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Portland developers try to ease homeless crisis that they helped create

By Molly Harbarger

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Developer Tom Cody lost all the ground-floor retail tenants of his building on the Northwest Park Blocks and he thinks he knows why.

Customers avoided the tents, tarps and backpacks that filled the leafy corridor north of Burnside. In turn, his tenants looked for shops without dozens of people sleeping or hanging out in front at all hours of the day.

It's not the first time Cody saw his business jeopardized by the city's 4,000-and-growing homeless population.

His firm has developed 33 projects, some up to \$300 million – some in neighborhoods where tensions with the homeless population run high. He opposed a preliminary plan for a homeless shelter campus near another one of his Northwest Portland properties, a 300,000-square-foot creative office development.

But now he's part of a business-led movement to do more than complain to City Hall or file lawsuits. He and two other high-profile real estate families have donated empty buildings they own for use as temporary shelter space.

So far, Cody, Brad and Jonathan Malsin and Jordan Menashe have collectively hosted five shelters in their buildings – with possibly more planned. City and county officials are trying to harness the momentum to create a permanent network of business owners who can carry some of the burden of the city's homeless crisis.

Cody and the others readily acknowledge that they need to protect their investments and are getting pressure from city and county leaders to alleviate an affordable housing crisis created by the hot market that they have fanned.

"It's having a very adverse effect on us personally and the city, and that's why we're so committed to working with the Joint Office of Homeless Services," Cody said.

They also recognize that they have the bricks-and-mortar means to provide a quick fix at relatively minimal cost that offers an option to the street.

Cody spent hours researching how to be a better partner to social service workers and advocates – and is starting to carry the torch. He wants to work with the city and county to create a trust of temporary shelters like his, possibly in exchange for tax abatements or development fee waivers.

His pitch to other developers and investors:

"Do you want to step over somebody sleeping on the street to get into your building or do you want to let them in? There's thousands and thousands of square feet of vacant space in the city."

He sees a movement forming. "People are opening their doors," he said.

MAYOR WANTS IN-KIND DONATIONS

Mayor Ted Wheeler has called repeatedly for the private sector to step up – both with financial support and in backing anti-homelessness measures for affordable housing. During the throes of the budget season, Wheeler told a board of homeless advocates, service providers and policy-setters that Portland needs a new source of revenue.

He wants more sustainable community-based funding – though he didn't specify what kind -- he said in the meeting, and more from businesses.

"I want to make sure we're not setting up a house of cards here," Wheeler said of the haggling over how much money to invest in the city-county Joint Office of Homeless Services.

"Because I'll tell you, city and county budget priorities ain't it."

In an interview, Wheeler didn't call for a tax on businesses, but wants in-kind donations, like the temporary shelters. His staff is recruiting a ring of real estate players who are willing to offer their in-development buildings as shelter on a rotation -- so if one goes into construction, another one is available.

So say I have a vacant building and I want to help out ...

The Portland-Multnomah County Joint Office of Homeless Services has a standing call out to developers that if they have a building that isn't under construction and won't be for several months, it could be used as a temporary homeless shelter.

When someone answers that call, Joint Office Director Marc Jolin walks through it with the developer to check out the layout and its condition. A fire department official will perform safety checks. A representative from Transition Projects or another shelter operator will also see the space to see what upgrades and additions are needed and how many people the building could hold.

Jolin needs to ensure that the building is safe for people to sleep in and can accommodate the necessary number of toilets and showers for 100 or more people.

It's at this point that many buildings are cut because they won't work to house people or the owner is uncomfortable with the amount of work and wear and tear the shelter might cause.

If the developer is still on board, then either the company, the nonprofit operator or sometimes the Joint Office will perform the upgrades. Occasionally, the developer makes the improvements to enhance the value of the building for its future after the shelter. Sometimes space is the only thing that an owner is interested in donating.

