



## Portland collects nearly \$17,000 for disputed work: Portland City Hall Roundup



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A company that billed the city of Portland for work it did not perform in 2006 reached a [formal settlement](#) to repay \$16,995. The Portland City Council approved the agreement Wednesday without discussion.

The settlement, [first reported by City Hall Watch in January](#), requires Rachel Browning of the Cabell Group to pay back the city. Browning's ex-husband called the city's fraud hotline, prompting an investigation. [City Ombudsman Margie Sollinger](#) referred the case to county prosecutors, who declined to press criminal charges.

Under terms of the agreement, Browning was required to repay the city by Jan. 31 and both the city and Browning promised not to sue one another. Additionally, Browning has agreed that she'll never seek another city contract.

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