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Hot Button responses: Stepped up security at City Council

By The Oregonian

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On Sunday, we asked another Hot Button question: Do you approve of Portland's stepped-up security measures, including police intervention, at unruly City Council meetings?

Today, we're publishing some of the responses. If you'd like to add to the discussion, please see the "Share your opinion" info box on this page and let us know what you think. Look for a new Hot Button question on Sunday.

Cycle of fear: History teaches us that when the people fear their police and their government, and when the police and government fear the people, democracy has already been destroyed. Fear begets fear. Fear begets exclusion. Fear begets violence.

As it stands right now, Portland police officers shoot to kill when they fear for their safety. They shoot to kill for noncompliance. They shoot citizens. Citizens object and protest.

Fear has spread now, from the police and the citizens to City Council. Rather than fix the problems of police and community, City Council seeks police protection inside City Hall. For months, the city has been criminalizing the First Amendment, has been seeking to abridge our right to petition our government for a redress of our grievances. Sooner or later, the police will harm somebody inside City Hall.

We are all locked in an irrational cycle of fear and violence from which no leadership is willing or able to set us free.

Kalei Luyben, Southwest Portland

Equal access:

The social media-led groundswell of a small group of miscreant City Council audience members has virtually denied the public access to one of our city's greatest examples of democracy: the right to publicly speak before our elected officials.

The resulting demonstrative, and frankly embarrassing, news reports of personal attacks on City Council members, including Mayor Ted Wheeler and his family at their home, have shown that Portland's City Hall and City Council meetings are, at best, unpredictable, and, at worse, a very dangerous place to be.

The loss of life, whether a young black man or four of our city's homeless, is horrible and tragic, and everyone in our City of Roses has collectively suffered as a result. However, those who are hiding behind these tragedies have only accomplished intemperate chaos and fear.

In the 1976 movie "Network," people were spurred by a deranged newscaster into screaming from their balconies "I'm as mad as hell, and I'm not going to take this anymore." As a homeless advocate, I count myself as one who is too often reminded of this sentiment. However, miscreant-led unruliness has silenced scores of voices that would otherwise be heard before the council, including my own, and that's not Portland.

Has there ever been a better time for constructive security measures that ensure equal access for all?

Jeff Woodward, Northwest Portland

ACLU concerned while federal prosecutors, Portland officials unclear about AG's memo on police reform pacts

By Maxine Bernstein

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Federal prosecutors in Portland are still trying to make sense of U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions' order requiring reviews of all U.S. Justice Department agreements on police reforms.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Oregon didn't get any alert or subsequent guidance about the order that arrived by email about 2:30 p.m. Monday.

In the [two-page memo titled "Supporting Federal, State, Local and Tribal Law Enforcement,"](#) Sessions said it's not the federal government's role to manage non-federal police agencies, but he urged "local control and local accountability." He also wrote that the "misdeeds of individual bad actors" shouldn't undermine the "legitimate or honorable" officers who work to keep the country safe.

He ordered his deputy attorney general and associate attorney general to do immediate reviews of all agreements, compliance reviews and existing or contemplated consent decrees.

Oregon officials said Tuesday that they remain committed to the settlement agreement between the city of Portland and the Justice Department forged after a 2012 investigation showed Portland police engaged in a pattern of excessive force against people with mental illness and sometimes used stun guns inappropriately.

What may distinguish Portland's agreement from others around the country is that the city sought federal involvement.

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, then police commissioner, invited the Justice Department to investigate the Police Bureau. Once the investigation was complete, the city reached an agreement with federal authorities to adopt reforms to police policies, training and oversight that a federal judge approved in 2014.

Oregon U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams said his office will continue to partner with the city, city attorneys, Portland's mayor, the Police Bureau, the police union, the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform and other community stakeholders to track the reforms.

"We will continue to pursue outcomes that both protect the civil rights of all community members and preserve the safety of law enforcement officers," he said in a statement.

Mayor Ted Wheeler, who serves as police commissioner, also expressed his commitment to the reforms.

"We won't allow the change of administrations in Washington, D.C., to get in the way of the positive vision we have for the PPB," said the mayor's spokesman, Michael Cox.

