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Former Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea faces misdemeanor charge

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Former Portland police chief Larry O'Dea is facing a misdemeanor charge for the reported accidental shooting of a friend during a hunting trip in April.

He was indicted Tuesday in Harney County on the charge of negligently wounding another, according to court records. The indictment states he "unlawfully and by failing to use ordinary care under the circumstances" shot his friend.

O'Dea stepped down as Portland police chief this summer, ending a nearly 30-year career amid criminal and internal investigations for the off-duty shooting during an eastern Oregon camping trip in April. O'Dea and Mayor Charlie Hales kept the shooting out of the public eye for more than a month until reporters asked about it in late May.

On May 20, the chief acknowledged that he had a "negligent discharge" of his .22-caliber rifle and shot his friend. The friend, Robert Dempsey, wounded in the lower left back, was airlifted to a trauma hospital in Boise, where he was treated and released.

But when a Harney County deputy responded to a 911 call after the shooting, O'Dea suggested the shooting had been self-inflicted, according to the sheriff and sheriff's reports.

O'Dea told the deputy that his friend may have accidentally shot himself while putting his pistol in his shoulder holster as they were shooting ground squirrels, sheriff's reports show.

The deputy reported smelling alcohol on O'Dea's breath, his report said.

O'Dea had told the deputy he didn't have his rifle in his hand at the time but was reaching for a drink out of a cooler and heard his friend scream. But O'Dea sometime later called Dempsey to apologize for shooting him.

After his release from the hospital, Dempsey was interviewed by the deputy and said O'Dea had been having trouble with his rifle all day and it was jamming and misfiring. Dempsey also told the deputy that O'Dea said he went back to his chair and when he picked up his rifle, it accidentally went off.

O'Dea's lawyer, Derek Ashton, couldn't immediately be reached Tuesday. Ashton previously issued a statement about the incident, saying, in part, that O'Dea "did not have alcohol on his breath nor was he impaired or intoxicated" at the time of the shooting.

"He did not purposely point his gun at any person and did not knowingly discharge a firearm in the direction of his lifelong friend," Ashton said.

O'Dea's retirement took effect in late June, with an annual pension of \$170,792.16, which is 87 percent of his final annual salary of \$197,146.08, according to the Portland Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund.

He had 29.82 years of service, and a tax-remedy benefit of \$547 a month was added, the fund's director, Samuel Hutchison, previously said. He started as chief in January 2015 with an annual salary of \$192,504.

Mike Marshman now serves as Portland's police chief.

Sgt. Pete Simpson, a Portland police spokesman, said in an email that the police bureau learned of the indictment Tuesday afternoon.

"As there continues to be an ongoing internal investigation into the matter, the Bureau cannot offer any comment at this time," he said.

Willamette Week first reported about the indictment Tuesday.

Portland pulls plug on Terminal 1 warehouse homeless shelter plan

By Brad Schmidt

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Plans for a massive homeless shelter at a city-owned warehouse seem to be dead, after Portland Commissioner Dan Saltzman said Tuesday he planned to pursue "other options" for winter shelter.

But it was unclear whether Saltzman had killed the proposal in perpetuity or if the idea could resurface — with the proposal's mastermind, marquee developer Homer Williams, insisting he plans to press on.

Williams won Portland City Council's conditional support for a shelter in August, and Portland's housing director had hoped to finalize a deal last week. But a deal for the facility, at the old Terminal 1 building at 2400 NW Front Ave, was never signed.

Williams said he's still working on plans for a large homeless shelter campus that he will deliver to Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler when he takes office next year.

"This will only happen if our mayor-elect is willing to take over responsibility for homelessness and housing and make it his No. 1 priority," Williams said.

Wheeler said in a statement Tuesday that Williams' idea has "tremendous promise," but a solution will take more than that one site. Wheeler's comments come after he and Portland Commissioner Steve Novick visited a facility in San Antonio that Williams has credited as his inspiration.

"That conversation isn't over. I am committed to determining which elements of the Haven for Hope model -- and other promising models -- are appropriate for Portland," Wheeler said.

