

## The Oregonian

# Portland City Council meeting runs smoothly after public locked out

*By Jessica Floum*

*March 29, 2017*

Portland's City Council conducted business more smoothly Wednesday than it has all year after Mayor Ted Wheeler arranged for nearly everyone to be barred from the building and had security officers stationed near the dais to help eject anyone who might act unruly.

Few people -- mainly city employees and a handful of journalists -- were let into the Portland Building for much of the afternoon.

Dozens of protesters chanted outside the building doors. Many objected to being shut out.

For those who did make it into the building by arriving early, city officials checked backpacks and handed out admission tickets. They used the tickets to enforce the room's 182-person capacity for the first time this year.

The meeting started an hour late, with two commissioners absent and with Commissioner Dan Saltzman attending by phone. The mood was productive and jovial. City employees cracked jokes, applauded and laughed along with Wheeler and Commissioner Nick Fish.

Fish joked that he might need to kick out city employees who applauded following a presentation about a city mentorship program. Several members of the public testified on Wednesday's agenda items.

Wheeler, Fish and Saltzman heard a report from the members of the Office of Equity and Human Rights on a city leadership program and voted to approve several contracts discussed last week.

Activists Mimi German and Joe Walsh, who arrived early to the meeting, disrupted the meeting with yelling and protests. The mayor warned each of them that they would be ejected if they continued. When they persisted, a security official handed each of them a notice directing them to leave immediately.

Walsh tore his notice in half, threw it toward the dais and stormed out. German left with a security escort. Neither was arrested.

"Ted's new rules need to be challenged," German said beforehand. "My goal is not to be arrested. My goal is to continue."

There were no other ejections.

Saltzman phoned in because he was home sick, and Commissioner Amanda Fritz was out sick, Wheeler said. Commissioner Chloe Eudaly was also absent.

Wheeler postponed emergency agenda items and introductions of policy proposals so the absent commissioners could later hear them.

Wheeler said it is hard to say whether his new security tactics worked.

"We don't have a clear test under ordinary circumstances," Wheeler said. "That said, I'm pleased we were able to continue our council sessions today."

Wheeler had Portland City Hall and the Portland Building locked down after a protest over the fatal police shooting of black teen Quanice Hayes moved from the Justice Center toward the Portland Building, mayoral spokesman Michael Cox said.

Activists wearing hats with black panther pins formed a line in front of the security official barring entrance.

"They're not letting us in so you can't get in either," they told people who tried to enter the building.

That caused the City Council to delay its meeting by an hour.

"I was advised by the police that there was an assault and potentially weapons so we locked down," Wheeler said.

Wheeler's shift in strategy followed weeks of council meetings interrupted and shut down by activists, some of whom are self-described anarchists. Others have repeatedly disrupted council meetings to protest concerns about homelessness and a Multnomah County grand jury's decision to not press criminal charges against the Portland police officer who fatally shot Hayes.

On Tuesday, Mayor Ted Wheeler pledged to arrest anyone who disrupts a council meeting and then refuses to leave when asked.

The mayor for weeks struggled to keep city employees' work environment safe and to quell protesters, drawing criticism from activists, the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon and city employees for different reasons.

The council passed a controversial ordinance that would allow city officials to expel and exclude repeated troublemakers, but the mayor said he would not enforce the latter part of the rule until courts decide whether it is constitutional.

In an effort to allay protesters' fury, Wheeler started hosting biweekly forums during which Portland residents can air concerns about city action and inaction.

The mayor avoided removing and arresting protesters because he saw it as an escalating step and last resort, Cox said.

That strategy did not work.

An especially chaotic meeting last week prompted Commissioner Nick Fish to direct his staff to stop attending council meetings until he is satisfied it is safe to do so.

Fish allowed his staff to attend Wednesday.

Whether future Portland City Council meetings will operate without major disruptions and workplace worry remains to be seen.

When Wednesday's meeting ended, city security officials radioed one another to make sure it was safe for city employees to exit through the front door of the building.

About a dozen police in riot gear exited a Portland Building hallway a few minutes after the meeting ended.

# Quanice Hayes supporters protest, block public access to council meeting

*By The Oregonian*  
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A group of supporters and family of Quanice Hayes has gathered at the Justice Center in downtown Portland to protest the fatal shooting of the 17-year-old Portland resident in February.

Hayes' funeral was Friday, and his burial service at Riverview Cemetery was earlier Wednesday.

About 60 people, chanting Hayes' name, gathered in downtown Portland early Wednesday afternoon. Venus Hayes, mother of the slain teen, eventually joined the protesters.

