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Commissioner Saltzman and City Council agree on path for FPD&R Reform

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Portland City Council has been working diligently for the last month in an effort to find consensus on the appropriate actions to reform the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement system. An independent citizen committee has been studying the system for the past year and in December released their recommendations. The effort to identify the best path forward has generated vigorous debate, but there is agreement on the Council that reforms need to be made.

"It is vital that we as a Council work together to bring forth a proposal that achieves real results and that is palatable to the voters," stated Commissioner Saltzman. "I'm confident that the path my colleagues and I have agreed on today will allow us to get there."

Commissioner Saltzman's proposal, which has unanimous support from his colleagues on Council, will establish a Reform Implementation Committee to answer any unanswered questions from the citizen committees' work, and work with all stakeholders to identify areas of agreement. The Reform Implementation Committee will be created by a resolution which will be heard by Council on January 18th. The Resolution will establish a process for the Committee and give it a deadline of reporting back to Council by March 31st, 2006. This resolution will also commit Council to vote on proposed changes to the FPD&R system at the April 12th, 2006 City Council meeting.

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