



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
 MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **3RD DAY OF MAY, 2017** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5.

Commissioner Eudaly arrived at 9:47 a.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Jason Loos, Deputy City Attorney and Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Elia Saolele and Roger Hediger, Sergeants at Arms.

Item Nos. 436 and 438 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

		Disposition:
<p>In accordance with City Charter Section 2-302, all City Bureaus are assigned to the Mayor's Office for the remainder of the budget process. The Council Agenda will reflect this change starting May 10-11.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNICATIONS</p>		
429	Request of Katherine Salzman to address Council regarding HB 2669 Toxics Reporting and Community Right To Know (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
430	Request of Nate Cohen to address Council regarding emergency medical services delivery (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
431	Request of Katherine Smith to address Council regarding City Council talking to the Tigard Police about her case (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
432	Request of B Max Grad to address Council regarding reducing differential exposure to police stops (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
433	Request of Jeff Cole to address Council regarding public amenities for Central Eastside (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		

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434	TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Declare intent to initiate local improvement district formation proceedings to construct street, sidewalk and stormwater improvements in the N Burlington Ave and Edison St Local Improvement District (Resolution introduced by Commissioner Saltzman; C-10057) 20 minutes requested (Y-5)	37281
*435	TIME CERTAIN: 10:05 AM – Establish an Open Data Policy and create an Open Data Program for the City of Portland (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman) 1 hour requested Motion to add emergency clause: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent) (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	188356 AS AMENDED
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION Mayor Ted Wheeler Office of Management and Finance		
*436	Provide straight time pay for certain overtime hours worked by the Electrical Supervisor (Ordinance) (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	188357
Commissioner Dan Saltzman Bureau of Transportation		
*437	Amend contract with e-Builder, Inc. to extend the term and increase the value of the contract by \$988,233 for a not-to-exceed total of \$1,724,162 for project management software (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30004084) (Y-5)	188355
438	Authorize a competitive solicitation for Security Services for the SmartPark Garages and the Portland Streetcar Facility at an estimated amount of \$4,000,000 for five years (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 10, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
REGULAR AGENDA		
439	Replace the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program foregone revenue annual cap with a rolling 5-year cap (Second Reading 414; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman) Continued to May 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)	188358
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
440	Proclaim May 2017 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)	PLACED ON FILE
Bureau of Police		

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<p>*441</p>	<p>Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County, Oregon for the use of U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Program grant funds of \$98,160 for agency personnel expenses (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested Continued to May 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm. (Y-5)</p>	<p>188359</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>		
<p>442</p>	<p>Accept bid of Moore Excavation, Inc. for the Mt. Scott-Arleta Sewer Rehabilitation project for \$2,097,621 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 00000513) Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>443</p>	<p>Accept bid of Stellar J. Corporation for the Airport Way I Pump Station Improvements and AW03 Forcemain Repair project for \$1,636,000 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 00000502) Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>444</p>	<p>Accept bid of Twin Oaks Construction and Metal Works for the Forest Park Trail Bridges Replacement Project for \$661,200 (Procurement Report – Bid No. 00000542) Motion to accept the report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4; Saltzman absent)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</p>
<p>*445</p>	<p>Amend the City of Portland Employee Benefits Program to reflect necessary plan design changes as recommended by the Labor Management Benefits Committee and as administratively required by the Bureau of Human Resources for the City self-insured and insured plan offerings beginning July 1, 2017 (Ordinance) 20 minutes requested Continued to May 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm. (Y-4; Wheeler absent)</p>	<p>188360</p>
<p>Commissioner Nick Fish</p>		
<p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>		
<p>446</p>	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the construction of the NW Industrial St and 28th Ave Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10782 for an estimated \$2,000,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 10, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>447</p>	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Slabtown Sewer Replacement Project No. E10663 for an estimated \$8.86 million (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 10, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>448</p>	<p>Accept the report on status of the Columbia Wastewater Treatment Plant Lagoon Reconstruction Phase 3&4 Project No. E07146 from the Chief Engineer (Previous Agenda 421) 15 minutes requested Continued to May 3, 2017 at 2:00 pm.</p>	<p>CONTINUED TO MAY 10, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>

At 1:08 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **3RD DAY OF MAY, 2017** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5. Mayor Wheeler left at 2:45 p.m. and Commissioner Eudaly presided. Commissioner Fish left at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:04 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Heidi Brown, Deputy City Attorney; and John Paolazzi and Elia Saolele, Sergeants at Arms.

