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### **A recall attempt of Amanda Fritz is wildly impractical. Here's why.**

*By Brad Schmidt*

*October 14, 2016*

Upset over a new police contract, Don't Shoot Portland organizers have called on Mayor Charlie Hales to resign and say they'll attempt to recall Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

The former isn't going to happen.

And the latter almost certainly won't, either. For a number of reasons.

First, it's very difficult to collect enough signatures to force a recall election. Organizers would need to collect nearly 36,000 signatures in just 90 days.

History buffs -- or people who have followed local politics for at least seven years -- will recall that two attempts to recall former Mayor Sam Adams failed. Adams had been embroiled in a scandal over lying about a relationship with a teenager.

Recall efforts against Hales and Commissioner Steve Novick also failed in 2014.

But even beyond signature collection, a recall attempt of Fritz is flat out impractical. Here's why:

State law requires that recalls can only happen for a politician's current term.

Fritz is in the last few months of her current term. So -- if organizers filed paperwork, collected enough signatures, got those signatures validated, pushed the issue to a special election, and voters decided to kick Fritz out -- she'd only be out for ...

The rest of her current term.

Which concludes in 11 weeks.

Given that timeline, a recall effort appears "highly unlikely," said Deborah Scroggin, Portland's election officer.

So what about Fritz's upcoming term, which begins Jan. 1?

Turns out, organizers can't even begin attempting a recall effort until next summer.

Why? Because under state law, no recall can begin until a politician has served six months of his or her current term.

That means organizers wouldn't be able to target Fritz until July 1, 2017 -- a long time from now.

Of course, none of these issues would apply if demonstrators set their sights on Commissioner Nick Fish, who joined Hales and Fritz in supporting the contract.

Unlike Fritz, Fish is in the middle of his current term.

This is what Don't Shoot Portland spokesman Gregory McKelvey said via Twitter Thursday night when asked to explain the decision to go after Fritz:

"She betrayed us. We know for a fact she was the one Hales was worried about the most. He met with her daily last week. It was obvious a trade off for campaign finance stuff. The stuff we are sick of corrupt politicians doing. The one thing we had respect for her for was her support of R2D2 and RTS but once Ibrahim Mubarak was assaulted we lost that respect. Plus, Dan is going to be easy to defeat during re election because of the housing crisis and little name recognition without the media firestorm of a recall. Thus our options were Fish or Amanda which was a close call. Ideally we would do both but need to focus on one. So Amanda because of her horrible speech on Wednesday and cuz she has the most time remaining."

## **Don't Shoot Portland spokesman calls for Mayor Charlie Hales' resignation**

*By Jim Ryan*

*October 13, 2016*

The spokesman for activist group Don't Shoot Portland called for Mayor Charlie Hales' resignation Thursday, saying the group will protest against him until he steps down.

Gregory McKelvey wrote in an open letter to Hales that he takes issue with a new Portland police contract, how the City Council approved the contract Wednesday during a meeting largely closed to the public and the way Hales and police have dealt with protesters, among other topics.

Activists have started a recall campaign against Commissioner Amanda Fritz, as well, McKelvey said in a Twitter message. They plan to file paperwork Friday and will begin collecting signatures when the paperwork gets approved, McKelvey said.

Police forced protesters from City Hall on Wednesday and arrested 10 protesters. Hales serves as police commissioner.

"We were there to testify, not occupy," wrote McKelvey, 23. "It was you that ordered an armed occupation of City Hall while your citizens wanted to have their voices heard in a public meeting."

Mayor Charlie Hales moved the meeting to a conference room cordoned off from the general public.

McKelvey said the protests will begin Friday. Activists plan to gather Friday for a demonstration against what they consider to be police brutality during their Wednesday protest and to demand Hales' resignation.

More than 330 people have indicated they will attend Friday's protest, according to a Facebook event. The event lists its location as 5040 S.E. Milwaukie Ave.

"Be prepared all day and for a long night," the event page says. "More details to come."