In the case of the Bushong & Co. building donated by Tom Cody's development firm Project^, the Joint Office paid \$60,000 from its city- and-county-funded budget and businesses including Chown Hardware and Providence Portland Medical Center donated heating appliances and fixtures. Project^ spent \$30,000 for interior renovations that needed to be done anyway.

The owner and the nonprofit shelter operator sign an agreement. Transition Projects has run all the shelters so far. Sometimes, the Joint Office also signs the contract. The Joint Office carries liability insurance for the shelter.

The owner then essentially functions as the shelter's landlord. Owners have the option to shut down shelters if they think it's necessary. But mostly, they trouble-shoot and make sure things run smoothly. They don't charge rent. The buildings would remain empty if not for the shelters until redevelopment. But for comparison, commercial rent for the Project^ space would cost \$52,000 over the same time – seven months – that the shelter occupied the building.

Jolin said the model is gaining traction as more building owners come forward.

"It's taken hold and I think it can continue to be part of our sheltering strategy," Jolin said.

Wheeler wants to add 200 to 300 new beds this way – about a quarter as many as the existing permanent and extreme weather shelters overseen by the Joint Office.

"If we form this cluster of downtown property owners and developers -- or even citywide -- we can ration the supply of shelter," Wheeler said.

He reminds skeptics of the business community's intentions that much of the local real estate industry supported the city's landmark \$258.4 million housing bond that Portland voters passed last November to build or preserve 1,300 affordable apartments. Homeowners will pay an extra 42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on their houses.

Some also lobbied for the inclusionary zoning measure, passed last December by the City Council to require apartment and condo developers to set aside some units for low-income residents. Wheeler predicts more measures to protect tenants and create affordable housing are coming and he wants to shore up business support for them now.

"I see our relationship with the private sector being very much a leveraging relationship. Each party bringing their strength to the table," Wheeler said. "Their side of this deal is if they're going to help us raise support and contribute dollars, it's up to government to make sure we're spending those dollars effectively and wisely."

MENASHE FAMILY STARTS SHELTER PARTNERSHIPS

Jordan Menashe is ready to further that relationship.

He was frustrated when he spoke at the opening of his family's third temporary shelter effort. He called out other developers for not following his family's lead three years ago when they donated the use of their building for the first time – the Washington Center at Southwest Washington and Fourth – to shelter 250 people.

After he was quoted in the newspaper, friends and colleagues deluged him with emails and Facebook messages asking how they could help.

Menashe initially offered the use of his building to the city and county because his father empathized with the homeless plight after two of his siblings ended up on the street with mental health issues. It was also hurting their real estate deals.

The Menashes are one of the most successful real estate families in Portland, with commercial properties throughout downtown, as well as in the suburbs, Washington and Colorado. They have struggled with how to deal with homelessness for years – in 2010, founder Barry Menashe refused to pay fees to a business district that funds cleaning up after homeless people, saying it didn't make the area cleaner or safer.

Even now, Jordan Menashe and his tenants are infuriated by the dirt pit next to his Police Block building near the waterfront where homeless people sleep, shoot up and have sex.

"There's this business side when we're frustrated with people sleeping in front of our doorways and our tenants," he said.

But he also is vocal about the need for more compassion if the city is to tackle homelessness.

"I'm tough as hell during the business day as a negotiator," he said. "But I am the first to acknowledge the people sleeping on the street is just as much my problem as everyone's problem."

In 2015, Menashe coordinated with Dan Saltzman, who was the Portland commissioner in charge of housing under former Mayor Charlie Hales, and the Joint Office to open the first vacant-building shelter.

It was so successful, they kept the partnership going. This past winter, the family again offered its vacant office building at Southwest Fourth Avenue and Washington Street as a shelter for 100 men, women and couples. The Columbia Shelter lasted four months -- two less than originally advertised -- because Menashe thought that construction would start early.

By the time the Menashes needed their building back, another development family had stepped up.