		Disposition:
449	TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Strengthen transparency and accountability of City advisory bodies (Resolution introduced by Commissioners Fish and Eudaly) 1 hour requested	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS
450	TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM – Consider the proposal of Greg Winterowd on behalf of Run our Dream LLC and the recommendation from the Hearings Officer for conditional approval to change the Comprehensive Plan Map designation from Neighborhood Commercial and Medium Density Multi-Dwelling to Urban Commercial, and the Zoning Map designation from Neighborhood Commercial 2 and Residential 1,000 to Storefront Commercial for property at 2815 SW Barbur Blvd (Hearing introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; LU 16-186417 CP ZC) 1.5 hours requested for 450-451 Motion to tentatively adopt Hearings Officer’s recommendation with the conditions as specified in the recommendation: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Saltzman. (Y-3; Wheeler and Fish absent)	TENTATIVELY ADOPT HEARINGS OFFICER’S RECOMMENDATION; CONTINUE TO MAY 17, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
451	Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map designation and amend the Zoning Map for property 2815 SW Barbur Blvd (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; LU 16-186417 CP ZC)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 17, 2017 AT 9:30 AM

At 3:26 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **4TH DAY OF MAY, 2017** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Commissioner Eudaly, Presiding; Commissioners Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 4.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:01 p.m.
Commissioner Saltzman left at 4:38 p.m.
Commissioner Fish left at 5:07 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Lory Kraut, Deputy City Attorney and Roger Hediger and Jim Wood, Sergeants at Arms.

The meeting recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:16 p.m.

		Disposition
452	TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Accept 2017 State of the Arts Report from the Regional Arts & Culture Council (Report introduced by Commissioner Fish) 1 hour requested Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)	ACCEPTED
453	TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM – Transmit East Portland Action Plan 2017 annual presentation (Report introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 1.5 hours requested for items 453-454 Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-3; Saltzman absent)	ACCEPTED
454	Authorize \$73,996 total in grant agreements for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement East Portland Action Plan 2017 Civic Engagement Grant agreements to further community involvement (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 10, 2017 AT 9:30 AM

At 5:09 p.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Wheeler: Before we gavel we have a presentation, commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you mayor, today the flag of the city of Portland is lowered to honor the deaths of three child victims of homicide last month all of whom were killed on virtually the same day April 11, 2017. Janet cortinez durham eight years old and her older sister jasmine, 11 was shot and killed by their father the night of April 11. Their father later killed himself amidst a confrontation with Gresham police. Earlier that same day a Vancouver teenager Sean m. Scott jr. Just 17 years old was shot and killed in broad daylight in Holladay park. Today our thoughts are with the victim's families, friends, and teachers who know better than we do, the potential this young woman and these young men, I am sorry, these women and young man had. To all those that work to prevent and reduce violence especially against children we also stand with you. This marks the 17th time that we have lowered the flag since passing a resolution in 2009 to recognize and honor children who have died from abuse and neglect or other violence. I would ask that we have a moment of silence for these three young children. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. This is the morning meeting of the Portland city council, Wednesday May 3, 2017. Karla please call the roll.

Fish: Here. **Saltzman:** Here. **Eudaly:** **Fritz:** Here.

Wheeler: Here, and I believe that commissioner Eudaly is present and will be back momentarily. The usual pre-meeting statement, the purpose of council meetings is to do the city's business including hearing from the community on issues of concern. In order for us to hear from everyone and to give due consideration to matters before the council we must endeavor to preserve the order and decorum of these meetings to make sure the process is clear for everyone I want to review some of the basic guidelines which I hope will help everyone feel comfortable, welcomed, respected, and safe at the meeting and also to ensure that the decorum is maintained. There are two opportunities for the public to participate. First we have an opportunity for people to sign up for communications to briefly speak about any subject they wish to address. These items must be scheduled in advance with the clerk's office. Second people may sign up for public testimony on the first readings of reports, resolutions, and ordinances. If you sign up your testimony must address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name for the record. We don't need your address. If you are a lobbyist, please disclose that, and if you are here representing an organization please identify the organization. Individuals typically have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left the yellow light is going to light up, and when your time is done the red light will come on. Conduct that disrupts the meeting for example shouting or interrupting other's testimony or interrupting during council deliberations is not allowed. People who disrupt the meeting face ejection from the meeting. If there is a disruption, I will issue a warning that if any further disruption occurs, anyone who is disrupting the meeting will be subject to ejection for the remainder of the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave the meeting after being ejected will be subject to arrest

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for trespass. If folks would like to show your support for something that's being said please just do a thumbs up or jazz hands or whatever if you don't like it, thumbs down, is sufficient, but keep things moving we ask people not to vocally express themselves. Thank you and we will get started with council communications. Commissioner Fish.

Fish: I just have a housekeeping matter so that everybody knows I will be asking that council item 449 scheduled for a time certain at 2:00 p.m. Be referred back to my office. The lead staff person on that item is out sick, and we have rescheduled it for Thursday May 11 at 2:30:00 p.m. Time certain. So in other words this afternoon we'll begin at 3:00 p.m. With the time certain, and I will be referring to 449 back to my Office.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you commissioner Fish. Duly noted. Please call the first communications item.

Item 429.

Moore-Love: she has informed us that she is not able to make it.

Wheeler: Next item please.

Item 430.

Moore-Love: He's had a family emergency and is not able to make it.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next item please.

Item 431.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Katherine Smith: Good morning. First I want to clarify what they put about what I am going to talk about is a little bit off. It's actually I wanted you to talk to the police chief. That's more accurate.

Wheeler: It's your time so you can use it. You just can't go over three minutes.