Wednesday's demonstration lasted some eight hours. It included protesters blocking traffic and MAX trains and police physically forcing protesters from City Hall, spraying some of them with pepper spray.

One of the 10 arrested Wednesday remained in the Multnomah County Detention Center on Thursday night.

Jonny Samuel Perez, 23, is being held on \$11,500 bail, according to jail records. He's facing assault of a public safety officer, resisting arrest, interfering with a public safety officer and disorderly conduct charges.

Activists are trying to recall Fritz in part, McKelvey said, because she "betrayed" them. He called her Wednesday speech in support of the police contract "horrible."

## **Portland City Council approves police contract amid unruly protest**

*By Brad Schmidt*

*October 12, 2016*

Tumult ensued on the steps of Portland City Hall as police pepper-sprayed and arrested protesters in the aftermath of an unruly demonstration Wednesday over a newly approved contract for rank-and-file officers.

The scene devolved into a lengthy standoff, with dozens of protesters swarming Southwest Fifth Avenue and blocking traffic and light-rail trains until an estimated 75 officers in riot gear intervened.

Police had already shoved protesters out of City Hall, dousing some with pepper spray, after they disrupted a City Council hearing. Demonstrators wouldn't begin dispersing until just after 5 p.m., some eight hours after the unparalleled protest began.

The source of contention: City Council's 3-1 vote for a controversial new police contract, and Mayor Charlie Hales' unprecedented maneuvering within City Hall to conduct the vote in meeting room cordoned off from protesters.

Portland police push, pepper spray protesters out of city hall

Hales, who made the contract a top priority before he leaves office Jan. 1, said fallout was unlikely to be avoided because protesters were determined to make a scene.

"This is a good day," Hales said of the contract's approval. "It will pay dividends, for a bureau that has a good relationship with the city, over time."

The contract raises officers' pay, amid a staffing shortage, and ends a contentious rule that let officers wait 48 hours to speak with internal investigators after using deadly force.

Officials said concerns over rules for body-worn cameras will be publicly vetted next year under the new mayor, Ted Wheeler. But that hasn't satisfied opponents, who also wanted expanded civilian oversight powers.

Protesters also claimed a victory of sorts, arguing the City Council's closed-door vote — broadcast online, over television screens and remotely in the City Council chambers — may help them file a complaint over a violation of public meeting laws.

"They wouldn't have gotten this passed if they did it in a democratic way," said Gregory McKelvey, spokesman for protest group Don't Shoot Portland.

Wednesday's protest capped a fiery few weeks at City Hall as tensions mounted over Hales' proposed three-year contract with the Portland Police Association. Longtime City Hall staffers

couldn't recount a similar scene aside from the Occupy Portland movement of 2011 that overtook three city parks.

"I regret it ever got to that point," said Commissioner Nick Fish, who supported the police contract. "We have to find a way to have these kinds of charged discussions and debates without having disruptions to our building and to our ability to conduct the people's business."

The demonstration began in earnest Tuesday as protesters set up tents outside City Hall and hung a large banner for the Black Lives Matter movement. And, as they'd done in weeks past, protesters came prepared to disrupt Wednesday's City Council meeting – with one person even writing an email warning that "after we take city hall maybe we will take bridges and freeways too."

City officials took public testimony about the contract last month and weren't required to listen again before voting. So protesters signed up to speak on other matters, hoping to nonetheless criticize the police contract, a tactic they used last week.

But protesters' frequent outbursts and interruptions prompted Hales to adjourn Wednesday's public meeting less than 30 minutes after it began. As activists claimed a small victory inside the City Council's second-floor chambers, Portland politicians restarted the meeting in a third-floor conference room without audience members.

That's because officials had decided to prepare the room, complete with TV cameras, expecting their meeting would be interrupted.

Protesters, blocked from the third floor by police, chanted from below. At times, their taunts nearly drowned out testimony on unrelated items.

Just before 11 a.m., during a presentation on housing, Hales hastily rearranged the agenda to hear the police contract.

Then, over the piercing chants downstairs, Hales, Fish and Commissioner Amanda Fritz for the contract. Commissioner Steve Novick voted no, while Commissioner Dan Saltzman was absent to observe Yom Kippur.