Brad Malsin and son Jonathan offered the old Shleifer Furniture building to take 100 men, women and couples while they wait to start construction to turn it into a luxury hotel. Brad Malsin sits on the board of Multnomah County's homeless services office, A Home For Everyone.

They had opposed the move of Right 2 Dream Too, a camp where homeless people stay for up to 12 hours at a time, from West Burnside to the Central Eastside Industrial District -- where their offices and investments are. The Malsins said the industrial land wasn't suitable for permanent camping. They eventually added their business, Beam Development, to a lawsuit that ended in the state Land Use Board of Appeals halting the move.

Yet Jonathan Malsin said it wasn't about trying to avoid homeless people. It was about improper land use and the fear that Right 2 Dream Too would stay there permanently.

"We own a fair amount of property in the Central Eastside. We're very sensitive and aware of the impact homelessness has in the Central Eastside. From time to time it feels like it has a disproportionate impact," he said. "We felt like if there was something we could do to get people off the street and pull their lives together and find permanent solutions to homelessness -- (Shleifer) felt like something we could do."

'IT'S A CITY PROBLEM'

The private sector hasn't always been an enthusiastic partner.

Affordable housing took a backseat to remaking the city. The Oregonian/Oregonlive reported in 2014, for example, that Northwest Portland's Hoyt Street Properties would ensure that 35 percent of its thousands of units would be available to lower-income tenants -- but ended up at less than 30 percent. The city had already spent millions to promote revitalization of the area -- and it flourished into the Pearl District, the city's premier shopping, dining and tourist destination.

At one point, Homer Williams led Hoyt Street Properties. He made part of his fortune transforming rail yards and warehouses into a place where current one-bedroom apartments easily rent for \$1,400 and 27 percent of renters spend at least half of their income on rent. For home buyers, one square foot of real estate goes for \$518 -- the Portland average is \$323.

City Hall also failed to enforce the conditions it negotiated with developers until the issue became public. The shortcomings on both sides led Hales to declare a housing and homeless crisis. Officials predict it will take years to make up the 24,000 affordable units needed to ease the crisis.

Since then, Williams has become a self-styled ideas man on Portland's homelessness. He's concerned about the private and public sector's ability to serve an aging, fixed-income baby boomer population and younger people who are on track to be in the same boat.

"There's people out there who recognize the problem. And it's a city problem. They're our homeless, not somebody else's," Williams said. "We need to jointly come up with some solutions and play to each other's strengths."

Williams pitched a 400-person homeless services campus and shelter to the Hales administration. When that lost City Council support, he switched to an affordable housing plan now under consideration that hinges on an ambitious land swap and city rezoning effort to build pockets of affordable housing throughout Portland.

Timeline

January 2016: The Menashes, a prominent real estate family, offer their Washington Center building at Southwest Washington and Fourth Avenue to shelter 80 men.

May 2016: The Menashes expand the space to accommodate 180 more beds for women and couples who had been staying at the city-owned Jerome P. Sears former Army Reserve building, which closed.

November 2016: Tom Cody, president of development firm Project[^], offers the vacant Bushong and Co. building at 333 S.W. Park Ave. The winter shelter is open for 60 men who are 55 years or older, are veterans or have disabilities. It's made ready for occupants within a month of Cody suggesting it.

January 2017: The Menashe family again donates the empty downtown Washington Center for winter shelter. For four months, the space now called the Columbia Shelter houses 100 women, couples and men who are 55 or older, have disabilities or are veterans.

May 2017: Beam Development and Urban Development and Partners, run by Brad and Jonathan Malsin, donate the historic Shleifer Furniture building on Southeast Grand Avenue to be used as a 100-person shelter. It opens as the Columbia Shelter closes. It holds 100 men, women and couples.

Developers like Menashe who are taking on more active roles on homelessness say they're only providing a Band-Aid, while Williams is trying to generate solutions.