Smith: I am going to go over 10 or 15 seconds. I will try to read fast, though. What do we know. Can you all hear me ok?

Wheeler: Yes. Can you restart it at three minutes? Thank you.

Smith: What do we know? We know that some Tigard cops have been shooting me and my son remotely for five years every day with mainly microwave weapons and ultrasound weapons and even before that but less often. We know that the Portland police officer assigned to my case refuses to investigate and prosecute the Tigard cops because he's being blackmailed by them not to. Tigard cops admitted that to me from the beginning late 2013, that they are blackmailing him. He talks and acts like it we know several other Portland police employees are participating in this, most ignoring my request for help and hiding and stealing my emails and certified letters to pc marshman and previously pc Larry O'day wherein I asked them to assign my case to a different cop who is ethical and will investigate and make those Tigard cops stop shooting us. We know that you have not talk to the police chief about this case. We know that you have no legal reason for not doing so. I have asked you and you don't answer that question nor do your city attorneys because they have no legal reason. Nor do you for refusing to talk to the p.c. About these matters. We know you and the screener of your meeting requests have refused to allow me a 20-minute meeting with you to discuss this or resolve this so I am limited to a three-minute testimony once a month. We know that u.s. Police commissioner have authority to give the police chief an order, and that he must be in control of his employees making sure that they follow Oregon laws. We know the two certified letters are reports that I sent you but now there are three, were not given to you. We know that I gave you through Karla a print-out of a website from wire.com describing what a voicediscal weapon is that the Tigard cops harass and manipulate me and my son with every day. We know that you already know what that weapon is and that it does exist. I know that the third certified letter I sent you arriving April 13 contained a report and letter addressed to assistant chief O'day November 3, 2013, with evidence of those assaults and requesting his help, a paper of

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websites proving when cops acquired microwave weapons, mind control weapons, etc., in 1993, and a lethality assessment protocol form proving my son and I are at high risk of being murdered by the cops. We know that murder is illegal in Oregon, so is stalking but you don't do anything as police commissioner to make Portland police stop these crimes and attempted murder to us. Therefore, you are facilitating them. We know that you don't ask me any questions about these daily crimes to us, and not even what is the motive. This is a tactic or a strategy also used by some Portland police to discredit the target and to not say anything you can be held liable for. We know that they have lots of other people in Portland they target and shoot with the weapons remotely and we know that, I wrote down several of the names at the end of my last testimony march 8. I ask you to please be sure to read them. Many are well-known crimes in Portland including some people who died from police shootings, and lastly, we know that none of the information and evidence I Have told you about these crimes is difficult to understand.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate it.

Smith: Thank you.

Item 432.

Wheeler: Next item please.

Item 433.

Wheeler: Good morning. You are getting lots of jazz hands.

Jeff Cole: Thank you. Mayor wheeler and commissioners I am here to speak -- I have given you materials.

Wheeler: I will restart your time. Can you state your name for the record?

Cole: I am Jeff Cole and live in Sunnyside. I am here today to talk about the city's option to purchase 1.31 acres located approximately at southeast 14th and Morrison. This is part of a large block. It's a very important block, and I would like to talk about the things that make Portland special. We have things like the rose garden and we have newer amenities like the Chinese garden. These are the things that make Portland special, and I believe that this super block needs attention. Not just in the realm of parks. But as something that's planned outside of the silos and planned on a larger sense by the city. I am here to say that each council member has a stake in this 1.31 acres that we must purchase by May 29, 2017 or we lose a chance to purchase it because of a second option that starts on June 1. Now I can look at each one of you and say that there is something for each of you in this property. For instance, commissioner Saltzman is part of this project on the acreage that the city owns and building a community center is a plan subterranean parking structure. If we purchase this 1.31 acres we can maximize the potential of this underground parking structure to service not only the community center but revolution hall and other developments in the area. In the long-term this would help transportation, reduce the impact of on-street parking, and improve transportation. We should look at this 1.31 acres as facilitating that. Mayor wheeler this is a perfect opportunity for the Portland development commissioner to think outside of the silos, look at this acreage that is inside the central east side urban renewal area to creating some special for the east side that's on par of pioneer square, that's on par with the park blocks and with the new park blocks that are in the pearl district and in the other areas that we develop. When we plan something like the zidell yards we plan new amenities to make those areas work. We have rezoned a lot of properties on the central east side from eg1 to ex and moved that zoning over to gateway so that we can accommodate more of the residential in this area, thousands of units are being built. This is the primary spot to create public amenities in this spot. I have already discussed the issue with commissioner Fritz, and we had a lot of dialogue on this. But I think that we can look at this through a lens that's larger than parks, so I really encourage you to do this because we only have a few days to take action. Then it's out of our hands

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forever. But I think that we have to make sure that the parks create a greater whole, and this is a critical part of this, and I would love the opportunity to discuss this with your staff and further if you are interested.

Wheeler: Great.