The city isn't meeting the community engagement piece of the wide-ranging agreement, having dissolved a community panel created to oversee the reforms and make recommendations. The city also is in mediation with Justice officials on the role of the federal judge in supervising the agreement and how often the judge can require parties to the case to appear before him to report on the progress of the reforms.

Under the current setup, any changes to the agreement would have to be approved by the judge. If the parties don't agree to the changes, the judge would hold a hearing to determine if the amendments are "fair, adequate and reasonable."

David Rogers, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, said Sessions' order affirms concerns raised when the conservative senator was first nominated to the cabinet post that he'd "abdicate" civil rights enforcement.

But he said it's too early to tell what impact Sessions' memo will have on Portland's settlement.

"DOJ often is the last hope citizens have when city government has been unable to address deep, deep concerns about police misconduct," Rogers said. "If the Department of Justice is pulling back, will city government feel like they no longer need to move forward? How are we going to increase officer accountability? Those are some of the issues at stake here."

The memo went to U.S. Attorneys Offices across the country, as well as other branches of the U.S. Department of Justice, such as the offices that provide technical assistance and grants to law enforcement, including the Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

More than \$120K of Portland taxpayers' money unaccounted for

*By Jessica Floum
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Portland's finance management office cannot account for more than \$120,000 spent by Office of Neighborhood Involvement employees from March 2016 to March 2017 using city issued credit cards.

The employees have yet to document what they bought and what it was used for, city officials said Tuesday.

The bureau's operations and business manager Amy Archer-Masters acknowledged in an email that this is a "serious" issue that she discussed repeatedly with the bureau's financial analyst, yet it went ignored, according to emails obtained by The Oregonian/OregonLive.

Portland's Chief Procurement Officer Christine Moody emailed the bureau's Interim Director Dave Austin and Archer-Masters on Monday, warning that she would suspend the credit cards used by 34 of the office's 64 employees if she did not see receipts by Sunday.

"ONI has been contacted repeatedly from my staff over the last year asking for batch receipts and the required documentation," Moody wrote in the email obtained by The Oregonian/OregonLive.

Austin required all the neighborhood office employees turn in their credit cards Tuesday. Purchasing card holders will be required to turn in their March 2017 receipts by the end of day Wednesday and receipts from the last year by Monday, he said.

"We're going to make sure this kind of fiscal inattention stops now," Austin said. "The public has every right to expect that their taxpayer dollars are being accounted for."

Austin took over as the bureau's interim director on March 22 following the ousting of long-time Office of Neighborhood Involvement Director Amalia Alarcon de Morris. Austin also serves as the deputy chief of staff to Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, who took over management of the neighborhood office in January. Commissioner Amanda Fritz led the office for more than five of the eight years before Eudaly.

Portland paid Alarcon de Morris \$144,000 to leave after she ran the office for 11 years. Her [quiet resignation](#) followed a [scathing November audit](#) that found the bureau lacked leadership and spent funding unequally and that Alarcon de Morris failed to create and execute yearly plans. Austin said Alarcon de Morris' management issues extended to reporting spending.

"Frankly speaking, I think there was a lot of apathy toward to the rules," Austin said. "I think it's both a management and staff issue. The rules are there. People need to follow them."

He said this failure to report finances and the recent audit are a reminder that managers and staffers need to be transparent.

"Commissioner Eudaly and I will continue to look at all the ways this bureau operates and look for ways to make improvements," he said.

More than 1,000 city employees across Portland's 37 bureaus have city-issued charge cards that they use for small purchases, said mayoral spokesman Michael Cox.

It is important that city employees follow city rules when using the cards, Cox said. Taxpayers expect accountability. But employees can't bust the city's budget by using them improperly, he said. Each bureau must pay any bills racked up by cardholders using its own funding, which is set at the beginning of each fiscal year, he said.

"The important thing is city policies are being followed with regards to use of those cards," Cox said. "The mayor appreciates that Commissioner Eudaly is taking a look under the hood of her bureaus, identifying problems and tackling them head on."

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Early Signs Point to a Spike in Portland Homelessness Over the Past Two Years

*By Rachel Monahan
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It's been more than two years since Portland has seen an official census of homeless people living on the streets.

That's two years of wondering: Is the housing crisis causing more homelessness?

