. THEN I WOULD LIKE TO READ THE PROCLAMATION.

>> Commissioner Smith: I WOULD LIKE TO SAY YOU'RE THE BIONIC WOMAN. I AM NOT GOING TO TRY TO IMITATE THAT PIECE OF ABOUT THE TWINS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE IRONMAN, SUPERMAN AND YOU ALL ARE SUPERHEROS, AND THESE PARENTS TODAY, THE LAST TIME HI A KID, THE ONLY KID WAS ABOUT 25 YEARS AGO, AND I WASN'T ABLE TO KEEP UP THE BREAST-FEEDING. THAT'S WHY I'M SO IMPRESSED AND INSPIRED BY YOUR STORIES, AND WANT OTHER FOLKS WHO LOOK AT THIS TO KNOW THAT THEY TOO CAN DO THIS. AND THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. SO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK, AND THANK YOU FOR COMING TO PARTICIPATE TODAY. AND YOU MAY READ THE PROCLAMATION.

>> SO PROCLAIMING AUGUST 2014 AS NATIONAL BREAST-FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FINDS WORLD WORLD BREAST-FEEDING WEEK IS PART AFTER CAMPAIGN TO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES, CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, AND FAMILIES TO COMMIT TO BREAST-FEEDING AND SUPPORTING BREAST-FEEDING BY HIGHLIGHTING NEW RESEARCH THAT DEMONSTRATES THE POSITIVE IMPACTS OF THIS PRACTICE FOR INFANTS, MOTHERS, AND COMMUNITIES. BREAST-FEEDING IS ONE OF THE MOST BENEFICIAL STEPS A FAMILY CAN TAKE TO PROTECT THE LIFELONG HEALTH OF THEIR BABY. THE NUTRIENTS, HORMONES, AND ANTIBODIES IN BREAST MILK PROTECTS BABIES FROM LOWER RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, ALLERGIES, ASTHMA, TYPE 2 DIABETES, AND CHILDHOOD OBESITY. MOTHERS WHO BREAST-FEED HAVE A LOWER RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES, BREAST CANCER, AND OVARIAN CANCER AND METROS OSTEOPOROSIS. BREAST-FEEDING IS ALSO LINKED TO A LOWER RISK OF POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION IN NEW MOTHERS. IT PROMOTES HEALTHY ATTACH. BECAUSE PHYSICAL CONTACT IS IMPORTANT TO NEWBORNS, BREAST-FEEDING AIDS THEIR SENSE OF SECURITY, WARMTH, AND COMFORT. MOTHERS ALSO BENEFIT FROM THIS CLOSENESS. THE SKIN-TO-SKIN CONTACT CAN BOOST THE MOTHER'S OXYTOCIN, A HORMONE THAT HELPS MILK FLOW AND CALMS THE MOTHER. BREAST-FEEDING SAVES MONEY. FORMULA FEEDING SUPPLIES CAN COST WELL OVER \$1500 EACH YEAR, AND FORMULA-FED BABIES ARE MORE COMMONLY SUBJECT TO EAR INFECTIONS, AND DIARRHEA. BREAST-FEEDING BABIES ARE SICK LESS OFTEN AND NEED FEWER SICK CARE VISITS, PRESCRIPTIONS, AND HOSPITALIZATIONS. ADDITIONALLY, BREAST-FEEDING MOTHERS MISS FEWER DAYS FROM WORK BECAUSE THEIR INFANTS ARE SICK LESS OFTEN. BREAST-FEEDING IS COST FIVEL EFFECTIVE WAY TIME PROVE INDIVIDUAL AND COMMUNITY HEALTH. RECENT RESEARCH SHOWS

THAT IF 90 FERNANDES OF FAMILIES BREAST-FEED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SIX MONTHS, NEARLY A THOUSAND DEATHS AMONG INFANTS CAN BE PREVENTED. THE UNITED STATES WOULD SAVE \$13 BILLION PER YEAR BECAUSE MEDICAL CARE COSTS ARE LOWER FOR FULLY BREAST FED INFANTS THAN NEVER BREAST FED INFANTS. MULTNOMAH COUNTY SUPPORTS CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY WHERE WE LIVE, WORK, LEARN, PLAY, AND WORSHIP, THAT SUPPORT BREAST-FEEDING AND THE EFFORT TO GIVE BABIES THE HEALTHIEST START POSSIBLE. THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIMS AUGUST 2014 AS NATIONAL BREAST-FEEDING AWARENESS MONTH IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON. ADOPTED THIS 7TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2014.