On Monday, Williams delivered a proposal that would have turned over operation of the shelter, called Oregon Harbor of Hope, to Ibrahim Mubarak, the co-founder of the Right 2 Dream Too homeless camp on Northwest Fourth Avenue and West Burnside.

Saltzman apparently wasn't impressed. In a statement Tuesday, he indicated the Housing Bureau would move on with shelter efforts at other locations.

"Due to the impending winter weather the city needs to open a winter shelter very soon," he said in the statement. "Unfortunately, Harbor of Hope will not be ready to open its shelter soon enough to meet the city's needs.

Williams said Saltzman's office wouldn't agree to allow Mubarak, who has co-founded two Portland homeless camps, to operate the facility.

Neither Saltzman nor his staff were immediately available to comment on his statement Tuesday night.

The Bureau of Environmental Services, which owns the warehouse, may move forward with plans to sell the building. But that'll only happen if Portland Commissioner Nick Fish, who oversees the bureau, "can be reassured this is a deal that is completely broken," policy adviser Jim Blackwood said.

To be ready for winter, Williams was supposed to be ready to house between 100 to 400 people.

Previously, Williams' plan was criticized for being too vague on details. He said it would be privately funded, and said Tuesday he had \$300,000 in cash toward the estimated \$400,000 needed to operate it. He said he could make the rest up.

The Portland Tribune

Google Fiber says no to Portland-area cities

By Geoff Pursinger

October 25, 2016

After months of speculation, Google made it official on Tuesday: its ultra-high-speed Internet service Google Fiber will not be coming to Portland, Hillsboro, Lake Oswego or any other Oregon city.

Google Fiber, the Internet service provider, has been toying with expanding to the Portland area since 2014, but in a letter to city officials on Tuesday, the company announced that it was pressing pause on its plans for the Portland area.

The company also announced on Tuesday that it would be laying off staff and replacing its chief executive officer, Craig Barratt, who will remain at the company as in an advisory capacity.

Google Fiber offers internet speeds of up to 1 gigabit per second, about 100 times faster than traditional broadband.

Hillsboro was one of six local cities negotiating to bring Google Fiber to Oregon, along with Beaverton, Portland, Tigard, Lake Oswego and Gresham.

"We're ever grateful to these cities for their ongoing partnership and patience, and we're confident we'll have an opportunity to resume our partnership discussions once we've advanced our technologies and solutions," Barratt wrote on the Google Fiber Blog on Tuesday.

Along with the Portland area, Google Fiber is halting expansions to Los Angeles, Dallas, Tampa, Jacksonville, Phoenix, San Diego, San Jose and Oklahoma City.

Google Fiber had planned to explode in growth to cities across the country, but has struggled to make that push. Since it launched in 2010, the service is available in only a handful of locations.

Some of the reason for that delay has been the high cost of fiber optics. Instead, the company is planning to shift from fiber optic cable service to wireless technology, which is much cheaper,

according to the Wall Street Journal, who reported in August that Google Fiber was planning to cancel its plans for expansion to Oregon, though at the time neither area city officials nor Washington County, which had hoped to bring Google Fiber to the communities of Metzger and Aloha, had been notified of the plan to pull out of the cities.

Saltzman pulls plug on Terminal 1 homeless shelter

*By Jim Redden
October 25, 2016*

Commissioner Dan Saltzman announced the homeless shelter planned for Terminal 1 is no longer being considered Tuesday afternoon.

The announcement came the day before the City Council is scheduled to vote on funds to pay for the lease for the property.

It also came after a day of conflicting statements by the shelter's supporters and those who oppose the possibility of it evolving into a permanent homeless multi-service center.

The shelter was been proposed by developer Homer Williams as the first phase of a large project called the Oregon Haven for Hope. Saltzman, who is in charge of the Portland Housing Bureau, released the following statement Tuesday afternoon:

"When Homer Williams approached me about the concept of a private sector project to provide homeless services I was more than intrigued, but excited about the prospect. We agreed to start with a privately funded short term winter shelter at Terminal 1.