Shortly before 1:30 p.m., the group headed into the streets, walking against and disrupting traffic on Southwest Third Avenue but soon returned to the sidewalks.

The group made its way to the Portland Building, where the City Council was scheduled to hold its meeting at 2 p.m. Members of the group tried to enter the building but were rebuffed. The protesters then blocked the entries, saying over a loudspeaker that nobody would get into the building until they did.

The Portland Building was put on lockdown about 1:45 p.m., according to a security guard. Only city employees are being allowed in side entrances.

The council meeting was postponed until 3 p.m.

One brief scuffle ensued as a man tried to push past protesters and gain access to the building.

Some protesters about 2:30 p.m. went back into the streets, laying down and blocking some buses, which TriMet rerouted.

Police closed Southwest Fifth Avenue, and officers in riot gear emerged from the Portland Building. That caused the protesters in the street to scramble back up.

By 3:30 p.m., about 30 of the protesters had walked back and were gathered outside the Justice Center, but the rancor of the previous hours had subsided.

Police said six were arrested in the protests. Tara Parrish, 46, Hollis Laray Patrick McClure, 34, Adebisi Ashley Okuneye, 20, and a 14-year-old boy face second-degree disorderly conduct charges.

Damion Zachary Feller, 22, was held on suspicion of second-degree disorderly conduct and reckless burning after police say he burned a flare outside the Portland Building.

Lucy Elizabeth Smith, 35, faces fourth-degree assault and strangulation charges in an incident outside the Portland Building. Police said they're investigating assaults at the Portland Building and may arrest more people as investigators identify all the involved parties.

Each of the adults arrested were jailed. It wasn't immediately clear whether the minor was also jailed.

McClure, Okuneye, Feller and Smith were released from jail Wednesday, records show.

Parrish remain in the Multnomah County Detention Center on \$1,500 bail, as of 10:30 p.m.

Hayes was a suspect in an armed robbery outside a hotel about two blocks from the scene of his death on Feb. 8, police said. During a search, Portland Police Bureau officers came face-to-face with Hayes in the side yard of a home in the 8300 block of Northeast Tillamook Street.

Officer Andrew Hearst, who fatally shot Hayes, testified he warned the teen several times to keep his hands away from his waist before firing three times, grand jury transcripts released Monday show.

Hearst said he heard other officers tell Hayes to keep his hands up, but they only appeared halfway extended, he told a Multnomah County grand jury recently.

Police said a replica tan and black gun was later found near Hayes.

A Multnomah County grand jury found no criminal wrongdoing by Hearst. The grand jury heard testimony for two days before returning its decision earlier this month that the shooting was justified in the case that has drawn local protests over another death of a young African American man at the hands of a police officer.

Hayes' family has decried the circumstances of the shooting and media coverage.

"Neither robbery, theft, menacing, property damage or any crimes like this are punishable by death," a cousin, Terrence Hayes, said to a crowd outside a City Council meeting earlier this month. "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."

## **Willamette Week**

### **Portland Mayor Locks Down City Council Meeting as Protesters Chant Quanice Hayes' Name and Goad Police**

*By Aaron Mesh  
March 29, 2017*

Protesters decrying the police shooting of teenager Quanice Hayes returned today to what has become a weekly siege of Portland City Hall. This time, Mayor Ted Wheeler locked them out.

As reported by The Oregonian, Wheeler limited access to the afternoon meeting of City Council after demonstrators scuffled with at least one passerby in the entrance of the Portland Building, where council meetings are being held.

Police arrested at least two people in downtown streets this afternoon.

Today's protests had an edge: Hayes, a black 17-year-old shot Feb. 9 in Northeast Portland, was buried today, a week after a Multnomah County grand jury found his killing was justified.

"Say his name: Quanice Hayes!" about 100 protesters chanted along Southwest 5th Avenue.

Video taken by WW correspondent Mike Bivins shows riot police moving in to make arrests, shortly before the City Council meeting began. "All power to the people!" shouted a man in a black GI beret as he was led away by cops.

Some protesters—young and notably white—goaded police with screaming and obscenities.

As WW reported last week, nearly every Portland City Council meeting for two months has been successfully shut down by protesters of police violence and gadflies with less clear aims.

The enraged shouting began in January, after four homeless people and a stillborn infant were found dead in the streets. The violent arrests of anti-Trump protesters and the police killing of Hayes have added fuel to the rage in council chambers.