However, the balance in private-partner partnerships can be tenuous. Menashe wants to see local officials do more to alleviate the trash and other visible effects of homelessness – especially in business corridors.

The Portland Business Alliance, the city's chamber of commerce, also occasionally sparred with the Hales administration on issues like his attempted "safe sleeping policy." Hales ordered Portland police to stop sweeping homeless people from camps and sidewalks. That frustrated business owners and residents who said they interacted with homeless people more and the tents, tarps and trash outside their doors hurt their livelihoods.

In response, the business alliance launched a campaign that included full-page newspaper ads and a website calling for the city to provide more indoor shelter space and social services. The tone of the campaign largely put the burden for producing solutions and bearing the cost on local government.

Alliance leaders continue to push the new mayor hard on how camping and the detritus of street living affects businesses.

"We need to see some visible evidence that the illegal camping is being managed a little better and I know that is top of mind for the mayor," CEO Sandra McDonough said. "We get so

many calls from people who are dealing with trash and behaviors that aren't really acceptable."

But McDonough said the chamber of commerce has always been a partner.

Corporate groups and small businesses have long donated time to nonprofits for cleanup or build days. The Portland Business Alliance members answered a call for donated lumber, appliances and labor to outfit the temporary shelters.

For more than a decade, the alliance has partnered with Central City Concern to employ homeless people to clean up around downtown business corridors. That program might expand across the river soon.

Ed Blackburn, the outgoing director of Central City Concern, said the homeless services nonprofit relies in part on the financial support of business owners and districts. He also appreciates the extra brainpower of people in the private sector working on the issue.

"Writing checks is very important," he said, "but it's also important that they know what's causing homelessness and part of it is figuring out the solutions."

ALLIES ARE BECOMING PARTNERS

Multnomah County Chairwoman Deborah Kafoury sees business community partnerships heading that direction.

The county has long worked to win allies in the private sector. Lately, those conversations are reaching a point of collaboration. She pointed to the shelter effort, where developers saw how hard it is to find suitable spaces to house people, even on a short-term basis.

Likewise, business leaders are getting a bigger seat at the table. Marc Jolin, head of the Joint Office, said that he has made a concerted effort to find more ways for business leaders to take part in policy and planning discussions.

"I think once we had one partner under our belt, it was easy to get others," Kafoury said. "Because then you can have a building owner talking to another building owner. You can show a success."

She wants to see how far those partnerships can go. Both she and Wheeler admit that what the initiatives in place aren't enough to stem the scores of people forced to move onto the streets. But the new wave of business support is a promising start.

"We need a building downtown. We need another shelter that's permanent, and to see whether that is something that can be financially raised by the business community -- people who have really benefited from this thriving economy and this increase in rents and property values," Kafoury said.

"I mean we're always going to want everyone to do more because it takes all of us working together."

Moose - the police kind - sighted in downtown Portland

*By Maxine Bernstein
July 21, 2017*

The president of the Portland firefighters union said he could swear he saw former Portland police chief Charles A. Moose in the city, wearing a suit, near City Hall on Thursday -- on a day when candidates for the next chief of police were being interviewed.

Others in City Hall also heard of a Moose sighting.

Reached Friday, Moose confirmed he is, indeed, in Portland.

Asked if he applied for the chief of police job in the city, where he had risen through the police ranks and became Portland's first African American chief of police, Moose declined to comment.

"I really need to go," Moose said.

When reached, Moose said he was visiting a friend Friday afternoon in his old neighborhood, at North Williams Avenue and Going Street. He did say he had listened to a brief segment on national public radio Thursday afternoon about the city's police search.

Community panels interviewed six remaining candidates Wednesday and Thursday in the Portland Building. The mayor's office on Friday released the names of the community members on the panels. Community members signed confidentiality agreements not to talk, said Daryl Turner, president of the Portland Police Association, who was among the panelists.