Some activists shook the locked doors of city commissioners' offices, while others set up tents in hallways. One man with a bullhorn chastised police on scene: "This isn't even loud compared to what you do to us!"

Inside the empty council chambers, Dan Handelman of Portland Copwatch criticized officials for voting in private. He said politicians should have the courage to look opponents in the eye.

"People need to vocalize their opposition," he said, adding that in his 24 years monitoring the police bureau he'd "never seen anything where the City Council shut out their entire community."

City attorney Tracy Reeve said the City Council's maneuver complied with state public meeting requirements. But no one could ever remember such a scheme being necessary.

"Never experienced this before," said Brendan Finn, Saltzman's top aide, who has worked inside City Hall for 18 years.

About 12:20 p.m., officials ordered an evacuation. But protesters refused to leave though a second-floor exit. Twenty minutes later, officers forced demonstrators out.

Chaos ensued.

On the exit steps, some protesters wouldn't budge and hurled items at police. Officers responded by pushing demonstrators, including former mayoral candidate Jessie Sponberg.

Several protesters were pepper-sprayed and splayed out as friends poured milk in their eyes. Riot police arrived and cleared the street and sidewalk, advancing and retreating several times, with tensions running high until protesters decided to disperse.

In all, 10 demonstrators were arrested. Protesters say they're planning another major action Friday.

McKelvey said in a Twitter message that organizer Micah Rhodes and at least one other protester are being monitored at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center for injuries suffered Wednesday.

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He said Rhodes suffered a head injury and will be at the hospital overnight. Another man has rib injuries, McKelvey said. He said he thinks more protesters went to hospitals, as well.

Someone also "assaulted and injured" an officer at City Hall, a Portland police spokesman said in a news release. The officer wasn't seriously injured.

Novick, who voted against the contract over concerns on how to pay for higher wages, said he wasn't surprised by what played out Wednesday.

How others perceive the events, he said, will depend on their underlying views about police issues.

"It's very unfortunate," he said.

## **The Portland Tribune**

### **Gag order won't stop former city worker from speaking out**

*By Nick Budnick*

*October 13, 2016*

A city park ranger and local activist who resigned from the city in return for \$130,000 says it was time to go despite an exoneration for discrimination.

But even though former city human rights Commissioner Sam Sachs signed a gag order of sorts, it won't stop him from speaking out, he says.

"I'm proud of the accomplishments that I had while I was there. ... I just want to move on with my life and do the work that matters to me on equity and diversity," Sachs says. "And someday I plan on running for City Council."

Sachs had threatened a lawsuit claiming whistleblower retaliation. He says he was accused of racial discrimination after reporting an African-American supervisor, Hasan Artharee, for a hiring violation.

Sachs had an unusual track record for someone facing such a complaint: He's a onetime Black Studies major and a long-time diversity activist. In 2009, he persuaded state Rep. Mitch

Greenlick, D-Portland, to sponsor successful legislation intended to promote diversity among head collegiate coaches and athletic directors. Most recently, he successfully lobbied to change the city of Portland's hiring practices to make it mandatory to interview at least one minority, woman or disabled candidate for every supervisory job, a local version of what's known as the Rooney rule.

In January, the Portland City Council adopted the rule as well as Sachs' idea of naming it for Charles Jordan, the African-American former city commissioner.

But last week the City Council came full circle, voting unanimously to approve the \$130,000 settlement with Sachs. City commissioners did so without comment.

As part of the deal, Sachs agreed to drop two pending civil rights complaints filed with the state Bureau of Labor and Industries. He says he also agreed to not badmouth the city.

"I signed an agreement not to disparage or critique the city; nor do I have any desire to do that," he says.

Former co-workers told the Tribune earlier this year that a personality conflict had arisen between Sachs and Artharee as well as the supervisor's hires.

Today, one of the things the would-be candidate would advocate for the city has special implications because of his case. Sachs says he thinks the city should set up an agency separate from the city's Bureau of Human Resources to investigate claims of discrimination.

