

## The Oregonian

### Mayor Ted Wheeler will consider dropping Wells Fargo as city's bank

*By Jessica Floum*

*March 2, 2017*

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler says the city will seek alternatives to depositing city money at Wells Fargo in an effort to stop providing financial support to a bank that is financing the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline.

He made the announcement Tuesday day on Twitter.

The city will choose its next bank using criteria that will include socially responsible business practices, Wheeler wrote.

Seattle's City Council [voted earlier this month](#) to sever its ties to Wells Fargo in 2018. Several California cities and the University of California system also have voted to stop using Wells Fargo out of concern for the Standing Rock Sioux. The tribe's drinking water and sacred sites could be affected by the pipeline near their reservation.

Wells Fargo officials have said the company is one of 17 institutions funding the pipeline.

Portlanders have held [public protests targeting Wells Fargo](#) for its financial support of the four-state pipeline project.

Wheeler said in his Tweet that he has directed city finance staff to bring him a plan for soliciting and evaluating proposals from additional banks to handle city money.

### Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler to clamp down on protests at City Council meetings

*By Jessica Floum*

*March 2, 2017*

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said he will impose new rules allowing him to eject disruptive people from Portland City Council meetings after jeering protesters again prevented the council from doing city business Wednesday.

The council ultimately finished its work on city contracts, policies and spending behind locked doors.

Wheeler failed to quell chanting, taunting and even laughter from dozens of protesters who kept commissioners from talking to each other and hearing from staffers or the public.

Wheeler paused the meeting twice in the hopes protesters would settle down, and ultimately moved the meeting to behind locked doors at City Hall.

The council allowed constituents to watch the hearing from a viewing room in the nearby Portland Building and invited people to sign up to testify on specific items, at which point they were escorted to City Hall.

"I personally find that unacceptable," Wheeler said at the closed council meeting. "There are a lot of people who signed up to testify. They would like to come in and be heard, and we're going to provide a safe environment for that to happen...This is not how I would like to run City Council meetings."

[Protesters have repeatedly shut down the City Council meetings](#) at Portland City Hall since Wheeler's first day in office.

Wheeler will introduce a policy next week that would allow the council's presiding officer to eject people for disruptive, dangerous or threatening behavior for as long as 24 hours. It also would create "administrative exclusions" that permit the person in charge to exclude a disruptive individual for as long as a year, provided the city sends a written notice and gives the individual the opportunity to appeal in writing.

A [federal judge ruled](#) in December 2015 that excluding a person from a council meeting based on past behavior violates that individual's First Amendment rights.

Mayoral spokesman Michael Cox said U.S. District Judge Michael Simon based his judgment on the "vagueness" of city code. The new policy is meant to make the code less vague, and therefore "more constitutional," he said.

"We feel the code changes will allow us to conduct the business of the people, minimize disruptions, and pass judicial muster," Cox told The Oregonian/OregonLive in a text message.

"Nothing in this judgment shall be construed to limit the city's ability to adopt and implement an alternative exclusion ordinance consistent with this judgment and the court's opinion and order," [Simon's judgment](#) said.

## **Portland City Council holds off on adding to homeowners' duties to maintain trees on city land**

*By Jessica Floum*

*March 1, 2017*

Portland Commissioner Nick Fish on Wednesday asked the City Council to hold off on adopting a [change to the city's tree code](#) that could require Portland homeowners to cut down trees on city-owned land.

The change was buried in a series of technical fixes to various city codes up for vote by the council Wednesday.

Current code requires property owners to take care of dying or dangerous trees on their own property, "any adjacent sidewalks, planting strips and trees fronting or upon such private property."

The changes would add "adjacent unimproved or partially-improved rights-of-way" to the places where private property owners are required to remove problem trees.

"I have a few questions of my own," Fish told The Oregonian/OregonLive.

Fish said he questioned whether the city should introduce the "new requirement." He said he wondered whether the community reviewed the change, whether the cost of removal is reasonable and whether the city should waive costs in cases of hardship.