Fritz: Can I make a statement for the record. Thank you Mr. Cole, you and Mary Anne Schwab is also here and others have been very diligent on this property. I wanted to make sure that people at home know what we have done in terms of assessment. We did look at that property. It was 1.3 acres, and the school district's potential asking price is \$10 million so \$10 million is more than we usually pay for a whole park development rather than just for the site. We did look at it. Could it be used for affordable housing or for the navigation center? Neither Mark Jolin or the director of the housing bureau was interested in that, and we can't -- we don't have the \$10 million. The site is not included in the master plan. So the community knew when we did the master plan that the site was the site, and we don't have the money to be able to buy this additional property.

Cole: Can I respond? I would say first of all we have 60 million sitting in system development charges as we speak. Certainly we could look at this property as something that could be bought on contract, that is a typical real estate transaction where we would not have to pay the full sum. The money is going to Portland public schools and they may be back next year to ask for help from the city depending on how things go in Salem. I would also say that -- so we have the southeast area, and this is right on the border of the southeast and central east side system development charges border. The site is actually inside of the border. But in southeast Portland over 20 million in system development fees have been collected, and less than 2 million has been spent in southeast and parks. I really think that we have to look at this. I will throw out one more idea. It turns out that James Beard graduated from Washington high school. I think that this would be the ideal site for a James Beard public market using park of the acreage. They need 50,000 square feet on the main level. They could put cold storage in the subterranean area.

Fritz: I forgot to say something and that is that as you know the option says that we can buy it if we are going to immediately proceed to building the community center, and probably \$60 million much of the development charge money has been allocated. We do not have the capacity to build and operate a new community center at this time, although we will hopefully be going out for a capital bond within the not too distant future.

Wheeler: I am sure that -- could you email that to me? I would like to read that.

Cole: I will.

Wheeler: I am not making any promises or representations but it's interesting and I want to take a look at it thanks. Let's move to the consent agenda, I believe a couple of items have been pulled, Karla. I show 436 and 438. Are there others?

Moore-Love: That's the only two that I have.

Wheeler: All right, why don't we call the roll please on those that remain in the agendas.

[roll call]

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Fritz: This is -- the only item under the consent know is increasing the value of a contract to something that we have already approved before, aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. Do we have staff here for the explanation of either 436 or 438? If not -- which one sir? Why don't you come up and let's take care of that? We are skipping 436, if you could read 438.

Item 438.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Michael Jacobs, Portland Housing Bureau: Good morning mayor and commissioner, I am Michael Jacobs, the smart park manager for the bureau of transportation. The contract

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before you is to authorize a competitive solicitation for the purchase of security services for smart park garages and Portland streetcar facility at an estimated amount of \$4 million for over five years. The selected contractor will provide security services for all six smart park garages to help maintain safety in the system. The contractor will also provide security services for pbot's streetcar facility on Northrup in support of safe public transit service. I would be happy to answer any questions.

Wheeler: If you could step aside we'll hear from whoever pulled it and they may have a question or two. Public testimony. Come on up, please. Good morning.

Mimi German: Good morning. Before I start about this I have a poem that I would like to share with you today that has relevance. It's called a free pass. There are holes in the worn shoes of this story of this story and dried bloodied mud on the soul of the memories but along each ragged edge inside the fold of each petal told is my family emigrating the programs, the shtetel, rogata, Ukraine in 1912 to 1918. You know you can't take the Jew, the Yiddish, the Jude, the trains, the ovens, dogs, bullets, fear, the bloodlines out of the Jew, but you do know how to terrify us again growing fascist roots in the usa while giving free passes to Nazis for bus rides at free speech rallies while saluting Hitler in 2017. I carry the tasacks jean and my family in my dna. I am a Jew. I will always be a Jew. You refused me a ride on the bus when you gave Nazis a free pass because I cannot ride a bus filled with Nazis on a free ride.

Wheeler: I will have to ask you to make your testimony germane to item 438.

German: It is germane to giving money to a group of people who don't need the money when other people in this city need that money for funerals, for the current genocide that's going on between our cops and the black communities. I would like to finish this because it is germane and then I can talk more about that with my three minutes. You refused me a ride on the bus when you gave Nazis a free pass because I cannot ride a bus filled with Nazis on a free ride, Nazis who want to kill me in Portland and anywhere else. Mayor what were you thinking? What is sanctuary really? I will go now back deep into the roots of my family while you decide if you will fire the Nazi cops on our police force or continue to hand out the free pass of oppression and terror over us the Jews, blacks, houseless, poor, the oppressed under your current rule. So \$4 million to parking lots to security for parking lots, a private parking lot firm as far as I know. I could be wrong on that but still \$4 million. My suggestion instead of using \$4 million for that is to let's come together and open our Hearts and take that money and supply the families who can't afford the funerals for their kids who have -- or daughters like Karen who died in a parking lot provide a funeral space for them at our beautiful cemetery that we have in -- I am not sure where that was in southeast where quanice Hayes was buried and provide money for the families who can't support funerals for their kids who do get killed by our police instead of giving private parking lot companies extraneous \$4 million for things that I am sure they don't need 4 million for.

Wheeler: Thank you, good morning.