Sachs had claimed he was retaliated against for blowing the whistle on his then-supervisor, Artharee. Sachs claims he reported Artharee for adding a candidate to a hiring pool for a ranger's job, though the person was not on the hiring list.

Artharee then accused Sachs of harassing him because Artharee is African-American, according to Sachs' complaint.

Sachs claims Artharee was demoted last August. Meanwhile, the complaint against Sachs proceeded, eventually leading him to be disciplined — initially, at least.

Sachs says that after he filed his claim the city added a notation to his personnel file, exonerating him of the earlier allegation.

The Portland City Attorney's office initially tried to withhold release of aspects of Sachs' lawsuit threat, only to be overruled by the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office following a public records appeal by the Portland Tribune.

Sachs had raised questions about irregularities in the investigation of him.

For instance, Sachs helped lead a unionization drive of the park rangers in 2012 and 2013, in a bid to boost their \$11-an-hour pay. In 2014, when his manager wanted rangers to confront people having issues in parks, and engage in traffic control, Sachs filed complaints with Oregon OSHA to require more training.

According to Sachs' notice to the city, one of the managers who joined Artharee in accusing him of discrimination was the same one that Sachs had challenged in the unionization and OSHA matters.

Sachs now says he'll keep being an activist, hopefully getting into consulting as well.

## **Audit: City must improve safety, service of for-hire ride companies**

*By Kieran Hanrahan/OPB*

*October 13, 2016*

The Portland Bureau of Transportation isn't doing enough to monitor the quality of service offered by ride-for-hire companies, according to a new report by the city auditor's office.

It's PBOT's job to make sure taxi companies and ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft operate safely and offer equitable service to all Portland neighborhoods and riders. The city auditor's office says PBOT is doing fine regulating ride safety but could be doing more to make sure that riders with service dogs and wheelchairs, for example, are being treated fairly.

The auditor's report found two problems. The first is that PBOT didn't have the staff to analyze the mountains of data it collects from ride-for-hire companies. PBOT says it has already hired additional staff to analyze and draw conclusions from the data it collects. It's also implementing new software to help make that easier.

The second problem is more complicated. Many ride-for-hire companies simply aren't giving PBOT all the information they're required to provide.

When you use Uber or Lyft to get home after a night out or call a traditional taxi company to take you to the airport, your ride generates a slew of data. City rules require ride-for-hire companies to track everything from the mileage of your trip to the length of time you had to wait for your ride. Those companies have to share that information with PBOT.

Uber and Lyft do everything digitally and don't have a problem collecting and sharing that data. But traditional taxi companies do. They've been slow to meet the data-sharing requirements that the City Council imposed on the industry last December. PBOT says it's working with those companies to bring them into compliance with reporting requirements.

Here's the hitch: Ride-for-hire companies are willing to share that data with PBOT, but they don't want it to be publicly available, says Director of Audit Services Drummond Kahn.

"One of the data concerns we raised in the report is, because the industry designated some data as confidential, that makes it difficult for the city to publicly report it," Kahn says.

If you read the auditor's report looking for the number of drivers ride-for-hire companies employ or the number of rides they give, you'll only find lines and graphs blacked out at the companies' request. They consider that data a trade secret. Uber and Lyft go as far as to require that the city not release information on the crashes its drivers are involved in.

## **Protest against police contract vote spills into streets outside City Hall**

*By Amelia Templeton/OPB*

*October 12, 2016*

Ten people were arrested Wednesday during several hours of protests outside Portland City Hall after the City Council voted 3-1 to approve a new contract with the city's police union.

TriMet's Orange Line trains were moving again late Wednesday afternoon after protesters stopped traffic outside City Hall. That contract guarantees pay raises for officers and drops a number of union grievances filed against the city.

Don't Shoot PDX activists and others who had camped inside City Hall after the vote were forcibly removed by police in riot gear, who at times used pepper spray on the crowd. In response, some people threw water battles at officers.

Police made a few arrests during the confrontation, but were not immediately able to confirm who was arrested.