"Due to the impending winter weather the City needs to open a winter shelter very soon. Unfortunately, Harbor of Hope will not be ready to open its shelter soon enough to meet the City's needs. We are therefore moving forward with other options for opening a winter shelter.

"I am very grateful to Homer Williams, Harbor of Hope and all of the private sector donors and supporters of the project. I hope to continue to engage them in efforts to work to shelter and house our communities most vulnerable unhoused residents."

Saltzman's office did not immediately respond to questions about what other options are being considered.

The council approved allowing the Portland Housing Bureau to lease the 18-acre industrial property from the Bureau of Environmental Services to open a shelter in a warehouse there on Aug. 10.

Voting for the lease were Saltzman, Mayor Charlie Hales, and Commissioner Steve Novick. Voting against it were commissioners Amanda Fritz and Nick Fish, who is in charge of BES.

On Monday, Williams sent Commissioner Dan Saltzman a packet of information on both proposal on Monday. In a cover letter dated Oct. 24, he noted the sub-lease with the Portland Housing Bureau, which Saltzman oversees, has still not been signed. The two bureaus have exchanged proposed leases that are still being reviewed.

"The absence of certainty has made many aspects off our preparation for this proposal — from fundraising to management recruitment and many other aspects — very difficult. Some of our estimates of cost are tentative as we have been allowed on the site on only three occasions for

a total of six hours during the last two and one-half months. In addition, the absence of a lease has precluded us from obtaining an insurance policy as we do not have adequate information for the carrier we have been working with for many weeks,” Williams wrote.

Despite that, Williams said the Oregon Harbor of Hope, as his proposal is called, would operate as a non-profit organization whose general manager will be Ibrahim Mubarak, a founder of both the Dignity Village and Right 2 DreamToo homeless camps.

But on Tuesday, the Portland Business Alliance wrote Saltzman to say that it only supports using Terminal 1 for temporary homeless center.

The letter from PBA President and CEO Sandra McDonough says that although the organization supports the concept of the Oregon Harbor of Hope, it does not believe Terminal 1 is an appropriate location. She notes that area businesses and others are preparing to challenge the council’s decision before the state Land Use Board of Appeals.

“The site has been roundly objected to and now faces legal challenges, As a result, we support de-coupling Haven of Hope from Terminal 1. By doing so, our hope is that Homer and his supporters can build on the momentum he has created to move the Haven of Hope concept forward,” wrote McDonough, who says the PBA is working to identify a short list of other locations for both temporary and permanent shelters.

You can read the letter here.

Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler also questioned using Terminal 1 while speaking at the PBA’s monthly breakfast forum last week. To read a previous Portland Tribune story on what he said, go to portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/328139-207970-wheeler-questions-plan-for-terminal-1-homeless-center.

The council is scheduled to consider an annual fall budget adjustment package that includes funds for the lease payments on Wednesday.

Former police Chief O'Dea faces misdemeanor charge in hunting accident

*By Pamplin Media Group
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Former Portland Police Chief Larry O’Dea was indicted Tuesday for a misdemeanor in connection with an April hunting accident that wounded his friend.

The indictment by a Harney County grand jury was for negligently wounding another person, a Class B misdemeanor. It focuses on an April 21 accident in which O’Dea shot and wounded Robert Dempsey during a hunting trip in the Catlow Valley area of Eastern Oregon.

O’Dea was accused of not being truthful when he was interviewed by a Harney County sheriff’s deputy during the shooting investigation.

O’Dea was police chief from January 2015 until he retired in June 2016.

Willamette Week

Former Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea Indicted in Harney County

By Nigel Jaquiss
October 25, 2016

A Harney County grand jury has returned an indictment for negligently wounding another against former Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea, according to the Oregon Department of Justice.

Negligently wounding another is a Class B misdemeanor.

WW first reported in May that O'Dea had accidentally shot a friend while on an April trip to Harney County.

As the story unfolded, it turned out that O'Dea had told the Harney County deputy who responded to the shooting scene a different story from the story he subsequently told his boss, Mayor Charlie Hales.