The Rev. T. Allen Bethel, who also sat on a panel to conduct the interviews, called the six remaining applicants "a good slate of candidates," and said the mayor will have good choices for the city. Asked if Moose was among the six, Bethel said, "I am not able to say who are the candidates at this point."

Moose, according to Portland Fire Fighters Association President Alan Ferschweiler, was heading south on Southwest Fifth Avenue at Jefferson Street when Ferschweiler spotted him walking by himself during the day Thursday.

The panels are making recommendations to the mayor, who will interview an unspecified number of finalists early next month then issue an offer by the end of August.

Mayor Ted Wheeler has said he's looking for a proven leader committed to community policing who recognizes the need to increase the diversity of bureau officers and managers.

Moose, now 63, served from 1993 to 1999 under Mayor Vera Katz. He left Oregon to become the top cop in Montgomery County, Maryland, where he rocketed to fame leading the hunt for a Washington, D.C.-area sniper.

He resigned from that job in June 2003 because he was barred from accepting a monetary advance for a book on the sniper case while chief. Since then, he traveled for speaking engagements, book signings and TV interviews and lobbied for a national anti-racial profiling bill.

After climbing to the top of his profession, though, at age 52 he decided to start again at the bottom, reporting in 2006 for academy training as a new officer with the Honolulu Police Department. On Aug. 4, 2010, the Gazette reported that Moose was no longer working for the Honolulu police. Most recently, he was retired and living in Florida.

Mayor Wheeler presses for court ruling on compelling police to talk after deadly force use

By Maxine Bernstein

July 21, 2017

Portland's mayor wants to press ahead for a court opinion on whether the Police Bureau can order an officer who uses deadly force to speak to internal affairs investigators within 48 hours, without compromising an ongoing criminal inquiry.

Mayor Ted Wheeler will ask the City Council on Aug. 3 to pass a policy that would push for police interviews with internal affairs investigations within 48 hours of an officer's use of deadly force under tight confidentiality restrictions, roping such an internal administrative review off from the district attorney's criminal inquiry.

But before it goes into effect, the city will petition for a circuit court judge, and then likely an appellate court, to validate the policy or determine whether it's legally valid.

Document: Proposed city ordinance

Meanwhile, the Police Bureau's revised use of force directive, based on Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill's legal advice, is expected to go into effect within 30 days.

That requires internal affairs investigators to get approval from the district attorney before ordering any officer who uses deadly force to speak in an internal administrative interview. The district attorney, citing a 1984 Oregon Supreme Court ruling, believes any officer compelled to give a statement to internal affairs before a criminal investigation is completed could have his statements suppressed by a court and granted immunity from prosecution. The 1984 Supreme Court ruling affirmed a state appeals court ruling from 1982.

The district attorney, in a memo issued in late March, advised the Police Bureau to hold off compelling any police interviews until after a grand jury has heard the case, which could be weeks after a deadly encounter.

Underhill's advice to police followed the hard-fought and successful elimination of the controversial "48-hour rule" in the police contract that had allowed officers to wait at least two days before making a statement to internal affairs.

"I oppose the 48-Hour Rule. Officers who wrongly use deadly force should no longer wear a badge. The previous Council paid a steep price to eliminate the rule, and I want it gone forever," Wheeler said in a prepared statement.

The mayor said Underhill's interpretation of the Supreme Court ruling is "the best we have at this time," yet he added that he's not convinced the 1984 case, which did not specifically deal with the circumstances of concurrent employment and criminal investigations, "should be the final word on issues critical to police accountability and public trust today."

Underhill on Friday said he welcomed the city's move to get a court ruling.

"I support the city's efforts to have our courts review the constitutional implications of the city's administrative practices in this area. Everyone will benefit from the clarity a reviewing court will offer to this practice - the sooner the better," Underhill wrote, in response to the mayor's move.