City officials introduced the changes after the Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau's Urban Forestry department told three Southwest Portland homeowners that they were liable for maintaining trees on city-owned property more than 50 feet from their home.

The parks bureau waived the requirement after homeowners Kathleen Ward and Rita Snodgrass appealed, arguing the existing city code did not require them to remove trees.

## **Mother of teen killed by police gives tearful statement to Portland City Council**

*By Allan Brettman*

*March 1, 2017*

This story was updated at 4:46 p.m. to include additional comment from Mayor Ted Wheeler.

The mother of Quanice Hayes, a 17-year-old robbery suspect police shot and killed last month in Northeast Portland, delivered a tearful statement Wednesday morning to the City Council.

About 100 people filled the chamber to near-capacity, both in support of Venus Hayes and her family as well as drawing attention to allegations of excessive police use of force at recent public demonstrations.

Afterward, a chaotic scene ensued outside the council chambers, with Mayor Ted Wheeler telling a crowd about his desire to have a thorough investigation of the killing.

In her three-minute statement, Hayes emphasized that her son could have been anyone's child in Portland -- shot and killed under what she described as questionable circumstances and with little subsequent information from official sources. Hayes said she has not seen the state medical examiner's autopsy report and knows only that her son was shot three times and died instantly when one of the officer's bullets entered his head.

"My son was born and raised in Portland," Hayes said to council members, her voice cracking with emotion. "Quanice was not a thug or a gang member or some homeless street kid. ... He was a vibrant, ambitious teen who like most kids was at times a little rebellious. He was my child. His life mattered."

At that, several supporters erupted in shouts of "yeah."

Hayes continued: "I want to know why he was killed. I'm asking the public to stand with my family as we seek answers. I am asking the public to stand by us as we demand justice. Let my son's life be the means of change."

She concluded by asking people who may have been witnesses to the Feb. 9 incident to contact the family's attorney, Portland police, their pastor or "any of the main advocacy groups in Portland."

When she was done, Wheeler said, "Thank you so much." The mayor continued to speak but was drowned out by chants of, "Say his name! Quanice Hayes!"

Wheeler stood up, walked around the arc-shaped council table and up to Hayes, then gave her a hug.

As shouting continued, the mayor called for a five-minute recess and left the chambers, leaving Commissioners Chloe Eudaly, Dan Saltzman and Nick Fish at the table. (Commissioner Amanda Fritz was absent.)

As Wheeler left the chamber, a woman called out, "Can you say his name?"

"Quanice Hayes," Wheeler said quietly.

Shortly after Wheeler returned, Hayes and about a half dozen family members left.

Outside the chambers, Terrence Hayes, cousin of Quanice Hayes, delivered a separate statement about the family's desire to have more information about the circumstances of the killing.

"Moose Quanice Hayes was an Oregonian before he was anything else," Hayes said, using his cousin's nickname. "He was born here, he was raised here and he was murdered here."

Terrence Hayes faulted media for the way in which the case has been reported, and he repeated Venus Hayes' frustration about the lack of information from official sources.

"All media outlets have allowed themselves to be manipulated by these entities," Terrence Hayes said, referring to Portland police's version of events. "Neither robbery, theft, menacing, property damage or any crimes like this are punishable by death.

"Oregonians have been deceived into believing that an officer can execute another Oregonian just because he may or may not be guilty of a crime."

Officer Andrew Hearst shot Hayes three three times on the morning of Feb. 9. Police have said they believed Hayes robbed a man who was sitting in his car outside the Portland Value Inn at 1707 N.E. 82nd Ave. about 7:20 a.m. A motel employee said the suspect took the man's Oregon food benefits card.

Officers searched the neighborhood and later encountered Hayes outside a home on Northeast Hancock Street, where Hearst shot and killed him. Police said they found a replica gun near Hayes. Police haven't said what prompted Hearst to fire.