The deputy wrote in his report that O'Dea and his friends had been sitting in a semi-circle, drinking and shooting at sage rats. According to the deputy's report, O'Dea said he did not know how his friend, Robert Dempsey, who was hurt badly enough to be life-flighted to a hospital, had been shot.

But when O'Dea, returned to Portland, he told Hales he had accidentally shot Dempsey.

The conflicting stories led to an Oregon Department of Justice investigation and to O'Dea's resignation in late June.

O'Dea's attorney, Derek Ashton was not immediately available for comment.

Portland Police Bureau spokesman Sgt. Pete Simpson issued the following statement:

"This afternoon, the Portland Police Bureau was made aware of the grand jury indictment of former Chief Larry O'Dea. As there continues to be an ongoing internal investigation into the matter, the Bureau cannot offer any comment at this time."

A Bodyguard to Mayor Charlie Hales Reportedly Admitted Using Excessive Force as a Cop At Least 10 Times

By Rachel Monahan
October 25, 2016

One of Portland Mayor Charlie Hales' bodyguards is a retired Los Angeles County police officer who in 2010 reportedly admitted using excessive force at least 10 times.

That's an admission the mayor's office says it didn't know about until informed by WW this month—even though the Los Angeles Times reported it nearly three years ago.

The allegations come at a time when Hales is under fire for his lax oversight of the Portland Police Bureau and when citizens are outraged at the concessions he recently made to the Portland Police Association in closed-door contract negotiations.

Protesters angry about a new police union contract have swarmed City Hall, leading to tense confrontations and arrests. The former L.A. County cop, Michael D. Cohen, has faced off against protesters as part of City Hall's private security force.

Criminal justice activists are alarmed that a person with Cohen's history works in City Hall—and carries a gun while doing so.

"There are so many things about it that strike me as wrong," says Portland civil rights lawyer Ashlee Albies. "I don't see how Hales or his staff could miss that this would be a major concern. I find that incredibly offensive."

Cohen, 52, has worked on the City Hall security detail since early 2013. He rotates through posts guarding City Hall, the Portland Building and the mayor's office.

Cohen served as one of two sergeants-at-arms for the City Council on the morning of the Oct. 12 police contract vote, which was held behind closed doors after Hales became concerned protesters would attempt to "occupy" the meeting.

In December 2013, Cohen was the subject of the report by the Los Angeles Times, which obtained his hiring records.

"Officer Michael Cohen [...] admitted to knowingly using excessive force at least 10 times, obtaining official records for personal use at least 50 times and lying to supervisors or in reports at least 30 times, hiring records show," the Times wrote.

Hales' chief of staff, Tera Pierce, says her office can't be expected to know the full histories of people working in City Hall.

"The process of hiring our security is not handled in the mayor's office," says Pierce. "We have processes in place to make sure a rigorous background check was done before putting them in place. We have to trust our systems."

Cohen's job on Hales' security detail is part of a larger contract the city has had since 2006 with G4S Security Systems, a London-based multinational security firm formerly known as Wackenhut.

Originally a one-year contract worth \$1.1 million, it has grown over the past 10 years. The company currently has a five-year, \$6.9 million contract for its work with the city.

In 2010, Mayor Sam Adams outsourced the work of his security detail, previously handled by the Portland Police Bureau. The mayor's office says contracting out the work to a rotating crew of six or seven security guards provides a cost savings for the city.

As part of this detail, Cohen is responsible at times for keeping order in City Council sessions—which includes calling the police to eject protesters who disrupt public hearings.

Cohen has used physical force against protesters at least twice while working for Hales. Video footage appears to show him shoving a protester at a parade last year, though it's not clear from the footage who started the altercation.

Pierce defends Cohen's record of service in the mayor's security detail, where he has worked since early 2013.

"A few weeks ago, when we had a protest here in City Hall, he stood in front of our doors while getting shouted at," says Pierce. "I couldn't have handled it for five minutes. He stood there, calm and cool and collected."

The mayor's office also provided an email testimonial from Ronault "Polo" Catalani, who runs the New Portlander Policy Commission, the city's immigrant and refugee integration program, and observed protesters' recent interactions with Cohen.