The definitive answer comes as early as next month, when Multnomah County will release results of what's known as the point-in-time count, a census of people living on the streets during one week in February.

But already, there are early indications that a longtime social ill in Portland remains without solutions.

Reports of homeless camps spike.

Last week, Portlanders filed a record number of reports of homeless camps with the city. Jen Clodius, who tracks the data for the city's Office of Management and Finance, says it's not clear why the city saw a spike.

March 20-26: **503**
March 13-19: **402**
March 6-12: **354**
Feb. 27-March 5: **387**

Reports of transient vehicles rise.

Vehicles reported to Portland officials as housing people since June 13, 2016: **599**

Vehicles reported to Portland officials as housing people in the week ending March 26, 2017: **108**

Reports of used needles spike.

Downtown Clean & Safe, the security and janitorial nonprofit run by the Portland Business Alliance, keeps a record of "sharps"—needles used to inject intravenous drugs—removed annually from public rights of way in downtown. That number nearly doubled in one year. Lynnae Berg, executive director of the group, attributes the rise not simply to an increasing number of homeless people but to heroin use "skyrocketing" nationwide. "It's not just a Portland problem," she says.

Needles recovered in 2015: **9,897**

Needles recovered in 2016: **16,882**

Troubled Portland Bureau Didn't Track Staff's Credit-Card Spending for a Year

*By Rachel Monahan
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Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement managers and staff have failed to account for \$120,471.95 in credit card expenditures since March 2016.

In all, 33 ONI staffers have access to a city-issued credit card, as did former bureau director Amalia Alarcón de Morris, who resigned last month. City staff are required to submit all receipts for the purchases every month, but ONI as a bureau has failed to account for its staff's spending in 11 of the last 12 months.

For July of 2016, the bureau missed the deadline, but ultimately submitted receipts for more than \$13,000 in purchases to the city's Procurement Services office, as required.

Interim ONI Director David Austin, who has been on the job only since March 22, took the unusual step of asking all 33 staff members to turn in their credit cards by end of day today.

It's the latest indication that the bureau suffered from mismanagement under Alarcón de Morris.

A November [report by the city auditor](#) found that the bureau had failed to fund neighborhood coalitions equitably and had no plans to fix the problem.

The revelations of accounting problems raise the question of financial misdeeds, though Austin says there's "no indication" of any spending improprieties at this point.

"There's no indication that anyone bought anything that was outside of a connection to work," he says. "We knew that there were some issues with the bureau. This is a reminder that we have to continually be on the lookout for issues around public spending. We need to be transparent about those. We need to be willing to acknowledge problems and fix them immediately."

ONI is embarking on a thorough review by managers of all expenditures dating back to March 2016. By Monday, the bureau will turn receipts or paperwork to document the expenditures, and a meeting is called for Thursday for all ONI staffers with credit cards, Austin says.

"This is not an exercise. This is a new order of the day," he says.

In January, Mayor Ted Wheeler reassigned the bureau from City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, who previously oversaw ONI. Wheeler told WW in December it was [the bureau most in need of reform](#), and [gave the bureau](#) to Commissioner Chloe Eudaly in January.

Alarcón de Morris last month agreed to resign in exchange for a [severance payment of a year's salary](#).

The city's procurement officer threatened to seize the ONI credit cards this month if the bureau missed its deadline again for submitting receipts.

In an email to Austin on Monday, Amy Archer, the bureau's operation manager, discussing the problem, noted, "This is a serious issue we have discussed repeatedly."

Wheeler's office praised Eudaly's work with the bureau.

The mayor "appreciates that Commissioner Eudaly is taking a look under the hood of her bureaus, identifying problems, and tackling them head-on," says mayoral spokesman Michael Cox.

Oregon House Passes No-Cause Eviction Ban By Narrow Margin

By Nigel Jaquiss

April 4, 2017

[House Bill 2004](#), a high-profile attempt to address Oregon's tight housing market, passed by a narrow 31-27 margin today on the House floor.

The bill would allow local jurisdictions such as the city of Portland to prohibit no-cause evictions, which have become increasingly common as markets have tightened.

The bill is part of a number of housing measures aimed at alleviating pressure on tenants championed by House Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland) and other metro-area lawmakers.