As a crowd grew around Terrence Hayes and Venus Hayes, Wheeler appeared and ventured into its midst but was greeted by jeers.

"I want a full and transparent investigation," Wheeler said over the shouting, adding that he wants the transcript of the grand jury that hears evidence in the shooting to be made public after its work is completed.

Wheeler, who also serves as police commissioner, said he was frustrated by how long it would take for an official account of the shooting to be released to the public. Officials have said it would take at least six weeks for a grand jury to consider the circumstances of the shooting before declaring whether the police officer was justified in firing the fatal shots.

In addition to looking at the shooting, Wheeler said as police commissioner he wanted to "look at all use of force protocols. My goal has been to de-escalate, de-escalate."

After the council meeting, Wheeler said in an interview with The Oregonian/OregonLive that he and council members appreciated hearing from the Hayes family.

"They were very thoughtful in their testimony and we all appreciated it," Wheeler said, adding that he left the council chamber momentarily after the testimony because "it was an extremely emotional and powerful moment, and any time a mother loses her child ... that's a tragedy."

The mayor also said he hoped protesters "would believe they had heard what the family had to say and they would allow the meeting to go on."

Wheeler, who became mayor two months ago, said the officer-involved fatal shooting has had an emotional impact.

"This is a very intense," he said. "I have a kid. It means something to me when any young person in this community loses their life. The fact that it happened in an officer-involved shooting makes it very personal to me as the police commissioner."

## **Family of teen shot by Portland police to speak before council meeting**

*By Allan Brettman*

*March 1, 2017*

Several family members of Quanice Hayes, the 17-year-old boy shot to death three weeks ago by police responding to an armed robbery, made a statement Wednesday morning critical of the investigation into Hayes' death.

The family's appearance coincided with a gathering at the same time by the group #ResignTed. That group believes Mayor Ted Wheeler should resign over police use of force during local protests and his handling of the city's homeless crisis.

A #ResignTed news release also criticized Wheeler for failing to meet with Hayes' family, contending that he said he would do so.

However, Wheeler spokesman Michael Cox told The Oregonian/OregonLive on Tuesday that the mayor hadn't previously said he would meet with Hayes' family.

"What he said is if they wanted to talk to him, he certainly would," Cox said. "He didn't want to force a conversation on them that they might not want to have."

A police officer shot Hayes three three times on the morning of Feb. 9. Police have said they believed Hayes robbed a man who was sitting in his car outside the Portland Value Inn at 1707 N.E. 82nd Ave., about 7:20 a.m. A motel employee said the suspect took the man's Oregon food benefits card.

Shortly after, police responded to a report of a car prowling at the nearby Banfield Pet Hospital, Sgt. Pete Simpson said. They encountered Hayes, who fled, Simpson said.

Officers searched the neighborhood and later encountered Hayes outside a home on Northeast Hancock Street, where Officer Andrew Hearst shot and killed him, Simpson said. Police said they found a replica gun near Hayes.

Police haven't said what prompted the officer to fire.

# Portland homeowners could have to cut down city's trees

*By Jessica Floum*

*March 1, 2016*

The Portland City Council is slated to vote Wednesday to approve a tree rule, buried in a series of technical fixes to city code, that would expand Portland property owners' liability for maintaining trees on publicly owned property.

This code change could cost property owners like Kathleen Ward, Rita Snodgrass and their neighbors as much as \$3,500.

Those Southwest Portland homeowners were shocked when they received notices last year from the Portland Parks & Recreation Bureau's Urban Forestry ordering them to remove two trees across a small wooded area, down a slope and more than 50 feet away from their Southwest Portland properties.

Current code requires property owners to take care of dying or dangerous trees on their own property, "any adjacent sidewalks, planting strips and trees fronting or upon such private property."

In what city planners say is merely a technical fix, they asked the City Council to add "adjacent unimproved or partially-improved rights-of-way" to the places where homeowners are on the hook to remove problem trees. That would require owners to remove trees on land they don't own, never use and, potentially, can't access from their properties.