"[Cohen's] demeanor is what folks in many if not most of our ethnic minority communities would call that of a kind elder uncle," writes Catalani. "His professional conduct, his personal style are an ideal I believe we should all emulate in times of conflict between Portlanders."

Cohen is tall and beefy, with a thick white mustache. He moves slowly and cautiously. Video obtained by WW of him interacting with protesters last month shows him chatting pleasantly with a massive crowd packed in the hallway outside the mayor's office door demanding to see the mayor.

"Why do you have gun on you?" asks one of the protesters.

"I'm one of the mayor's bodyguards," he says, fidgeting almost shyly, hands in his pockets. "You go to every city in United States. Usually, it's a police officer. We're the only city that uses retired police officers."

"You're a police officer?"

"Retired," Cohen corrects the protester, smiling and rubbing his nose. "I was not a police officer here in Portland. I was a police officer in Los Angeles."

When the Los Angeles Times reported Cohen's admission of using excessive force, the paper based its report on confidential hiring files from when Cohen applied to work for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, which took over the duties of the county's Office of Public Safety. (The L.A. County Office of Public Safety, where Cohen worked, had been eliminated that year as part of a county workforce reduction.)

As part of that application process, Cohen and other officers underwent a polygraph exam, according to an age-discrimination lawsuit later filed by Cohen and other officers, most of whom were denied jobs in the sheriff's office. In some cases, investigators for the sheriff's office who handled the hiring process asked follow-up questions to officers who failed the polygraph, according to the Times story.

It's not clear from the Times' reporting why exactly Cohen acknowledged the reported misdeeds, or if he made the admission during the polygraph. Under California law, the hiring files are confidential. (The Times and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department both declined to provide a copy of Cohen's file to WW.)

Cohen, who was never hired by the sheriff's department and retired from police duty after 21 years of service, declined WW's repeated requests to talk about his reported admissions. He was never prosecuted.

"Cohen disputes a lot of the information in the report," says Pierce, though she says Cohen acknowledges being disciplined two times for use of force within the first five years of becoming a police officer.

The information hid in plain view for nearly three years—a mere Google search away.

The mayor's office pointed to multiple background checks that Cohen has gone through. Between his retirement in Los Angeles in late 2010 and his services as the mayor's bodyguard, Cohen first went overseas for a year with G4S, requiring a federal background check the

mayor's office cited as stringent and proof of the company's own high standards. He then worked for a year as a manager in G4S's Portland office before starting at City Hall.

The Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training licensed Cohen as an armed and an unarmed security guard and as a trainer of unarmed guards beginning in early 2012. But DPSST doesn't conduct full background checks on applicants.

"We don't do Google searches on people," says Suzy Herring, program manager at DPSST. "We don't do reference checks or anything."

John Chandler, who oversees the mayor's safety detail for G4S, says he was also unaware of the allegations.

"Mike was part of the detail that was with the mayor when he met with the president," says Chandler. "You don't get through Secret Service unless you've been vetted very, very deeply."

He says City Hall security guards also receive an annual background check from the Portland Police Bureau, which would include an assessment of Cohen's job performance. But the background check conducted by the Portland Police Bureau is limited.

"It would not include researching Google, social media, etc.," says PPB spokesman Sgt. Pete Simpson. "All we are looking for is criminal information that would potentially prevent them from being in a secure area."

The decision by the mayor's office to downplay Cohen's past could add to Hales' reputation as detached from public concerns, particularly on policing.

This spring, when Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea accidentally shot a friend in the back on a hunting trip, Hales failed to acknowledge the shooting for more than three weeks, until after WW broke the news of the incident. Last week, The Oregonian reported that the U.S. Department of Justice took the mayor to task for his failure to immediately launch an investigation of O'Dea's hunting accident.

Mayor-elect Ted Wheeler, who takes office in January, declined to say whether Cohen would serve as one of his bodyguards.

"I have not decided if I will have a security detail, and I haven't decided how it would be organized or who would be part of it," says Wheeler. "I don't know Mr. Cohen. I do know this: Integrity and honesty are of great importance to me, and I expect my team to reflect those values."