Throughout the afternoon, protesters repeatedly moved into the streets around City Hall to interrupt traffic, at which point police would return to the area to remove them.

Police said one officer was injured in the confrontation. The officer was not seriously hurt.

### **Groups camp out to protest vote**

City Commissioners Amanda Fritz and Nick Fish joined Mayor Charlie Hales in voting to ratify the agreement during Wednesday's meeting. Commissioner Steve Novick voted against it, citing fiscal concerns. Commissioner Dan Saltzman was absent from the meeting for the Yom Kippur holiday and did not respond to a request for comment.

Protesters with the group Don't Shoot PDX had vowed to stop the vote. Many spent the night camped out in tents in front of City Hall.

They say the agreement doesn't do enough to ensure that officers who use excessive force will be disciplined or fired, and they have called on the mayor, who has less than three months left in office, to let Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler renegotiate the contract.

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### **Fritz's apology before vote**

For the second time in a week, the general public was excluded from the city council's meeting. Journalists and people who had signed up to testify on council agenda items were allowed to enter. Video of the meeting was streamed live online.

Protesters have threatened to sue the mayor over his decision to exclude members of the public from meetings that have become unruly this week.

Dozens of protesters, some with megaphones, remained on the second floor, chanting "Black lives matter." At times, it was difficult to hear members of the council speaking over the noise of the protesters downstairs.

As she cast her votes, Fritz acknowledged at length the opposition to the contract.

"Many of the people who I respect most in the entire world have urged me not to vote for the contract," she said. "Obviously, the easiest path today would be for me to vote no."

She offered an apology for the city's slow progress on racial equity issues and police reform and thanked many of the protesters who opposed the deal by name, including Don't Shoot PDX leader Teresa Raiford.

"I am sorry for my part in failing to achieve more reforms. I apologize for not succeeding to improve community trust in the police bureau. I apologize to every Portlander who has experienced disparate treatment from police officers," Fritz said.

But Fritz said she decided that the costs of opposing the contract were greater than the cost of approving it. She was swayed, she said, by the need to fully staff the police bureau and the risks of having officers regularly working overtime.

"Everywhere I go, community members are asking why their neighborhood doesn't get needed police attention," she said, casting her vote.

Fish also cited the police bureau's staffing shortage and recruitment challenges as his reason for ultimately supporting the contract.

"Response times (for 911) are six minutes or longer, putting all Portlanders at risk," he said.

"We have a shortage of 65 officers and 23 vacancies to come this month. The trend is only getting worse."

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## **Willamette Week**

### **Don't Shoot Portland Activists Will Attempt a Recall of City Commissioner Amanda Fritz**

*By Rachel Monahan*

*October 13, 2016*

After Portland City Council voted to ratify a new contract with the police union on Wednesday, activists with the group Don't Shoot Portland say they will try to recall City Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

Don't Shoot Portland, a group closely affiliated with the Black Lives Matter movement, is also demanding the resignation of Mayor Charlie Hales, whose term ends in January.

But they say they will target their recall effort at Fritz, who they had previously considered an ally.

Activists plan to formally file papers Friday to launch a recall effort against Fritz, says Don't Shoot Portland spokesman Gregory McKelvey.

In advance of the 3-1 vote, Fritz listed off a series of reservations about the police contract.

"She said all the things that were wrong with it and then voted for it," says McKelvey. "We just felt really betrayed by Amanda."

McKelvey says he and fellow activists are outraged not only by the new contract with the Portland Police Association, but with a police crackdown on protesters at City Hall. Ten activists were arrested, and many were pepper-sprayed.

McKelvey issued an open letter to Hales tonight on Facebook. It concludes:

*Locking up and shutting out your political opponents is not how democracy works. Beating women, children, the disabled and the elderly is not how policing should work. For these reasons, along with the human rights abuses of your homeless sweeps including the Springwater Corridor, and your reluctance to act on corruption, the housing crisis, addressing homelessness or police accountability; I am calling on you to resign. I understand that you are on your way out but we have no time to spare. Lives are on the line. We will protest against you until you resign. This begins October 14.*

In the past, says McKelvey, Fritz had won respect from the activists for, among other things, her support of Right 2 Dream Too.