## **In Formal Public Records Request, Oregon Elected Officials Ask for Information on ICE Policies**

*By Rachel Monahan*

*March 29, 2017*

Four Democrat in the Oregon House of Representatives have formally requested documents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement about recent arrests of Oregon immigrants.

In their public records request, Representative Teresa Alonso Leon (D-Woodburn) as well as Representative Diego Hernandez (D-Portland), Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland) and Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson (D-Portland), cited arrests at county courthouses as well as of a young man who was part of the Obama administration program that provided some amnesty to people who arrived in this country as children.

The lawmakers are seeking to understand ICE's policies as part of an effort to reassure immigrant communities that they're not in danger to go to the doctor's office or to school.

"I have heard stories of children who are afraid to go to school in case it brings attention to their immigrant parents, and families who are going without basic supplies due to rumors of raids at the local grocery stores," said Alonso Leon.

"I have seen restaurants that are normally bustling with customers that are completely empty because so many people in our community are afraid to leave their homes. We need greater transparency about how and where ICE is operating so that parents don't have to live in fear that they will be deported if they bring their child to the doctor."

Here is the full statement:

*Rep. Alonso Leon submits FOIA request demanding transparency from ICE  
Representatives Alonso Leon and Hernandez, joined by Speaker of the House Tina Kotek  
and Majority Leader Williamson, submit request for information from ICE regarding  
recent enforcement actions in Oregon*

*SALEM – Representative Teresa Alonso Leon, joined by Representative Diego Hernandez,  
Speaker Tina Kotek and Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson, submitted a Freedom of  
Information Act Request to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) today  
demanding greater transparency regarding their actions in Oregon.*

*After the inauguration of President Trump and his subsequent executive orders on  
immigration, many communities in Oregon have been experiencing fear and anxiety,  
especially in areas such as Woodburn, Hood River, and Hillsboro that have large  
populations of undocumented immigrants and mixed immigration status families. The*

*FOIA request aims to gain insight into how ICE enforcement activities have changed in recent weeks, including whether policies and rules made to protect immigrants while they are in so called “sensitive locations” such as schools, courthouses, and doctors’ offices are still being followed.*

*“I have heard stories of children who are afraid to go to school in case it brings attention to their immigrant parents, and families who are going without basic supplies due to rumors of raids at the local grocery stores,” said Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon (D – Woodburn & North Salem). “I have seen restaurants that are normally bustling with customers that are completely empty because so many people in our community are afraid to leave their homes. We need greater transparency about how and where ICE is operating so that parents don’t have to live in fear that they will be deported if they bring their child to the doctor.”*

*The arrest and potential deportation of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals recipient Francisco J. Rodriguez Dominguez this weekend in Portland has heightened tensions among the immigrant rights community. Francisco was an active part of his community in SE Portland, coaching soccer at Glenfair Elementary and volunteering at the Holy Cross Episcopal Church.*

*“It’s troubling that ICE decided to barge in to Francisco’s home without a warrant and arrest him early on Sunday morning, right before families were getting ready to go to church. Francisco has been a member of Oregon’s community since elementary school and is an active member of his church. Targeting Francisco in this way shows just how inhumane ICE’s tactics have become,” said Rep. Diego Hernandez (D – Portland) who represents the district Francisco lives in.*

*Gaining insight into enforcement actions that target previously “safe” populations such as DACA recipients is crucial in evaluating the security of our communities.*

## **The Portland Mercury**

### **Quanice Hayes Supporters and Cops Clash at the Portland Building**

*By Dirk VanderHart*

*March 29, 2017*

The burial of Quanice Hayes occurred earlier today. Combined with new, secretive plans by Mayor Ted Wheeler to be more strict on meeting disruptions, it's made for a tense atmosphere at the Portland Building this afternoon.

Demonstrators who'd walked over from the Multnomah County Justice Center earlier in the day—chanting for justice for 17-year-old Hayes, who was killed by a Portland police officer last month—quickly found their path into the Portland Building blocked. Tereasa Raiford, of Don't Shoot Portland, said the group had planned to testify before the 2 pm City Council meeting, as Hayes' family members have in the past. (The meeting was delayed until 3 pm.)

Meanwhile, those who got to the Portland Building early enough, or who'd signed up to speak at the meeting, were allowed into the building's auditorium under newly strict circumstances.

Contract security guards are insisting on checking attendees' bags, and presenting people with numbered, dated tickets of unclear utility.

As of this writing, protesters outside had taken to blocking traffic, and attracted riot cops who are making arrests.