Although Democrats control the House by a 35 to 25 margin, Kotek struggled to get the votes she needed.

Rep. Brad Witt (D-Clatskanie), for instance, one of a half dozen moderate Democrats in the caucus, voted against the bill. In a floor speech, Witt acknowledged Oregon's housing market is extremely tight but said he feared restricting landlords' rights would make things worse.

"This bill threatens to exacerbate our existing crisis," Witt said.

Another moderate Democrat, Rep. Jeff Barker (D-Aloha) grudgingly provided Kotek a "yes" vote and made it clear if not for absence of state Rep. Debbie Boone (D-Cannon Beach), who was absent because of a family medical issue, he would also have voted "no."

"I do not like this bill," Barker said on the floor. "But I'm going to vote 'yes' for my good friend and colleague Debbie Boone."

The measure now moves to the Senate, which Democrats control 17-13, but whose members are typically more conservative than House Democrats.

Dan Saltzman Again Seeking to Make Children's Levy Permanent

By Nigel Jaquiss

April 3, 2017

The Oregon Senate Finance and Revenue Committee this morning held a work session on [Senate Bill 123](#), which would accomplish a long-held hope of City Commissioner Dan Saltzman—making the Portland Children's Levy into a permanent taxing district.

Voters created the [Children's Levy](#) in 2002 at Saltzman's behest to fund a variety of programs for needy kids. Voters then re-authorized the levy in 2008 and 2013. It currently generates about \$15 million a year.

Saltzman, who took office in 1999 and is by far the longest-serving city commissioner, told WW in December he plans to run a sixth term next year. There's no question he'd like to cement his legacy by making the levy permanent, so after he'd left office his successors won't need to convince voters to fund it every five years.

Saltzman pushed the same idea in 2014 but came up short. He faces opposition again this year from the [Special Districts Association of Oregon](#) and the [Association of Oregon Counties](#). Opponents say creating a new taxing district may overlap with services already offered by school and parks districts and could divert money from other taxing authorities.

[In testimony he submitted for an earlier hearing on the bill](#), Saltzman said without the Children's Levy, as many as 30,000 kids "could enter school unprepared for kindergarten."

The bill passed out of committee today on a four to one vote.

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Hall Monitor: Tickets, Please!

By Dirk VanderHart

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An air of curiosity hung thick over the Portland Building last week.

After months of repeated outbursts, profanities hurled at Mayor Ted Wheeler and other city council members, and routine meetings taking far longer than they should, we were told to expect something new. Wheeler had a plan for combatting the protests, and he [wasn't offering details](#) in advance.

What was clear is that the strategy was created under duress. Commissioner Nick Fish had recently [taken the perhaps-unprecedented step](#) of forbidding his office and bureau staff from setting foot in City Council meetings, calling a particularly raucous meeting on March 22 "the worst council hearing I've attended since I was elected."

Fish, a former employment lawyer, said he was no longer willing to subject his staff to harassment from the crowd—then he reversed course. Deciding Wheeler had put together a solid plan, Fish rescinded the order.

"It's fair to say the mayor intends to use all the tools available to him, and his patience has run out," he told me. "I'm now satisfied that we will in fact be restoring order in our council meetings."

So what were these brave tools?

Admittance tickets, for starters.

Upon entering last week's hearing, attendees had their bags run through by contract security guards—a first in my experience. Then they were presented with a dated, numbered, salmon-colored ticket of unclear significance: "CITY COUNCIL, March 29, 2017."

I asked a guard what it was for. He wasn't sure.

I queried staffers in a couple commissioners' offices. They'd not known these were coming.

Eventually, a spokesperson for Wheeler told me the tickets were meant as signs of security clearance, like a hand stamp at a bar. They were to show that you'd been checked, and didn't have anything on you.

There was another tool, too, also wrought from cardstock: a notice that security guards will apparently hand to anyone who's interrupting proceedings going forward.

"You have engaged in disruptive behavior affecting the orderly conduct of the Council meeting," it reads in part. "You are directed to immediately leave the council meeting. You will be subject to removal and arrest for trespass if you do not do so."

This isn't too different from the verbal warning Wheeler has delivered at meetings again and again, and he has rarely had anyone removed or arrested. Now, perhaps, there is a suggestion that the removals and arrests are coming.