The Portland Mercury

It's Official: Terminal 1 Won't Become a Homeless Shelter

By Dirk VanderHart

October 25, 2016

Update, 4:12 pm: The Terminal 1 dream is dead.

Less than an hour after we posted this, Housing Commissioner Dan Saltzman ended the suspense: The bid to put a homeless shelter at Terminal 1 is off.

In a statement to media, Saltzman says: "Unfortunately, Harbor of Hope will not be ready to open its shelter soon enough to meet the City's needs. We are therefore moving forward with other options for opening a winter shelter."

The announcement, coming amid pressure from lawyers, other officials, and the city's business community, appears to end any chance of Terminal 1 becoming a shelter space—to say nothing of the mecca for homeless services developer Homer Williams and his partners have pitched for months.

The property, which was for sale before this misadventure began, will "absolutely" go back on the market, according to Sonia Schmanski, chief of staff to Commissioner Nick Fish. Fish runs the Bureau of Environmental Services, which had been trying to reap millions from the sale of Terminal 1 before being instructed to halt by City Council.

What becomes of Williams' proposals—and the hundreds of thousands of dollars he'd raised to transform Terminal 1—is unclear. He didn't return calls asking for comment.

"I am very grateful to Homer Williams, Harbor of Hope and all of the private sector donors and supporters of the project," Saltzman said in his statement. "I hope to continue to engage them in efforts to work to shelter and house our communities most vulnerable unhoused residents."

ORIGINAL POST:

Call it Right 2 Dream Too 2.

After months of hazy details, Portland developer Homer Williams and his partners have finally announced an operator they'd like to run a new emergency shelter at the city's Terminal 1. In a document sent to city council members yesterday, Williams' nonprofit, Harbor of Hope, says it's tapping Ibrahim Mubarak as general manager.

Mubarak is the well-regarded co-founder of Right 2 Dream Too, the homeless rest area that's sat beneath the Chinatown Gate for the past five years (and is struggling in its attempts to move). And after months of quiet push and pull—in which more traditional shelter operators like Transitions Projects have balked—Harbor of Hope says Mubarak is the man to make its new 100-bed shelter a success.

"Ibrahim Mubarak is experienced in all aspects of managing a homeless shelter and programming and knows and is known by virtually all of the homeless leaders, advocates and organizations in Portland and beyond," reads a seven-page proposal [\[PDF\]](#) city officials received yesterday.

Harbor of Hope says Union Gospel Mission will also be affiliated with the project, though the extent of that involvement is unclear.

As we've written about before, the question of who would operate the Terminal 1 shelter on a day-to-day basis has loomed large among the many uncertainties surrounding the proposal.

But for all the good will that Mubarak and R2DToo have in this city, they might not be enough to quell those concerns. Officials have said repeatedly they're looking for a more-traditional service provider to operate the place. Inquiries about the arrangement sent to Housing Commissioner Dan Saltzman's office and the Portland Housing Bureau haven't been answered.

For his part, Mubarak confirms he intends to act as general manager of the Terminal 1 shelter, should it go forward. He says he'd like to establish a 24/7 service that operates a lot of like Right 2 Dream Too, albeit indoors and with more space.

But Mubarak's not oblivious to the fact the city might be skeptical.

"My understanding from what I'm hearing from some people that are involved in Harbor of Hope is that the city wants someone like [Transitions Projects] or [Central City Concern]," he says. "I think that's hitting below the belt for grassroots organizers. We can prove that we're doing things the right way because of the success of people who come here."

Mubarak cites hundreds of people who have gotten into housing, found jobs, or kept their children because of his group's help. He bristles at the notion that more established providers are seen as more qualified, despite that track record.

"We have more success," he says.

Again, the exact division of labor Williams and his group envision are a bit unclear. The group's proposals, which includes a 26-page business plan (see below), make mention of Union Gospel Mission (UGM) being involved, but don't give much detail. The charity runs an emergency shelter during the winter months, but doesn't have experience sheltering the houseless year round. Even so, officials like Marc Jolin, head of the county's new Joint Office of Homeless Services, have said UGM would be an adequate operator at Terminal 1.