The city office said in the March notice that it would charge Ward and Snodgrass the costs of removing a maple tree and a cherry tree leaning toward Southwest Multnomah Boulevard--on a wide strip of public land beyond their home at the end of a cul-de-sac--if they would not remove the trees themselves. It would also charge them a \$1,000 penalty and place a lien on their property, the notice warned.

The notice said a city tree removal code required them to remove the trees.

"We were pretty stunned," Snodgrass said.

The trees are not visible from the couple's yard and, due to a steep dropoff on the publicly owned land, cannot be accessed from their property. They had to travel out of their neighborhood and out onto Multnomah Boulevard "to see what they were talking about," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass and Ward found out neighbor John Matcovich was also told to remove four trees and neighbor Carl Stroup was told to remove three. The neighbors received a quote from a tree company that said they would have to pay \$3,500, including an \$800 fee to control traffic on the city boulevard and \$300 in fees to the city to turn off a traffic light, according to quote from Evergreen Tree Services.

When Snodgrass and Ward complained to parks bureau workers, officials told them budgetary needs had influenced their decision. Snodgrass said parks officials told her: "Well our budgets have been cut and we just don't have the money to maintain these spaces."

"They're basically foisting this big liability on a small handful of homeowners," Snodgrass said.

Snodgrass and Ward then complained to Portland's [Office of the Ombudsman](#), an independent city office that investigates complaints about the city. Deputy Ombudsman Tony Green spoke to the Urban Forestry department. Officials told Green that the code was on the agency's side and that each neighbor would have to pay \$100 to appeal the decision.

Green said he brought the complaint to the attention of Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz, who agreed to waive the appeals fees.

Fritz did not respond to a text requesting comment. Her office is closed this week [while her staff participates in a diversity workshop in Arizona](#).

Green says it is not crystal clear whether the city's current code in fact requires some homeowners to remove trees from public property. He wanted an impartial hearings officer to answer that question, he said.

Instead, city officials are pushing a change in the rule that would make it crystal clear that homeowners like Snodgrass do have to pay to care for trees on public right-of-way if that land adjoins their property at any point.

Parks & Recreation Bureau spokesman Mark Ross did not make officials from the parks bureau or Urban Forestry available for comment Tuesday.

City Planner Jeff Caudill said the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability considered the tree code change a technical one because it better aligns Portland property owners' liability for taking care of trees with their liability for maintaining unimproved streets. Those distinct responsibilities are laid out in separate codes with different definitions of key terms.

## **Portland considers emergency speed limit reduction on SE Division**

*By Elliot Njus  
March 1, 2017*

Portland is set to declare a safety emergency on outer Southeast Division Street and unilaterally reduce speed limit after a spate of traffic deaths.

The City Council will vote Thursday on the proposal to lower the speed limit from 35 to 30 mph on a 4.5-mile stretch from 82nd Avenue to the city border.

The Oregon Department of Transportation typically has jurisdiction over speed limits. But Portland plans to use a state law that allows for a 120-day emergency speed limit.

"We're doing this because Division really is a death corridor," said Commissioner Dan Saltzman, who oversees the city's Transportation Bureau. "We feel that this is the quickest route to do it. We think there's a safety threat on Division now."

Five people died in traffic crashes on outer Division Street in 2016, a year that saw 44 traffic fatalities citywide, the most since 2003.

Portland and other cities have pursued lower traffic speeds as a way to reduce traffic fatalities, particularly involving pedestrians. A 2011 study of traffic fatalities by the AAA Foundation

showed that a pedestrian's chances of surviving being hit by a car are greater at lower speeds, but those chances begin to diminish faster when the car is traveling in excess of 32 mph.

City transportation officials have long chafed under the state's legal authority over speed limits, which extends even to the most minor side streets. It's lobbying for more control over speed limits as part of its Vision Zero plan to end traffic fatalities in the city by 2025.