Chair Kafoury: THANK YOU. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

Commissioner Shiprack: I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU, AND ALL OF YOU, I MEAN, BOTH PANELS FOR BEING HERE TODAY, AND SHARING WITH US WHAT FUN REALLY TO HEAR FROM YOU AND SEE YOUR CHILDREN, AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY THAT MY TESTIMONIAL IS SET BACK IN THE DARK AGES WHEN MY CHILDREN WERE BORN, THAT NURSING STAFF IN HOSPITALS ACTIVELY DISCOURAGED BREAST-FEEDING, AND AGAIN IN THOSE DARK DAYS, I JUST HAPPENED BY LUCK TO MOVE IN NEXT DOOR TO A LEADER OF THE LA LECHE LEAGUE, WHO NURTURED ME THROUGHOUT PREGNANCY, AND THEN WAS RIGHT THERE TO DO BATTLE WITH THE NURSING STAFF ON MY BEHALF. WHICH I'M SURE IS THE REASON THAT MY DAUGHTER AND I HAD AN EARLY EXIT FROM THE HOSPITAL AND A SUCCESSFUL BREAST-FEEDING EXPERIENCE AS WELL. BUT I WANT TO SAY THAT THIS ENTIRE TOPIC MATTER OF CONFLICT BETWEEN WORK AND BEING ABLE TO BREAST-FEED OUR CHILDREN IS A CHOICE THAT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO MOMS OR DADS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THREE OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD. IN EVERY OTHER COUNTRY IN THE WORLD, THERE IS PARENTAL LEAVE FOR MOMS AND IN MANY OF THEM, FOR DADS. AND I JUST -- I JUST FIND IT COMPELLING TO PUT THIS CONVERSATION IN THAT CONTEXT, WHERE OF COURSE YOU GET TO MAKE THE CHOICE TO CONTINUE WORKING, THAT WAS MY CHOICE AS WELL. IT CREATES CHALLENGES, BUT WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF YOU ALSO AS A PARENT HAD THE CHOICE TO STAY HOME WITH YOUR CHILD AND RECEIVE THE BENEFITS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN EVERY OTHER COUNTRY PRACTICALLY, AND REALLY WE JOIN PAPA, NEW GUINEA AND I BELIEVE LASOSO AS THE FOUR COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD THAT DO NOT PROVIDE PARENTAL LEAVE. BUT I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE YOU ON THAT NOTE! [LAUGHTER] I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING THIS, BOTH BREAST-FEEDING AND THE PROCLAMATION TODAY.

Commissioner McKeel: I AS WELL WANT TO THANK YOU, AND I'M HAVING FUN HERE PLAYING. I GUESS I'M BACK FROM -- I'M IN THE DARK AGES TOO, WHEN I HAD MY CHILDREN, I -- BUT I WAS NOT DISCOURAGED FROM BREAST-FEEDING. I ACTUALLY WAS ENCOURAGED TO DO THAT AT THAT TIME. BUT I

THINK WHAT -- A BIG DIFFERENCE NOW IS THERE WASN'T THE SUPPORT AROUND IT THAT THERE IS NOW. I SEE MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WITH MY GRANDCHILDREN, AND THE SUPPORT THAT SHE HAD AROUND BREAST-FEEDING, AND I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL. AND HELEN, I REALLY APPRECIATED YOUR REMARKS ABOUT -- FOR BUSINESSES ABOUT WHAT IT TAKES TO CREATE A SPACE. IT'S NOT AN OVERWHELMING PROJECT TO CREATE THE SPACE. AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT THAT I COAT WANT TO GET LEFT BEHIND AS WELL. THAT BUSINESSES REALLY CAN STEP UP, AND IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT TO DO THAT, REALLY. AND RIDE CONNECTION IS GREAT, WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN IT'S A GREAT BUSINESS, NOW WE KNOW IT'S EVEN GREATER. SO THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AND THE DADS TOO. WONDERFUL. THANKS.