## Hall Monitor: Paying It Forward

*By Dirk VanderHart*

*March 29, 2017*

EVERY YEAR as the City Council begins thinking about its spending priorities for the next year, it gets a stern talking to.

This year, the lecture came on March 14, when City Budget Director Andrew Scott once again laid out the increasingly dire state of Portland's nearly \$36 billion worth of infrastructure.

You've heard it before. The roads are crumbling. The parks need work. Bridges need repair.

"We really are robbing future generations of the level of service that we're currently enjoying," Scott said. "We see this as the roads continue to deteriorate. We see this as playgrounds shut down because we didn't deal with lead paint."

Only the numbers seem to change year to year. All told, Scott explained, the city would need to kick more than \$280 million more toward infrastructure each year to maintain the assets we have now. That's about \$12 million more than the number he rattled off last year.

Meanwhile, 43 percent of Portland's transportation infrastructure is in poor or very poor condition, according to the city.

Maybe it's all this repetition that made me perk up last Friday, when Mayor Ted Wheeler started talking about municipal bonds.

Tucked into Wheeler's first State of the City Address—between a pledge to further regulate landlords and fanciful visions of Willamette River swimming holes—the mayor dropped a brand new plan that elicited claps from a stingy crowd. It's a proposal certain to please Scott, and pretty clearly had the budget director's influence.

The plan is to use millions of dollars that will soon be freed up from Portland's urban renewal areas (URAs)—geographic zones that snatch up property tax money to pay for improvements within their boundaries.

With several URAs slated to expire in coming years, the money they've been scooping up will find its way back to Portland's tax rolls. Wheeler wants to use that cash to pay for millions in bonds to fund repairs throughout the city.

"We can no longer put off needed investments in this area," Wheeler said "The time for talk is done. The time for action is now."

"Now" as in this budget. Wheeler's office also says it will propose borrowing \$50 million for infrastructure repairs. As URAs continue to expire, and available cash balloons, the city could

see bonds of \$100 million or even \$150 million in coming years, according to Wheeler spokesperson Michael Cox.

There's even a name for the idea: Rebuild Portland.

The beauty of the proposal is that—unlike a “street fee” former Commissioner Steve Novick and former Mayor Charlie Hales ruffled feathers by promoting years ago—it doesn't require citizens to pay anything extra.

That's not the same as saying it doesn't have a cost. The money generated by URAs has long been a central source of funding for affordable housing in the city. Loss of that money could be sharply felt.

Which means that, as with anything involving newly available money, this conversation could become heated fairly quickly. But it's necessary, and it's to Wheeler's wonky credit that it's happening sooner rather than later.

## The Portland Business Journal

### City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly on fighting for tenants and adjusting to public life

*By Jon Bell*

*March 30, 2017*

There's no denying it: Chloe Eudaly, the former Portland bookstore owner and political outsider who took the city council by storm last fall when she knocked incumbent Steve Novick out of his seat, rode into office on the strength of her positions on housing.

Rent control, affordable housing, tenants' rights — all of it resonated with Eudaly's supporters. That, combined with her own experience in Portland's rental market — a rent increase of 60 percent in four years took her life from "modest but comfortable" to "struggling to make ends meet" — sparked the fire she needed to win a seat on the Portland City Council at a time when housing, affordability and other related issues have taken top billing.

Yet Eudaly, a Portland-area native who said she left school and home early, said there were more planks to her platform than just housing. There was environmental and climate justice, small business advocacy, arts and culture, police reform, streamlining the city's permitting process, neighborhoods and so on. She plans to get to all that in due time.

Even so, it's housing that's still the newest commissioner's claim and one that's already garnered her some serious respect in City Hall. (Eudaly spearheaded the city's new policy on relocation costs, which requires developers to pay moving expenses for tenants evicted without just cause or when rents rise more than 10 percent in 12 months.)

Eudaly talked recently with the Business Journal about a lot of what's on her plate, including housing.

**What was it that convinced you to run for office?** It was really getting involved with the housing justice and tenants' rights movements here locally and having the people in that community encouraging me. It was not something I had ever considered before November of 2015. It was also my own struggle with the rental market. An important realization for me was that, as a lot of Americans have, I internalized the struggle I was having as a personal failure and not as a more widespread phenomenon, which it really is.

**Your tenant relocation costs policy passed quickly.** And it would have happened even faster if we hadn't have had the weather events that we did.