Typically, a city would ask the state to conduct a traffic study and consider a speed zone change. If city and state transportation officials disagree on the finding, the city can appeal to the state's Speed Zone Review Panel.

The city is within its rights to temporarily impose a lower speed limit under the emergency ordinance, said Oregon Department of Transportation spokesman Don Hamilton.

"If they want to make it permanent, they'd have to request a speed zone investigation," Hamilton said.

Portland hasn't asked for such a study for the stretch of Division Street, from 82nd Avenue to the city limits at Southeast 174th. But Saltzman said the city intends to make a formal request to lower the speed limit permanently.

The state usually sets speed limits according to 85th percentile speed -- that which 85 percent of drivers travel naturally when traffic is moving freely. Outer Division is a broad thoroughfare with two travel lanes in each direction and a center turn lane.

It's not clear what will happen when the 120-day period is up.

Saltzman said the Portland intends pursue a permanent drop in the speed limit with the state agency. City attorneys also will examine whether the council could extend the emergency beyond the initial 120 days.

A proposal in the Legislature, House Bill 2682, would give cities and counties a process by which to unilaterally set speeds on state highways without state approval. The proposal was referred to the House Transportation Policy committee, but no hearing has been set.

The city supports the bill, proposed by Rep. Rob Nosse, D-Portland. The state transportation department has taken no position, Hamilton said.

Portland previously sought -- and received -- an exemption from the Legislature to lower speed limits on its bike-friendly neighborhood greenways.

And it's asked for expedited consideration of some speed-limit changes. Even so, the city Transportation Bureau has more than a dozen requests pending to lower speed limits, a spokesman said.

The reduced speed limit is one of several measures to try and make Division Street safer, particularly for pedestrians.

The city is preparing to activate speed cameras at Southeast Division and 156th Avenue. The cameras issue warning tickets for the first month of operation, then begin issuing real citations.

It's also planning to install speed reader boards and pedestrian crossings with median islands throughout the corridor.

## The Portland Tribune

### Wheeler: Code of conduct needed for City Council meetings

*By Jim Redden*

*March 2, 2017*

After enduring weeks of disrupted City Council meetings since become mayor, Ted Wheeler will ask the council to approve rules of conduct for those attending them and to the presiding officer clear authority to evict those who do not follow them.

The rules and authority are included in an ordinance and series of documents Wheeler will submit to the council for consideration next week. Their submission follows a series of noisy demonstrations at council meetings that have frequently prevented the council from completing its work on schedule.

Issue raised by demonstrators have varied from meeting to meeting and included the city's handling of the homeless crisis, the affordable housing crisis, anti-Trump demonstrations, and the police shooting of an African-American teenager allegedly carrying a replica gun.

The ordinance gives the presiding officer the authority to eject those causing disruptions after warning them about the consequences of their behavior. Other potential actions include arrests for criminal trespass.

Although meetings of other governing bodies are occasionally disrupted, Wheeler spokesman Michael Cox says what is happening at the council meetings is unique and must be addressed.

"The Mayor served as Chair of Multnomah County. He sat on the Oregon Investment Council. He served in the State Capitol at Treasurer. All are places where the business of the people is carried out with civility and decorum, places that school kids visit. For some reason Portland can't seem to figure it out. The Mayor is dedicated to changing the culture in City Hall. It may take time, but he's going to do it," says Cox.

The ordinance says such disruptions started before Wheeler was elected mayor but have increased since he took office. They included a confrontation inside City Hall between police and demonstrators over the new police contract proposed by former Mayor Charlie Hales.

"Over the course of the last few years, disruptions at City Council meetings have become the undesirable norm which allowed a few individuals to halt Council meetings. Such disruptions prevented those who wish to attend and participate in Council meetings in a civil manner from doing so. Further such disruptions interfered with Council's ability to carry out scheduled City business safely and efficiently with the frequency of the need to pause meeting with repeated recesses or to cancel or reschedule meetings," reads the ordinance.