But police pepper-sprayed Ibrahim Mubarak, the founder of the homeless camp, during the protests.

"Once he got pepper sprayed, we lost respect for her," says McKelvey.

Fritz could not immediately be reached for comment tonight.

The new police contract gives police sizable raises while eliminating the 48-hour rule—long the target of activists for allowing cops two days to consult a lawyer in the event of an officer-involved shooting.

The activists' objections center on a draft policy on body cameras, which allows police the chance to review video before writing a report.

## **Portland Development Commission Votes Unanimously to Purchase Avel Gordly's House**

*By Nigel Jaquiss*

*October 13, 2016*

The Portland Development Commission voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of the family home of former state Sen. Avel Gordly (D-Portland) on Wednesday.

The vote came a day after WW reported that the proposed \$495,000 transaction violated eight of the city agency's guidelines for making loans. (The purchase price is \$61,000, or 12 percent, above the value of the appraisal the PDC obtained in June.)

In an interview before the vote, PDC Executive Director Kimberly Branam acknowledged that the transaction is unusual and that it violates her agency's loan guidelines.

Branam said, however, that as executive director, she has the authority to recommend transactions that are outside normal procedure if the circumstances are exceptional.

Branam said that Gordly's longtime leadership in the African American community, combined with PDC's desire to address historical inequities in the city, including the gentrification of the Humboldt neighborhood where the home is located, convinced her that the purchase was appropriate. She added that the strength of the Portland's real estate market and the rapid development near the home made her comfortable with paying above appraised value.

The home is located at 4511 North Williams Ave., just north of a string of new apartment buildings, a New Seasons Market and a slew of restaurants and bars. The property's zoning would allow for six residential units on the 6,000 square-foot lot, so if the 103-year-old home

were placed on the open market, it would probably be demolished and replaced with a multi-unit development.

Jillian Detweiler, an aide to Mayor Charlie Hayes, who also participated in the interview with Branam, says Hales is fully supportive of using city money to preserve the house.

Gordly and her sister, Faye Burch, who is a co-owner of the home, first approached Hales' office about the transaction last year. Hales' staff suggested that PDC help arrange the purchase of the home by the Portland African American Leadership Forum. The property is slated to become an African American cultural center, with historical records and artifacts and to provide office space for PAALF.

Branam says that if PAALF and the Oregon Historical Society, which is assisting on the project, fail to complete a business plan and deliver the cultural center, the PDC's loan is secured by a trust deed and could take possession of the property, which is located on the booming North Williams Avenue corridor.

"We think it's a very worthwhile project," Branam says. "And if something goes wrong, the city's financial interests are protected."

## OPB

### Protesters And Police Clash Outside City Hall After Portland Police Union Contract Vote

*By Amelia Templeton*

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Police arrested 10 people outside City Hall during a demonstration held in response to the Portland City Council voting 3–1 Wednesday to approve a new four-year agreement with the police officer's union. The contract guarantees pay raises for officers and drops a number of union grievances filed against the city.

About an hour after the vote, the mayor ordered police officers to remove protesters from city hall.

Activists and journalists who remained inside were warned that anyone who remained would be arrested, and were then forcibly pushed to the exit doors by a line of police officers.

It is not clear what prompted the mayor's order to clear the building. Activists had, a few minutes before, complied with a request to take down tents they had erected inside. In a press release, the police bureau said earlier in the day the city received emails threatening to shut down city hall and disrupt the transportation system.

The scene became chaotic as police officers pressed people toward the doors. Some people appeared to resist the order to leave the building, while others just appeared trapped in the crowd.

"I was trying to get out of the way fast because I'm disabled and an amputee at the hip," said Sara Phillips, a member of the progressive legal advocacy group the National Lawyers Guild.

"I was really scared of being trampled. A cop saw me, grabbed me, and picked me up and threw me down the stairs," she said. Phillips says she was attending the protest as a neutral observer.