Officer Daryl Turner, president of the Portland Police Association that represents rank-and-file officers, said he was dismayed by the mayor's move. "It is frustrating that our Mayor is actively seeking ways to undermine our constitutional rights as police officers," Turner said.

The ordinance that will go before council next month says the law on the issue "is not entirely clear" and that the district attorney's interpretation "frustrates the compelling public interest in a prompt and timely administrative investigation" to determine if an officer who killed someone on duty violated any city policies or training.

Under the proposed policy, an internal affairs investigator could compel an officer to answer questions within 48 hours of a deadly force incident, unless there was a compelling reason to delay the meeting. Refusal to talk to internal affairs may be grounds for a disciplinary action based on failure to follow directives, but it will be decided on a case-by-case basis. Refusal alone would not be enough for discipline.

The internal affairs captain would be responsible for ensuring that the compelled statements and any evidence derived from them are "kept wholly confidential" within the bureau's Professional Standards Division and not provided to anyone involved in the criminal inquiry, or anyone outside of the division, until the criminal investigation is done.

Even if a district court judge approved of officers' compelled statements within 48 hours of a deadly force incident, it likely would take an appellate court ruling on the subject before a change is made, as Underhill is relying on a 1982 state appellate court ruling, approved by the state Supreme Court, city attorneys said.

Michael Gennaco, of the California-based OIR Group that's been hired by the city to review officer-involved shootings, told The Oregonian/OregonLive, that "any investigative system whereby no one is able to interview an involved officer in an officer-involved shooting for several weeks is wholly inconsistent with best investigative practices."

He added, "The proposed amendments to Police Bureau directives that would change the waiting period for such interview from 48 hours to several weeks is in serious need of further discussion and reconsideration."

The Portland Tribune

Ted Wheeler taking police accountability fight to court

*By Nick Budnick
July 21, 2017*

Mayor has introduced an ordinance allowing a legal dispute with District Attorney Rod Underhill over fatal shooting investigations to be settled by a judge

Trying to rescue a campaign pledge, Mayor Ted Wheeler wants to take the city's police accountability system to court.

In response to a legal interpretation from Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill, Wheeler has introduced a city ordinance that would allow officers to promptly interview police following fatal shootings. It would then be sent to a court for constitutional review.

The issue of when an officer's statement must be given following a shooting is contentious in Portland law enforcement and police accountability circles, and the city Independent Police

Review office and Underhill have issued dueling legal opinions on whether prompt mandatory interviews are constitutional.

Wheeler campaigned on eliminating the so-called "48-hour rule," a part of the Portland police contract that blocked interviews of officers from taking place within the first two days after an incident such as a shooting. His predecessor, Charlie Hales, beat him to the punch before leaving office by negotiating a contract that eliminated the rule.

But the ensuing effort to take has led to a behind-the-scenes debate in local law enforcement circles. To counter the push toward prompt interviews, Underhill issued a strongly worded memo saying the practice of compelling administrative interviews is unconstitutional. That, in turn caused Police Chief Mike Marshman to issue a rule saying criminal investigations must be done before any disciplinary interview.

Police accountability activists say Underhill's stance and Marshman's proposal would gut the city's system of accountability, as they say prompt statements are less likely to be skewed to avoid discipline. Underhill's office and some police, however, say making such interviews mandatory threatens officers' 5th Amendment right under the U.S. Constitution to not give statements that could be incriminating.

In a statement Friday, Wheeler said the ordinance he introduced, requiring a compelled statement shortly after a fatal shooting, would be taken to court where a judge would rule on the situation.

He cited the hefty raises that Hales and the City Council last year awarded in return for doing away with the 48-hour rule, only to have Underhill prompt a new version. The raises and resulting pension payouts will cost the city more than \$10 million a year.

"I oppose the 48-Hour Rule. Officers who wrongly use deadly force should no longer wear a badge," said Wheeler. "The previous Council paid a steep price to eliminate the rule and I want it gone forever."