But if that's the case, we didn't see any evidence last week. Just two people attempted to disrupt the meeting, and both left voluntarily after being warned they could be arrested.

It might seem like a promising start—until you consider the fact that the building was on lockdown.

As the city council meeting proceeded placidly, police were outside the Portland Building, [arresting protesters](#) who were demanding justice for Quanice Hayes, the 17-year-old killed by police in February.

Which means there's still an air of curiosity. We now know Wheeler's plan. Will it work when he actually lets people in the building?

The Secret Naughty List

By Dirk VanderHart

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Wells Fargo wanted to talk.

It was August 2016, and as Portland inched closer to acting on recommendations that the city cease investing millions in the bank, Wells Fargo executives hoped to stop the process.

The bank's Oregon region president, Tracy Curtis, penned a letter [[PDF](#)] to the city's [Socially Responsible Investments Committee](#) (SRIC), which was close to formally suggesting Portland add Wells Fargo to its "do-not-buy" list. Another bank employee—a senior vice president based in San Francisco—followed up by email and phone, offering to meet in person.

For advocates of the SRIC, the response was telling. Though corporate divestment campaigns are frequently written off as merely symbolic, SRIC members say Wells Fargo's concern showed it was keen on avoiding the stigma of being listed as a bad actor by a major American city.

Nearly nine months later, the bank might get its wish. Portland's on the verge of ensuring Wells Fargo and others won't have to worry about such public shaming.

In an interesting about-face, the Portland City Council will consider scotching the SRIC, created in late 2014 to help ensure Portland was investing ethically.

Instead, Mayor Ted Wheeler is proposing moving the city's do-not-buy list behind closed doors. Wheeler and Treasurer Jennifer Cooperman want to move away from the SRIC's public hearings, and instead employ a secretive ratings system that ensures Portlanders have little idea which companies have been blacklisted.

For people who support the SRIC process, the proposal defeats the purpose.

"It's not about the financial impact," says Hyung Nam, a Portland high school teacher and SRIC member. "It's about the public image that these corporations care about so much."

Portland is required by state law to adopt an investment policy each year, but the pronounced changes being pushed this time reflect a central conflict in how that policy should be carried out.

On one hand, officials like Wheeler—the former Oregon state treasurer—and Cooperman think of investments largely in terms of reaping maximum returns, feeling that's a responsible use of public money.

Asked about divestment policies late [last year](#), a spokesperson for Wheeler said they are "not typically center-of-target."

On the other hand, some groups believe the city should be making a statement with the roughly \$1.5 billion it invests in corporate securities, and refuse to do business with companies that behave shabbily.

Doing so publicly can at times make officials uncomfortable. Last year, in its first major report, the SRIC recommended the city put nine additional companies on its do-not-buy list, which already included Walmart and fossil fuel companies.

Wells Fargo was singled out partly for its role helping finance private prison companies. Caterpillar, the most contentious recommendation, was listed partly because its bulldozers are used to raze homes in the West Bank. Amazon was also included in the report, as were Nestlé and a number of banks.

But City Council waffled, with even then-Commissioner Steve Novick, who'd pushed the creation of the SRIC, voicing concern about the scope of the committee's recommendations.

Instead of voting on adding specific companies to the do-not-buy list, commissioners instead placated the audience by [electing not to purchase bonds](#) from any corporation until this year, after the city had adopted its latest investment policy.

Activist groups claimed victory, but the proposal that's surfaced under Wheeler has inspired disdain.

"The mayor's investment policy backslides from a system that city council did not give a chance to work, and replaces it with an undemocratic, secretive process," says Jamie Trinkle of the group Enlace, which has pushed heavily for divestment from private prison companies. "This is not in line with the city's values and its unanimous support of becoming a sanctuary city, of supporting fossil fuel divestment, of asserting support for Standing Rock."

Wheeler's proposal is to use a system from New York-based firm MSCI that rates corporations on their "environmental, social, and governance-related business practices" (ESG for short). Portland spends \$37,500 a year to subscribe to the ratings service, and agrees to keep the data secret.

"The contract obligates the City to not disclose MSCI's detailed ESG methodology or individual company ESG-ratings," reads a memo Cooperman wrote in February.