Several officers sprayed pepper spray in protesters' faces in an effort to clear people from the area around the doors, and some people threw water bottles at officers.

One woman, reportedly Sara Long, was taken by officers from the scene to receive medical care, and medics treated a handful of people who were hit with pepper spray. The police bureau reported that one officer received non-serious injuries from a person in the crowd.

Portland police confirmed Wednesday night that the people arrested were:

- **Jonny Samuel Perez**, 23, booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of assaulting a public safety officer, second-degree criminal trespass, second-degree disorderly conduct, and interfering with an emergency response.
- **Robert Lee West**, 51, booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of coercion, second-degree criminal trespass and second-degree disorderly conduct.
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- **Frank A. Martinez Jr.**, 24, criminally cited and released for resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly and interfering with a public safety officer.
- **Benjamin J. Kerensa**, 32, criminally cited and released for second-degree theft.

Leaders with the group Dont Shoot PDX suggested their next move will be suing the city over their exclusion from some of the hearings leading up to council's vote to ratify the contract.

"I think we have a lot of evidence for a lot of claims, and possibly to void this contract," said Gregory McKelvey. "My immediate concern is the injuries."

After they were ejected from the building, the protesters repeatedly moved into the streets around City Hall to interrupt traffic, including the Max light rail orange line, at which point police would return to the area to remove them.

A large crowd gathered to watch. One man pleaded with the protesters to let a Trimet bus pass. Others filmed the scene with their cellphones.

"This is the best response we could have asked for," said activist and one-time mayoral candidate Jesse Sponberg. "Now the whole world sees this, the whole world is watching."

The protesters dispersed around 6 p.m. with a promise to reconvene Friday.

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*October 13, 2016*

The Portland Bureau of Transportation isn't doing enough to monitor the quality of service offered by ride-for-hire companies, according to a new report by the City Auditor's Office.

It's PBOT's job to make sure taxi companies and ride-hailing companies such as Uber and Lyft operate safely and offer equitable service to all Portland neighborhoods and riders. The City Auditor's Office says PBOT is doing fine regulating ride safety but could be doing more to make sure that riders with service dogs and wheelchairs, for example, are being treated fairly.

The auditor's report found two problems. The first is that PBOT didn't have the staff to analyze the mountains of data it collects from ride-for-hire companies. PBOT says it has already hired additional staff to analyze and draw conclusions from the data it collects. It's also implementing new software to help make that easier.

The second problem is more complicated. Many ride-for-hire companies simply aren't giving PBOT all the information they're required to provide.

When you use Uber or Lyft to get home after a night out or call a traditional taxi company to take you to the airport, your ride generates a slew of data. City rules require ride-for-hire companies to track everything from the mileage of your trip to the length of time you had to wait for your ride. Those companies have to share that information with PBOT.

Uber and Lyft do everything digitally and don't have a problem collecting and sharing that data. But traditional taxi companies do. They've been slow to meet the data-sharing requirements that the City Council imposed on the industry last December. PBOT says it's working with those companies to bring them into compliance with reporting requirements.

Here's the hitch: Ride-for-hire companies are willing to share that data with PBOT, but they don't want it to be publicly available, says Director of Audit Services Drummond Kahn.

"One of the data concerns we raised in the report is, because the industry designated some data as confidential, that makes it difficult for the city to publicly report it," Kahn says.

If you read the Auditor's report looking for the number of drivers ride-for-hire companies employ or the number of rides they give, you'll only find lines and graphs blacked out at the companies' request. They consider that data a trade secret. Uber and Lyft go as far as to require that the city not release information on the crashes its drivers are involved in.

The Multnomah County District Attorney ordered PBOT to release some of that data at the petition of The Oregonian in September. But Lyft and Uber filed temporary restraining orders to stop that from happening. Spokespeople from the two companies say that making the data public would give their competition an unfair advantage.

Uber did the same thing in Seattle after a similar public records request last year. A King County judge ruled against the company in January and forced it to release the information.

A judge will decide the Portland case in November.