Mubarak says UGM's role won't go that far. He anticipates the charity will act as a referral service for people who'd like a spot at the Terminal 1 shelter, screening out people who could cause problems.

Also hazy: How much money Harbor of Hope has raised to get the shelter going. The nonprofit estimates it'll take between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to make the space shelter-ready, and \$400,000-500,000 to run the shelter for six months. The organization appears to suggest it has that much lined up, writing in its proposal:

Oregon Harbor of Hope, Inc. has the funding necessary to operate the shelter for 6 months and more, with a fully-developed budget and the participation of professional medical, dental, mental health, architecture, construction, security, lighting, alarms, ventilation, food and social service providers, drawn from the private sector and at no direct cost to the public.

The group's business plan talks of three tiers shelter residents would be placed in, once admitted:

- a "transient pod" where residents would be given a mat until they show "an interest in staying in the facility on a nightly basis, an intent to follow the rules and an interested [sic] in becoming a part of the community...:"
- a "provisional pod" in which "they will be given the opportunity to serve others in the community with job opportunities within the facility"
- and "program pods where bed space and allocation is more significant than the provisional or transient pods."

The new details come at a crucial time for city and county officials. As winter sets in, there's a rush to identify new shelter space to keep Portland's ballooning homeless population out of the rain and cold.

It also comes as the Portland Business Alliance renews it's call that Terminal 1 be left for industrial uses. According to city hall sources, PBA President Sandra McDonough fired off an email today calling the property a distraction.

What happens next is anyone's guess. The Housing Bureau, which is supposed to lease Terminal 1 from the city's Bureau of Environmental Services, has been sitting on that lease agreement while it waits on specifics.

The terms of the lease could determine whether the city faces legal consequences for the arrangement. Local attorney John DiLorenzo argues it would be illegal for BES to lease the property at below market rate (Commissioner Nick Fish has said the same). The city received offers to purchase the 14.5-acre property for as much as \$10 million, before scuttling that process in order to create a shelter.

Here's the business plan Harbor of Hope submitted.

Former Police Chief Larry O'Dea Faces a Criminal Charge for Shooting His Friend

*By Dirk VanderHart
October 25, 2016*

Six months after he mistakenly shot a friend, ex Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea has been charged with a crime.

The Oregon Department of Justice revealed today that it had brought a count of negligently wounding another, a class-B misdemeanor, to a grand jury in Harney County. That jury has formally indicted the former chief. O'Dea could face up to six months in jail if convicted, though that almost certainly won't happen. He'd also be legally ineligible for a hunting license for a decade.

The indictment closes the door on one of the investigations that kicked in after O'Dea shot his friend, Robert Dempsey, during a Harney County camping trip on April 21.

Police reports from the incident suggested O'Dea may have been intoxicated at the time of the incident, and hadn't been forthright with police. But if state investigators turned up evidence of those things, they didn't convert them into criminal charges.

Kristina Edmundson, a spokesperson for the Oregon DOJ, declined to say whether the office had put other potential charges before the grand jury. The DOJ, not the Harney County District Attorney's Office, will handle the prosecution.

Now that the criminal investigation is over, the city's Independent Police Review (IPR) will finish up its own investigation into the internal process that seemed to give O'Dea special treatment not afforded to other officers involved in off-duty shootings.

O'Dea told his boss, Mayor Charlie Hales, of the shooting almost immediately. But no one bothered to mention to IPR that the shooting occurred, contravening city policy. Instead, the public (and most of the police bureau) didn't learn of the incident until late May, after Willamette Week caught wind of it.

"I trusted that the appropriate internal and criminal investigations were taking place," Hales said in a statement recently, after the US Department of Justice took him to task over the O'Dea incident. "City ordinances and policies govern all internal investigations of Police Bureau members. My role as Police Commissioner is intentionally separate from the investigative process."