Chair Kafoury: WHO CAN RESIST TELLING THEIR STORY? I LOVE THIS PROCLAMATION EVERY YEAR, BECAUSE IT JUST HELPS ME RETURN IN TIME TO WHEN MY CHILDREN WERE SMALL AND I -- THE SPECIAL BOND YOU HAVE WITH THE CHILD WHEN YOU'RE NURSING. AND I ALSO WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO HAVE VERY SUPPORTIVE FAMILY, AND ALTHOUGH WHEN MY OLDEST WAS BORN 14 YEARS AGO, WHILE I WAS ENCOURAGED IN THE HOSPITAL TO BREAST-FEED, WE ALSO RECEIVED TAKE-HOME PRESENTS OF FORMULA, WHICH THANK GOODNESS I DON'T THINK HAPPENS ANYMORE, BUT IT WAS CONFUSING TO ME, AND BEING ME I HAD TO TELL THE NURSING STAFF I DID NOT APPROVE OF THIS. AND IT WAS REALLY A CONFLICT FOR A NEW PARENT WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO NURSE, BUT TO GET THIS FORMULA. SO I AM SURE THEY WERE HAPPY TO SEE ME SCOOT ALONG MY WAY. BUT HAVING SPENT OVER 5 1/2 YEARS NURSING MY THREE CHILDREN WAS -- I LOOK BACK FONDLY, IN FACT WHENEVER I SEE LITTLE KIDS IT MAKES ME WANT TO HAVE ANOTHER ONE! SO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN, BECAUSE IT DOES MAKE OUR LIVES SO MUCH MORE PLEASURABLE WHEN WE SEE LITTLE PEOPLE AROUND.

Commissioner Smith: AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING. OHSU, YOU'RE ROCK STARS, AND RIDE CONNECTION, THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN. THIS IS HUGE, AND I LOVE -- I TOO LOVE THIS TIME OF YEAR EVERY YEAR TOO, BECAUSE I LOVE TO HAVE KIDS AND BABIES IN THE BOARD ROOM. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Chair Kafoury: I SHOULD SAY I NEED TO HOLD A BABY BEFORE I'M GOING TO VOTE, BUT --

>> Commissioner Smith: CAN ALL BABIES COME UP TO THE FRONT? WE WANT TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH YOU ALL BEFORE YOU LEAVE, AND WE ALSO WANT TO PICK THEM UP! [LAUGHTER]

Chair Kafoury: ALL IN FAVOR? [CHORUS OF AYES] OPPOSED? THE PROCLAMATION IS ADOPTED. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] BEFORE WE ADJOURN

WE HAVE TIME FOR NONAGENDA MATTERS. I KNOW COMMISSIONER MCKEEL HAS SOMETHING.

Commissioner McKeel: OF COURSE I DO. THIS WEEKEND IN GRESHAM IS ROCK AROUND THE BLOCK CAR SHOW, AND THAT STARTS ON FRIDAY NIGHT WITH BED RACES FROM 7:00 TO 9:00, AND THEN THE CAR SHOW GOES ALL DAY ON SATURDAY FROM 8:00 TO 6:00. SO COME OUT TO GRESHAM AND SEE BED RACES IF YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THAT.

Chair Kafoury: ANY OTHER COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. SEEING WE HAVE NO FURTHER BUSINESS, WE ARE ADJOURNED. [GAVEL POUNDED]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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