According to the city, "Mayor Wheeler continues to actively pursue additional options to ensure interviews are conducted within 48 hours."

Underhill issued a statement applauding Wheeler's move, saying a court ruling would increase clarity around the issue.

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Mayor Ted Wheeler Is Still Trying to Dismantle the 48-Hour Rule for Police Who Kill

Wheeler won election based on his promise to dismantle the rule that allows police 48 hours before an interview in cases involving deadly force.

*By Rachel Monahan
July 21, 2017*

Mayor Ted Wheeler announced plans today to try to reinstate prompt internal interviews with Portland Police Bureau officers who use deadly force.

Wheeler won reelection in part on a promise to get rid of the 48-hour rule, the waiting period before such interviews that had been enshrined in the police contract, but even before he entered office, City Hall struck the rule from the contract as part of deal that gave officers substantial raises.

Last week, Wheeler acknowledged in a statement that the district attorney and the Oregon Department of Justice had determined that internal interviews could not take place during any criminal investigation, in effect reinstating a waiting period, and one that could last months.

But Wheeler today announced plans to pass an ordinance to wall off employment-related investigations from criminal investigations. And in order to make sure that ordinance will pass legal muster, the city will immediately seek a court ruling on its validity before it goes into effect.

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The Portland Mercury

Here's Who Interviewed the Police Chief Finalists

By Doug Brown

July 21, 2017

The search for **the next chief of the Portland Police Bureau** is winding down.

While the names of the six finalists have yet to be officially revealed—though current Chief Mike Marshman is one of them and has a shot to keep his job, and *Oregonian* reporter Maxine Bernstein **says Seattle Assistant Chief Perry Tarrant** is another finalist—the identities of the 20-member panel that interviewed the candidates this week is now known, thanks to a records request by **Portland's Resistance**.

The panel includes such folks as Dr. T. Allen Bethel of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition, rank-and-file police union leader Daryl Turner, Portland Business Alliance head Sandi McDonough, and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare CEO Derald Walker, among other leaders of various "constituencies."

The panel interviewed the six candidates on Wednesday and Thursday and they will forward their recommendations to Mayor Ted Wheeler, who ultimately has the final say on who gets the job. Wheeler, who pledged to do a national search for police chief, will interview candidates in early August.

Here's the list, and how the city identifies them.

1 - Communities of color

- Dr. T. Allen Bethel - **Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition**.
- E.D. Montaine** - Portland chapter VP, NAACP
- Carmen Rubio - Executive director, **Latino Network**
- Wajdi Said - President and co-founder, **Muslim Educational Trust**
- Lee Po Cha - Executive director, **IRCO** (Immigrant and Refugee Community)
- Paul Lumley - Executive director, **Native American Youth & Family Center**(NAYA)
- Nkenge Harmon Johnson - President, **Urban League of Portland**

- Richard Brown - community advocate, member of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

2 - Business community

- Sandi McDonough - President and CEO, **Portland Business Alliance**
- Lynnae Berg - Executive director, **Clean & Safe** (former PPB assistant chief)

3 - City bureau director

- Dante James - Director, **Office of Equity and Human Rights**

4 - Mental Health

- Derald Walker - President and CEO, **Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare**
- Patricia Day TenEyck - Executive director, **National Alliance on Mental Illness** (NAMI) of Multnomah County

5 - Policing

- Daryl Turner - President, **Portland Police Association** (union)
- Vince Elmore - **Portland State University Campus Police**
- Ron Louie - Former chief, **Hillsboro Police**

6 - Youth

- Joseph Dessou - Student, Portland Community College

7 - Lents neighborhood

- JoLynn Cooper-Nearing - **Lents Neighborhood Association**

8 - Disability community

- Melissa Chavez - Graduate, **Disability Leadership Academy**

9 - Homeless community

- Shannon Singleton - Executive director, **JOIN**

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City Council expands powers of procurement officer

By Garrett Andrews

July 21, 2017

The city of Portland will give its next procurement officer greater authority to approve construction and professional services contracts, a move intended to save projects a time-consuming trip to City Council.