Cameron Stark: I am Cameron stark, a taxpayer in Portland, Oregon. I believe that \$4 million sounds a bit excessive. In the past like she said Karen lee bats died in a parking garage in downtown Portland, and I would hope that if you are trying to spend more on security that you would be able to use that security to make sure that some of our houseless members who are seeking refuge or warm places in these parking garages aren't used to brutalize them and to exclude them from the public spaces because I don't find it acceptable that people are dying on our streets and you are wanting to spend \$4 million more dollars over five years on added security. It just doesn't sound plausible or humane is actually the better word for it. It does not sound humane to increase the security when people are continuously dying. I think if you cut it in half to \$2 million it would maybe

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be more reasonable and you would have more money to set aside for other services that would prevent the problems that are happening in our parking garages that you need security for. Thank you.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Eudaly: The smart park buildings are city owned. We are not giving \$4 million to a private company so I wanted to make sure you knew that.

German: All the more reason.

Star Stauffer: Star Stauffer, good morning, thank you commissioner Eudaly because that was one of my questions. This is appalling. When I park in the smart park garage for four hours I pay \$13. I can imagine that hundreds and hundreds of cars are parking in those garages every day. There is no overhead. There is like four employees in this garage. What the hell do they need \$4 million for? Use the money you are charging people to park there. This is not rocket science. I would like to see since it's city owned and since we're talking about the allocation of city funds, I want to see a full budget justification for this request. I want to know why \$4 million is the number? And not only that exactly where you like the houseless people to go? You want to build stuff everywhere; you are sweeping them out. They cannot go in the garage because you want to increase the security which we all know means more Portland cops and parking Garages. If we are going to start using them that way, we might want to reduce their pay to what people at sears get for working loss prevention. We have enough cops and door rattlers. What we don't have are enough humanitarians and politicians thinking outside of making more money and doing more for marginalized communities and vulnerable community members. Every week that I come here I hear millions for in and that and this and that and I don't hear anybody talking about allocating funds to uplift the black communities or allocating the funds to take care of people that are houseless. What the hell is wrong with you? \$4 million for security in a parking garage? For what? People somewhere car insurance. The garages have insurance. What the hell do you need \$4 million for? If we are going to flush money do you mind paying off some of my bills? Shame on you guys. This is ridiculous. I want to see a full budget justification. Or I say you are misusing public funds. Since I am a taxpayer I have that right, since I park in those garages I have that right. Since Portland police feel that they can exclude people from the parking garage I damn well know that they are the security that they are talking about, and I believe that we just approved \$10 million for the Portland police, and thousands more for them to have leases on the properties that they don't need to spy on people that they have no business spying on. Holy crap. So \$4 million for more security aka more money for the freaking cops. Who do they think that they are kidding? You can target houseless people and people of color? Just more white supremacist circle jerking.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Next item please. Do we have one more? Very good. Two more. Everybody wants to talk about this contract. Come on up. Go ahead. Who wants to start? Mr. Walsh.

Joe Walsh: I am joe Walsh. I represent individuals for justice. I have got to tell you guys this is the funniest thing that I have ever seen accept there is \$4 million involved and again you tried to slide it underneath the table on the consented agenda and the consent agenda means no discussion unless somebody comes along and pulls it which we did. We sitting just having coffee this morning, five of us you know, we could do the security for \$2 million. We are offering you \$2 million savings. What do you think, guys?

Wheeler: Submit an rfp. I am interested.

Walsh: Why don't you post on this and we will get you a proposal in writing. I was not aware that people were so enthused about doing security. We are going to send you 2 million, put it over to next week and I will guarantee you something in writing. Mimi and I

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will work on it and we will give you something in writing. You own the building as the new commissioner Eudaly said. I take her at her word you own the building, so all you have got to do is hire it. If you hire us, we may not bug you so much on Wednesday morning because we'll be tired. This is really kind of comical, and we could save you some money. What do you think? \$2 million here, \$2 million there. Pretty soon we are going to be talking about major money. Maybe we could get the people off the streets like everybody is crying for you to do. So mayor why don't you put it over for one week and call my bluff and say Mr. Walsh get your proposal in here by next week and we'll look at it and if it's reasonable and it makes sense and it's in English and it's not about the five white guys, we'll pick it up. What do you think?

Wheeler: Thank you sir for your testimony. Next, commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Mr. Walsh this is to authorize the solicitation so this is asking everybody including you to send in your bid.

Wheeler: We are looking forward to seeing it.

Walsh: We have got 30 days.

Fritz: You have got plenty of time. 30 days is good.