Under the proposal, the City of Portland would only be allowed to invest in companies that meet MSCI's middle-of-the-road "BBB" rating or higher. According to Cooperman, using that baseline would allow Portland a pool of roughly 24 companies it could invest in. (Walmart and fossil fuel companies would still be explicitly off limits.)

What are those companies? The city won't say. Even when the Mercury asked for a list divorced completely from companies' ratings, the city refused, saying that MSCI "confirmed they would consider the requested information proprietary as the ratings are their intellectual property."

Activists aren't just worried about this secrecy. They've suggested the policy could flout state law by giving undue influence over investments to a private firm. And they're worried that the ratings system doesn't consider issues properly, being more concerned with how corporate actions might affect a company's bottom line than society at large.

Nam points to a 2015 rating from MSCI on Wells Fargo [\[PDF\]](#)—which is supposed to be secret, but which he says he found posted publicly on the company's site. It lists 14 factors MSCI could theoretically take into account for the rating. But as Nam points out, the document gives no

weight to three you'd think would be biggies: "carbon emissions," "labor management," and "business and ethics fraud."

The result? Wells Fargo earned a "B" rating in 2015, too low to be considered under the plan the city is considering.

Then again, the rating might have changed since then. There's no way to know.

By PBOT's Latest Tally, More Than a Dozen Biketown Racks Were Vandalized Last Night

By Dirk VanderHart

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Portland officials now count more than a dozen Biketown racks struck by vandals at some point last night.

As [first reported](#) by BikePortland this morning, an unknown number of the lumbering orange steeds were hit last night by a group calling itself Rose City Saboteurs. The assailants sprayed the bike's rear-mounted computers with paint, cut spokes, and slashed tires.

Dylan Rivera, a spokesperson for the Portland Bureau of Transportation, tallied a list of more than a dozen stations affected while on the phone with the Mercury. In a press release, PBOT says more than 200 bikes have been hit.

The vandalism appears to have roots in gripes—voiced even before Biketown began last year—that the system is festooned in Nike branding. A photo posted to BikePortland shows a placard on one bike rack that reads: "This Biketown is now closed. Our city is not a corporate amusement park."

But Rivera points out that all the vandals have really done is limited sustainable transportation options for Portlanders. True, [Nike paid millions](#) to sponsor the system (in turn making it feasible for Portland to have large-scale bike share), but the equipment actually belongs to the City of Portland.

"The important thing that everyone needs to know is that these are publicly owned bikes," Rivera says. "This is a public transit system. Vandalizing Biketown is no different than vandalizing a TriMet bus and has a similar impact on sustainable transportation."

Rivera says PBOT is still taking stock of what the damage will cost. Local companies are reportedly chipping in to help with repairs.

It's worth noting that the hit to publicly available bicycles comes at a particularly rough time. With the [Morrison Bridge significantly hobbled for the next six months](#), traffic into downtown this morning was a nightmare. Vandalized stations in southeast and northeast Portland could theoretically help cut down on that congestion.

PBOT is appealing to the public to help catch the vandals.

Anyone who sees someone in the act of vandalism or other crime in progress should call 9-1-1 immediately.

Anyone with information about the vandalism to BIKETOWN facilities should contact Officer David Sanders, of the Portland Police Bureau, at david.sanders@portlandoregon.gov.

Meanwhile, Biketown today was asking for another kind of assistance.

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Planning committee members set to stay

By Chuck Slothower

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Members of the Planning and Sustainability Committee are due to be reappointed at Wednesday's Portland City Council meeting.

Jeff Bachrach, Michelle Rudd, Katherine Schultz, Chris Smith and Mike Houck are set to be reappointed for terms to expire on May 31, 2021. Each is a current member whose first term is expiring.

Mayor Ted Wheeler is also asking the council to extend the terms of Gary Oxman and Margaret Tallmadge two additional months, until May 31.

The committee has 11 members. Seven members' terms are expiring.

In a memo to commissioners, Wheeler stated that extended service of Oxman and Tallmadge is necessary to finish work on the Central City 2035 project. The committee has been working on it for the past five years.

The Central City 2035 plan is a major rewrite of Portland's zoning code for the heart of the city. The document lays out height limits and use restrictions in certain areas.