The council voted Thursday to increase the value of contracts that can be approved without a council vote as a pilot program scheduled to end December 2018. Construction contracts of \$1 million or less, and professional and technical service contracts of \$500,000 or less, may now be approved administratively.

A review of the past 17 months found that the new rule would have applied to 95 contracts valued at \$9.5 million. Several of these contracts were amended at council, but not rejected.

City code requires contracts of certain dollar amounts receive council approval prior to the issuance of a notice to proceed.

The rule change is intended to speed the execution of permits for developers and lighten the load of council, according to Jen Clodius, spokeswoman for the Office of Management and Finance. The wait to be scheduled for a council hearing is approximately two months, she said.

Mayor Ted Wheeler and his predecessor, Charlie Hales, came under fire for not acting fast enough in response to the growing wave of housing unaffordability.

“Conceptually, I think this is a good idea,” said Wheeler, who introduced the ordinance. “It’s been my observation over seven months that a lot come to the council, and few get pulled.”

The position of chief procurement officer is currently vacant. Larry Pelatt has been filling in until a replacement for previous procurement officer Christine Moody, who recently started at a similar position at the Port of Portland.

The authorization change is happening now because the procurement officer position is currently vacant and Chief Financial Officer Ken Rust is nearing retirement, Clodius said.

The next procurement officer will be authorized to solicit and execute contracts for construction projects valued under \$1 million, with permission from the bureau initiating the project. Contracts for the purchase or lease of goods and services are also now capped at \$1 million.

It passed as an emergency ordinance and thus doesn’t require a second reading at council. Clodius said this was done with speed in mind.

“It’s like, let’s just get this done,” she said by phone Thursday.

Construction contracts represent a far smaller number of the total contracts the city enters into with vendors – 6.7 percent of 1,258. However, at \$245 million of \$375 million total, their value is by far higher than goods, services, and professional and technical contracts.

Approximately 35 people work under the chief procurement officer.

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Portland Releases List Of Police Chief Interview Panelists

By Conrad Wilson

July 21, 2017

The Portland Mayor’s Office released a list Friday of community members involved in the city’s next search for police chief.

The list of 20 people includes members of the business community, the Portland Police Bureau and retired law enforcement, homeless and mental health advocates, and a group representing various advocacy groups for people of color in the city.

The city conducted interviews with the six remaining candidates this week, but isn’t releasing the list out of respect for those candidates who want to remain anonymous at this point in the hiring process.

Current police chief Mike Marshman is among the remaining six candidates.

Mayor Ted Wheeler is expected to name finalists sometime after next Friday, his office said.

Below is the list of interview panelists:

Communities of Color

- Dr. T. Allen Bethel, Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition
- E.D. Montaine, NAACP
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- Wajdi Said, Muslim Educational Trust
- Lee Po Cha, Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization
- Paul Lumley, Native American Youth and Family Center
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- Richard Brown, community advocate and member of the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training

Business Community

- Sandi McDonough, Portland Business Alliance
- Lynnae Berg, Clean & Safe

City Bureau Director

- Dante James, Office of Equity & Human Rights

Mental Health

- Derald Walker, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
- Patricia Day TenEyck, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Multnomah County

Policing

- Daryl Turner, Portland Police Association
- Vince Elmore, Portland State University Campus Police
- Ron Louie, Retired Hillsboro Police Chief

Youth

- Adhyavu (Joseph) Dessou, Portland Community College student

Lents Neighborhood

- Jo Lynn Cooper-Nearing, Lents Neighborhood Association

Disability Community

- Melissa Chavez, Disability Leadership Academy

Homeless

- Shannon Singleton, JOIN PDX