You can download and read the ordinance [here](#).

## Council takes testimony on lead treatment pilot program

*By Jim Redden*

*March 2, 2017*

After taking testimony about the potential benefits and risks of treating Portland's water to reduce lead, the City Council set a vote on a pilot program to determine the best approach next week.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has directed the city to reduce the amount of lead that leeches out of pipes and fixtures in older homes and buildings. That would most likely require the city to add chemicals to the water that comes from the Bull Run Watershed and groundwater wells along the Columbia River, Portland's two water sources.

During a Wednesday hearing, the council heard that any amount of lead exposure is potentially dangerous, especially to young children. But the council also heard that industries that use large quantities of water, like breweries, are concerned any changes could alter the character of the water and their products. And some noted the cost of building a treatment plant, currently estimated at up to \$20 million.

The council is considering awarding a \$664,930 contract to the Confluence Engineering Group to design a Corrosion Control Treatment Pilot Project. The ordinance was submitted by Commissioner Nick Fish, who is in charge of the Portland Water Bureau. The bureau would need to return to the council to request such a plant be built, which would trigger additional public hearings before a final decision is made.

You can read the ordinance [here](#).

## The Portland Mercury

### Hall Monitor: City Hall's Uneasy Denizens

*By Dirk VanderHart*

*March 1, 2017*

There's been some unmistakable new furniture in City Hall since the beginning of the year: Portland police officers.

Cops have never been strangers to city council chambers, of course. But in Mayor Ted Wheeler's early term—punctuated by angst over homelessness, anger over police activity, and calls for the city to divest from various companies—officers' presence has been steadier, and they seem to proliferate more quickly amid outbursts (or potential outbursts) than they used to.

Take February 22, when a mass of cops sealed off the building's western entrance, blocking protesters who were trying to get in.

Or January 25, when roughly 20 officers showed up after demonstrators shut down City Council to hold a symbolic funeral for a dead infant.

Well, it turns out there's some data to base this police presence on. According to a survey the city gave employees late last year, many City Hall staffers are feeling less safe these days.

Portland Chief Administrative Officer Tom Rinehart ordered up the "city hall safety and security survey" not too long after being hired to his position by Wheeler last year. Composed of five questions, and answered by 139 City Hall employees (out of 260), the study reveals safety concerns as the building has played host to more frequent demonstrations (that began, to be fair, under Hales).

Among the findings:

- Roughly 57 percent of respondents say they are "very" or "somewhat" likely to feel unsafe during a protest if there's "limited or no police presence" in the building, and nearly half of respondents indicate more cops during protest would help them feel comfortable.
- Nearly 85 percent advocated for employee-only access points that would allow staff to safely exit the building during protests, and almost 60 percent want a clearer emergency action plan.
- About 84 percent of respondents said they feel very safe or safe overall at City Hall, though 16 percent generally feel unsafe there.
- Some employees advocated for bulletproof glass, metal detectors, arming security guards, and allowing staffers to pack heat. Others feel things are fine as is.

Hales took steps toward a more-open City Hall at the outset of his term, ordering the removal of turnstiles that limited access at the main entrance.

And I have to say: I appreciate it. Compared to, say, the Multnomah Building, City Hall is as accessible an administrative building as I've ever seen.

From a reporter's standpoint, that's great. From an aggrieved or curious member of the public's standpoint, that's great. But I also know that the unease expressed by some staff members is a real thing, and that it's rough for one's workplace to feel dicey.

The question is: With data freshly in hand, is Wheeler prepping for action? And can he improve things without stymieing vital public access?

It seems he's weighing these questions. As the [mayor told OPB](#) not long ago:

"I don't think any of us want City Hall to be less accessible, but all of us just understand that times have changed. Maybe it is time for us to look at beefing up security."