Hales' spokesperson Brian Worley said this evening the mayor was in a compliance hearing over a city settlement with the US DOJ, and didn't have comment.

Another wrinkle: Though O'Dea readily copped to having fired the errant shot, no one called investigators in Harney County, who'd been under the impression—with help from O'Dea—that Dempsey mistakenly shot himself while shooting at ground squirrels.

The scandal eventually resulted in O'Dea retiring earlier than expected, an event that led Hales to scold media for its reporting (outlets were reporting from formal police reports, a common and long-held journalistic practice). Hales also said O'Dea would be at least partly cleared of wrongdoing when the investigation was over. Now he faces a criminal charge.

The indictment is short and sweet, not revealing much of what the DOJ turned up in the last five months. Former acting Chief Donna Henderson, PPB spokesperson Sgt. Pete Simpson, and formal Internal Affairs head Captain Derek Rodriques were all called to testify before the grand jury.

Here's a snapshot of the super-short indictment.

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vs.)	INDICTMENT
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LAWRENCE P. O'DEA,)	
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Defendant)	DA File #:

The above-named defendant is accused by the Grand Jury of Harney County, with the following offense(s):

COUNT I
NEGLIGENTLY WOUNDING ANOTHER
ORS 475.834
Class B Misdemeanor

The said defendant, on or about April 21, 2016, in Harney County, Oregon, did unlawfully and by failing to use ordinary care under the circumstances wound Robert Dempsey with a bullet from a firearm.

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The Portland Business Journal

Ex-Portland police chief indicted for Harney incident

*By Andy Giegerich
October 26, 2016*

Portland's former police chief will have to answer more questions about the shooting of a friend during a Southeast Oregon hunting trip.

As Portland Business Journal news partner KGW reports, former Portland police chief Larry O'Dea has been indicted for the April incident.

O'Dea was charged with negligently wounding another, a misdemeanor charge. A grand jury returned the indictment.

O'Dea faces up to six months in jail and a \$2,500 fine if convicted, according to KGW.

The former chief shot a friend during a hunting trip in Harney County on April 21, then reportedly misled investigators.

He was placed on paid administrative leave in May before retiring in June.

A DOJ spokeswoman said any proceedings would take place in Harney County.

O'Dea's attorney Derek Ashton said the former chief wasn't impaired at the time of the incident, nor did he "purposely point his gun at any person (or) knowingly discharge a firearm in the direction" of the victim, according to KGW.

Google Fiber halts fiber expansion, putting Portland's high-speed dreams on hold

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The final curtain may have dropped on Portland's Google Fiber hopes.

In a blog post today, Craig Barratt, senior vice president at Google parent company Alphabet and CEO of Access, the business unit responsible for the Fiber program, outlined changes in the business that include a halt on work for "potential fiber cities."

"For most of our 'potential Fiber cities' — those where we've been in exploratory discussions — we're going to pause our operations and offices while we refine our approaches," he wrote.

Portland has been on this list of potential cities since February 2014. Since then, the company has been working with Portland city officials to secure franchise agreements and other regulatory clearances. This includes adjustments to a state tax law pertinent to telecommunication companies. However, information surfaced over the summer that the Portland work was already over, though the company maintained the city was still in play.

In his post, Barratt, who is also stepping down as CEO of Access, said the company will be focused on new technology and deployment methods. That is likely a nod to the wireless technology Google acquired when it bought the company Webpass.

The Portland tech community was eager to have Google Fiber come to the city. The service is already available in nine metros including Kansas City; Austin, Texas; Atlanta and Charlotte, N.C.

Google Fiber promised super-fast internet speeds, including download speeds of up to 1 gigabit, or 1,000 megabits, per second. That's 100 times faster than the download speed of the average U.S. broadband subscriber and enough juice to download a digital movie in less than two minutes. Proponents hoped it would spur business growth and customer options.

In his post, Barratt offered a bit of hope for those still looking to Google and thanked the cities they have been working with.

"We're ever grateful to these cities for their ongoing partnership and patience, and we're confident we'll have an opportunity to resume our partnership discussions once we've advanced our technologies and solutions," he wrote.