Wheeler: We look forward to it.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good morning. So I am Charles bridge crane Johnson and I think that sometimes -- a little bit? Thanks very much. Sometimes it is confusing that this is not an ordinance yet authorizing us to spend maybe up to a cap of \$4 million, but I think that we should look at best practices and when we deal with the most serious things the supreme court in Oregon statutes tell us that certain types of legislation have to be very specific and limited in topic and although this is all security I am not sure that it's actually a good idea for the bureau of transportation to lump together parking lot safety with whatever the vast and complex security needs are for our tiny streetcar parking garage over there under 405. I really encourage you to listen to Mr. Walsh's suggestion you pull back. I don't know how much you've been able to discuss this -- those people paying too much attention to what you do will realize that two or three times this year just the parking garage part of this made on the agenda for around \$800,000 I think. Now -- so if that was the case it was 800,000, and I don't remember, maybe more, but I think that it's very hard for us to -- it's easy for us to be critical about the \$4 million price tag but it's hard for people to be comprehensive until we see the document doesn't show us the details of the rfp about how many hours or people or, are getting the fact that there is not a smart park, I don't think this there is any in the pearl or located near the pbot so we have this problem of conflating things that are not really that similar, security for the parking lot garages and for the streetcar garage. One thing that's very germane to what Mr. Walsh wrote up is when you package this as a large \$4 million multi-site deal I think that we create barriers for the smallest businesses, minority business, women-led business that might not be positioned to serve, just channeling the money back to the same old players, probably the three people that will submit for this are g4s, and Portland patrol, and pacific patrol. So can they -- do we have leverage to encourage them to perhaps do some subcontracting? Can we get DePaul which is a better security company? There is a lot here. I urge you to maybe not vote, but to think about whether this can be broken up and understand how being an agenda item with only parking garages for a while even though it's under pbot how did the streetcar garage come into it and what is the per site cost. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Lightning: Good morning. I am lightning, I represent lightning super watchdog x. One of the problems that I have with the city of Portland is thinking that they are in the real estate business. You shouldn't own these parking structures, you should sell these off, take the

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money back as some people said and put it into the building more housing for the homeless or reserve the right to redevelop these pieces of well-located properties and also build apartments up above. Basically what you are doing is you are a real estate holding company addicted to fossil fuels. You have 3,800 parking spaces, bringing them all downtown and forcing us to breathe that polluted air. Again I disagree with you doing that. I would rather have all electric vehicles, again you are profit driven. This is nothing but profit for the city. So I am absolutely against you being a real estate holding company creating profit, bringing fossil fuel vehicles down into this location, polluting the air, and not looking at future housing by redeveloping these sites which are prime locations. We can put the parking down underneath and also have housing unions up above, and we need to look at this because to me the city of Portland is just holding this profit driven, and the \$4 million at 800,000 a year, you know, I mean, that is a big number. Again you are going to be producing that off the receipts, produced off these parking spaces. So yeah, I guess that I should not be too concerned because that money will it end up in the general fund again or not? Probably not. But the reality is that I think that these spots, these locations are underutilized, not the highest and best use, and we could put housing there. We could still have the parking, and you could put limitations on anybody with the fossil fuel vehicle. You don't get to park in these structures. Keep them out of the central city. We want clean air in the central city. Buy electric. Quit using your fossil fuel vehicles and polluting our air downtown. I am sick and tired of breathing the polluted air downtown, which the city officials think that I have to be forced to do when I walk along the public sidewalks. Again I hold you responsible for anything to do with my health pertaining to the polluted air which I don't think that I have to breathe because you want to profit off of these parking structures. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Johnson: Commissioner Fritz I noticed on the last line of the last page this is really the only opportunity for the public to engage. If you approve this, it goes through normal procurement channels so kind of dark for us. We won't know the procurement office will just give the best bidder the money and on it will go. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Is there any other public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: No.

Wheeler: Could we have staff come back up please? I don't know if public testimony inspired you to add any further information? I think that we have a couple of questions. There was a question raised about minority contractors and how that would fit in potentially to this rfp. Could you describe some of this, the scenarios around that?

Larry Pelatt, Procurement Services: When the public is notified and the solicitation goes out onto the street, all contractors will get notified whether they are minority contractors, certified or, of any kind, will receive the notification just as they did last time. There is a section in the solicitation piece talking about minority subcontracting, what can be done, as part of the proposals and it's a scored part of the proposals. So value is placed on that. We don't have the solicitation done yet. We can't legally do that. So by the time this ordinance is passed and then we have the wait period for that then we will develop the rfp. There will be plenty of time for input from counsel and other entities into that document. The union puts some significant, displayed significant interests last time, and we incorporated virtually everything that they talked about, so there is plenty of open time for input relative to the document itself as it comes up.

Wheeler: Are all contractors held to the same standard during the application process?

Pelatt: Yes, sir.

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Wheeler: And there is some testimony that people are suggesting these funds go to the Portland police bureau or to police officers, what percentage of this \$4 million goes to the Portland police bureau or to the police officers?

Pelatt: These funds go to the contractor.

Wheeler: Is that 0%?

Pelatt: Yes.

Wheeler: Any further questions?

Fritz: I seem to remember in a previous solicitation there has been a coalition of smaller contractors who put together a proposed limit. Am I remembering that correctly maybe eight years ago or so, sir?

Pelatt: It was a year before I got here but there was a group put together. It was not a successful proposal, but, and certainly nothing would restrict a new group of that caliber from putting together a proposal and coming to us with something relative to how it would work. If it's, if it meets the highest score kind of thing absolutely, you know. I think that that would be great.