# Anger Over the Police Shooting of Teen Quanice Hayes Spills Into Portland City Council

*By Dirk VanderHart*

*March 1, 2017*

Lingering questions and outrage over the February 9 police shooting of 17-year-old Quanice Hayes spilled into Portland City Council this morning, disrupting proceedings as family members of the teen called for answers and pressed for discipline.

Shortly after 10 am, Mayor Ted Wheeler allowed Hayes' mother, Venus, to address council, as a room full of demonstrators looked on. In an impassioned, tearful plea, the woman said her family had been forced to search for clues into her son's death from social media, and asked anyone with more details into the morning Hayes was shot to come forward.

"It's been 20 days since Quanice was taken from me," Venus Hayes told the council. "As details are released slowly to the public, my family has had the bitter burden of piecing together what occurred...rather than receiving them from those working his investigation."

She continued: "Quanice was not a thug or a gang member, or some homeless street kid. He was a funny adventurous teen who like most kid at times could be a little rebellious. He was a child. His life mattered."

The testimony inspired Wheeler to offer Venus Hayes a hug, and set the meeting—being held in the Portland Building because of ongoing work at City Hall—into a familiar routine of chanting, leading council to recess.

Hayes was killed the morning of February 9. According to the police account, officers were responding to reports of an armed robbery and a car prowler near NE 82nd and Hancock. As they searched for a suspect using police dogs, Officer Andrew Hearst came upon Hayes on NE Hancock. It's unclear what occurred, but Hearst fired three shots, killing Hayes. Police have said the teen had a replica handgun on him.

In the hallway outside of the Portland Building auditorium where city council was meeting, other members of Hayes family spoke. His cousin, Terrence (not sure of spelling), argued that any black male who fit a certain description the morning of Hayes' death would have been in danger.

His mother, meanwhile, called for discipline for Hearst, who was cleared for his role in the [2013 shooting death of Merle Hatch](#). Venus Hayes told reporters that regardless of what happens in the investigation into her son's death, Hearst shouldn't be an officer any longer.

Wheeler also made an appearance amid the scrum, applauding Hayes' family for their bravery in showing up, and promising a transparent investigation. Wheeler also told the crowd that he'd asked that the transcript into the grand jury hearing on the shooting be released. Something he didn't mention? That's already the Multnomah County DA's common practice for police shootings.

# The Portland Business Journal

## Wheeler: Portland will reexamine Wells Fargo relationships

*By Andy Giegerich*

*March 1, 2017*

Portland Mayor [Ted Wheeler](#) said the city will reexamine its banking relationships in light of national events.

Wheeler said via Twitter that he's "directed the Office of Management and Finance to bring me a plan to solicit proposals for the city's banking services." The city currently contracts with [Wells Fargo](#) for depository services.

The proposals will be rated in part on factors relating to socially responsible business practices, Wheeler wrote.

The move comes after [Seattle's city government dropped Wells Fargo](#) in light of issues related to events at Standing Rock and the North Dakota Access Pipeline.

Wheeler said both actions "are similar to those taken by Seattle." The moves, though, arrive after Portland leaders decided to no longer buy corporate securities.

"As bonds mature, they will not be replaced in our portfolio," Wheeler wrote.

The Puget Sound Business Journal, a sibling publication of the Portland Business Journal, reported that [Phillip Smith](#), the bank's head of government and institutional banking, said Davis, California divested soon after Seattle and Santa Monica, California divested last week.

"People want to copycat Seattle," Smith told Puget Sound Business Journal in an interview.

"We've got people saying, 'Hey, that city council got a national headline out of taking this action, so I'm going to do that.' It's a political career-enhancing move that nobody is holding anyone accountable for."

Seattle's leaders voted Feb. 7 to end the city's banking relationship with Wells Fargo & Co. (NYSE: WFC), citing the bank's [customer account fraud scandal](#) and the lender's financing for the controversial Dakota Access Pipeline. San Francisco-based Wells Fargo has a contract to manage the city's operating account until Dec. 31, 2018. The ordinance directs the city not to renew the contract.