**Did that surprise you?** I was heartened to receive such support and encouragement from my colleagues on the council. We had to make some compromises, but I'm pretty happy with where we ended up. We had been looking at the possibility of a rent freeze. That is something that the city could institute under certain circumstances, but we quickly surmised that that was not supported in the building, so we immediately pivoted to tenant relocation expenses. That was really only one of the tools left in the box for us. The rest of our regulatory tools have been taken away by the state Legislature.

**A lot of developers and landlords argue that some of the changes you have made or support will result in a tighter housing market, higher rents, those kinds of things. What is your**

**response to that?** They have gotten to enjoy open season on Oregon renters for 30 years (since rent control was banned by lawmakers in 1985). They fought us in Salem last year on tenant protections and didn't bring any meaningful alternatives to the table, even though we're in a housing emergency. Portland is currently a profitable place to develop. The fact that developers can't extract every possible dollar out of a property if we put any constraints or regulations on our rental market . . . We may lose a handful of developers, but I actually don't think that threat is legitimate or sincere.

**What's your take on the development scene here?** I don't think unchecked development and rent increases have served us well and will ultimately deliver us the kind of city we want to live in. I just don't give credence to those arguments. I would like to say that, to more local and small-time developers and landlords, we have a shared thread in that Wall Street investors buying up our property and turning rent checks into a commodity — that practice has definitely significantly affected rent increases.

**The council meetings have gotten tense lately. What's behind that?** I don't think the national election helped. We had an extraordinarily bad run of weather and several deaths of homeless people. That is a major issue we have had people coming to council with. There was also the police shooting of Quanice Hays, which has been the subject of protests. It's all very understandable, but the tactics over the last few weeks have gotten pretty out of hand and are creating a hostile work environment for all of us.

**Do you miss the bookstore business?** I wasn't quite emotionally prepared for shutting it down. The day after the election, I was informed that I could not own a business, so I had about seven weeks to wrap up my life's work. That was kind of tough, but I had been ready to move on for a while.

**I would imagine a lot more people recognize you now.** I definitely have less free time, and it's harder to go out in public. So far, no one's punched me in the face or screamed at me in public. Someone hugged me in Walgreens, in Costco, just weird places where you think you're anonymous, but all of a sudden you remember this other life you have. Give me a day off and I'll just become me, but if I go out somewhere, I forget that my commissioner hat is on and I'm just shocked.

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## **CHLOE EUDALY**

**Current:** Portland City Commissioner

**Past Life:** Owner of Reading Frenzy bookstore for 22 years

**First successful council vote:** Requiring landlords to pay relocation costs in certain tenant cases

**Up next:** Reforming security deposit requirements for tenants

**Informal agenda item:** "I was bound and determined to establish a wellness policy for the office because I know how all-consuming these jobs can be. Other than having ample amounts of candy and Advil in the office, I haven't gotten around to that yet."

**OPB**

## **Police Arrest 6 Following Clashes Outside Portland City Council Meeting**

*By Laura Klinkner*

*March 30, 2017*

Six people were arrested and a Portland City Council meeting was delayed following protests Wednesday.

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of protesters blocked off the entrance to the Portland Building, where the City Council meeting was taking place.

The demonstrators chanted and carried signs calling for “Justice for Quanice Hayes,” a black teenager who was killed by Portland police Feb. 9.

Officer Andrew Hearst, who shot and killed Hayes, was cleared of any wrongdoing by a Multnomah County grand jury last week.

City officials put the Portland Building on lockdown and restricted access to the council meeting using a ticketing system.

Protesters who were barred from the building continued to march through downtown and blocked traffic at times.

Police said they arrested Hollis Laray Patrick McClure, 34; Adebisi Ashley Okuneye, 20; Damion Zachary Feller, 22; Tara Parrish, 46; Lucy Elizabeth Smith, 35; and an unidentified 14-year-old male.

Police booked McClure, Okuneye, Feller and Parrish into the Multnomah County Jail and charged them with second-degree disorderly conduct. Officers also charged Feller with reckless burning for lighting a road flare outside the Portland Building. Smith was charged with fourth-degree assault and strangulation for an assault police say occurred in front of the Portland Building. The 14-year-old also faces second-degree charges of disorderly conduct, according to the police.

Police said they received reports of two assaults and property damage near the building and are continuing their investigation of those incidents.

After the council meeting began an hour late, at least one person who made it into the meeting was given a blue warning card for disrupting the proceeding. They then left the meeting.

“You have engaged in disruptive behavior affecting the orderly conduct of the Council meeting,” the card said. “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.”

Wednesday’s protest is the most recent in a string of disruptions to city council proceedings.

Last week, Mayor Ted Wheeler announced arrests would occur if disruptive behavior continued.