Fritz: Once you decided who to select does that come back to council for confirmation?

Pelatt: Can you?

Fritz: When you selected the winner of the proposals, does that come back to the council for confirmation as to the amounts and the company?

Pelatt: Yes, ma'am. Once the proposal is selected the contract itself comes back before this group for approval. Yes.

Fritz: One last question, it says in the ordinance the previous solicitation was withdrawn and has been brought back. Can you tell us why that was? What happened then?

Pelatt: The previous solicitation was put out and we got significant input from the union and other groups. The opening was delayed several times to accommodate adding information to it. It went through an evaluation process. There was a firm selected and when I contract came here there was some further discussion which occurred in chambers as I understand it. And that was just pulled back and not acted upon. Within council that solicitation and that's the basis for this being back here, with another ordinance to redo the solicitation. In the meantime, we had to extend the existing contract for a year so that we could get all of this stuff done and back.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: Any further questions or comments? Commissioner Eudaly?

Eudaly: I would like to clarify a couple issues that came up in the public testimony. As I mentioned the smart parks are city owned. This contract is for six parking garages, and the streetcar facility, five of those six garages are open 24 hours a day the breakdown is less than \$1600 a day, so I realize \$4 million does sound like an extraordinary amount of money but you have to actually look at what it is paying for to understand and the fact is we're not giving smart park 4 million. That's coming out of the garage receipts and streetcar receipts.

Wheeler: Any further comments or questions? This is a non-emergency first reading moves to second reading. Thank you. Before we go back to this -- thank you gentlemen. Before we go back to 436 we have a time certain item 434 out of respect to the people who have shown up for the time certain why don't we move to that next and we will go back to 436 after the time certain.

Item 434.

Saltzman: Before us is a resolution to create the local improvement district proposal to achieve economies of scale by leveraging developer dollars to also build adjacent infrastructure improvements to benefit the cathedral park neighborhood. Andrew Aebi lid administrator will explain the details shortly but I wanted to thank many of the people up

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front that made this proposal possible starting with the cathedral park neighborhood association. They have been a great advocate for this project, so thank you chair Jennifer Fatell for that. Also a big thank you to some of the individuals we'll hear from this morning. Property owner Leslie Smith, who has been a steadfast supporter of the improvement district, developer Ben Wood, whose project is bringing housing into the neighborhood and will receive storm water benefits from this. Helen Ost, our community garden supporter who has kept that asset front and center throughout the development of the lid. Alicia Delashmutt and I want exclusive collaborative LLC and Joe Wykowski of Portland Community Asset Builders LLC for their commitments to the project. And we will hear from them shortly. Thank you so now I will turn it over to Andrew Aebi.

Andrew Aebi, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Thank you commissioner. Andrew Aebi local improvement district administrator so I went out to cathedral park last Friday to take pictures. This is my favorite picture on the slide. I think it really reflects the ethos of the neighborhood that they want better pedestrian connections in this neighborhood. This is a sign at Burlington and Willamette and this is a map of the district so the two properties that are developed are on the south side of Edison street close to Burlington Avenue, and we did some outreach with existing residents, and it seemed like there was a very strong business case to be made while we are out there due to the large project, however small, we thought that there was a good case to be made to expand the project and have a more comprehensive storm water solution. So the city of Portland rates all of its streets on a periodic cycle, these two segments of north Edison street on a zero to 100 scale have a rating of 16-18 so not much better than an unpaved road. You can see kind of the grim condition of the pavement. You also see that there is no curb on the south side of the street which presents storm water drain angle problems for downhill properties and what we particularly didn't want to have happen was have new development come in and have them receive storm water run-off from the public right-of-way. So this is a picture that I took in front of the John Community Garden. You can see it is a haphazard parking situation and we will put a curb there and deal with that. This is the north John Avenue right-of-way. South of north Edison street so what happens right now is the storm water comes down Edison street and it makes the turn go around this corner and it causes these erosion problems and works its way down the hill towards Mr. Woods' properties and he could not be here today. He was very supportive this project addressing this storm water issue so that he would not be receiving the run-off from the public right-of-way. And just finally to wrap up this is an existing sidewalk on north Burlington Avenue that we will be reconstructing as part of this project. Overall we have 90% support for this lid and would encourage the council to approve this resolution today, and with that I am happy to take any questions that you might have before we move onto the public testimony. Thank you.

Wheeler: It looks like we are ready for public testimony. Thank you. Karla will be back I assume in a moment. We will wait one moment and Karla will be back.

Moore-Love: We have eight people, first three.

Wheeler: Three minutes, name for the record, please.

Leslie Smith: Good morning, I am Leslie Smith, I live in the St. John Bridge Condominium on Edison street, and we voted in favor of the lid. We are just asking you to approve it. Pretty much the same thing that Andrew says, the asphalt on Edison street is falling apart. It's eroded to pretty much gravel on the street and when it rains the storm water flows in the street and the sidewalk not into the storm drains I can attest to that. Edison is used by a lot of pedestrians but since the sidewalks are in such poor shape most people walk in the streets instead of the sidewalks. And there is going to be over 20 new housing units in this lid area, plus the potential of, you know, over 400 new units just between north Burlington and north Richmond Avenue between Edison going down to the river. Edison is one of two

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streets that connect between these two so we can expect to see a lot of car and pedestrian traffic on the street. This is a designated pedestrian area but it has limited pedestrian access now, and it's only going to get worse without new sidewalks so really encourage you to do this and people seem to be really supportive of it.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Helen Ost: Good morning. I am Helen ost and I appreciate The opportunity to come before you although I don't actually live in this area. I am there a lot because I am the co-manager of the john's community garden, which is right there on Edison. The garden is composed of two parts. The north community garden is located on the south side of Edison. We have 97 people that I e-mailed to have plots, families that have plots there. You won't see more than one or two at a time unless we have a work party and then we only get a dozen people. But you think about the fact that we have 97 that I sent emails to plus we have six Hmong families also. As you can imagine the people, a lot of them walk but many drive their cars, and it's definitely an issue to cross the street there. In addition, we have the south garden which is down north avenue, a gravel road, and it's actually facing the gravel road not Edison. And the two gardens are connected by a pathway that goes between the two gardens because the shed is in the north garden, in the south garden they use that. So you have north avenue coming down the hill, and then the pedestrians, the gardeners passing between these so in addition to the improvements on Edison I would like to suggest that you vacate the road, the north john's avenue from Edison down to the north Decatur, is that how you pronounce it, street for the safety of pedestrians. Because of the steepness of the road if that -- if north john's avenue is improved it would be coming down and the pedestrian crossing right at the base of the hill which would be a problem for pedestrians. So as a summary, as a volunteer of the parks and recreation john's community garden I look forward to the improvements because of the paved parking and the safety both on Edison and on north john's avenue. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. Good morning.

Cameron Stark: I am Cameron stark and I live in the downtown st. John's business district. I would like to know where they found the 90% approval rating for this because I don't believe that I was ever questioned on this. I ride my skateboard down Edison and I walk along the streets and I don't say that I see a problem with how they are at the moment. My main concern though with the flooding is that in the fall when the leaves fall from the trees many times the county or the city I am not sure who the cleanup crew is but they don't come out and clean up the leaves off the streets and out of the strain dorms, and then that's where the flooding comes from. It has caused a lot of problems, and then when you look at the dynamics of these streets Burlington, Richmond, and Baltimore are massive hills, I mean, these are steep hills that are tough to walk up. So the flooding down there at the bottom of the streets is very apparent. I also wonder why this has never come up before until these new housing developments have come up into this part of the neighborhood into the cathedral park area. It should have come up a long time ago when lower income families were living there and facing the problems. So I do find that concerning. It seems to be favoring the new residents that are moving in there from out of town. Parking is an issue in st. John's, too. There is not a whole lot that you can do about that unless you want to build a massive parking garage which we have one coming up at Lombard and Charleston. I can't say that I really trust this lid or proposal. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Mimi German: Good morning, I'm Mimi German, I know the streets and they are really difficult to walk down for sure. We saw this coming -- I live in st. John's and we saw structural problems coming when nobody cared about gentrifying st. John's. We are in like full gentrification mode now. I've been in st. John's since 2001, and Kenton before that,

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and there is so many apartment buildings now and townhouses that have been put in causing so much more traffic on our roads in st. John's and the bridge in st. John's. What isn't being addressed is our houseless community in st. John's. I mean I know people get tired of me coming here and talking about the houseless community, but they are everywhere. We have to care about it, not sweep them up. Not put paving, pothole roads in front of our living people and their animals in our houseless communities in our park in cathedral park. There is people who live in cathedral park and should have homes, and instead of having homes we have created one, two, I don't know, five, seven, maybe ten different new apartment structures for people who have money who have never lived in north Portland who are now all in north Portland in st. John's really not being a part of our community at all, wishing that people in the houseless community would just go away when we tried to bring in housing for them. The thing -- it comes back to gentrification. I get that those roads are terrible, and for anybody who is even -- who has difficulty walking, you know, if they are in a wheelchair and have a cane, if they are blind they are strenuous granted something should be done about those. I do think that our attention needs to come back and continue to revert back to what is a community? What is st. John's? What is anywhere? You pick it where you live, you know. We have to take care of the houseless, and I would like to see attention from my community in st. John's and instead of just my, my, my for, you know, for our poor street, which we cannot walk down, what about coming here and talking about our houseless community and dealing with homes there? I just wanted again to bring attention to the fact that gentrification kills. It removed the black community at least in special perming the rent hikes are so high, just across Lombard, you know, on Fessenden and down, and it's affecting the Hispanic, the Latino community greatly, and here we are talking about paving roads for you know, for a gentrifying community, and it's difficult to deal with.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Good morning.

Star Stauffer: Good morning. Star Stauffer. I share the same concerns that Mimi and Cameron have. Frankly my overarching concern is the city's ability to do anything with our transportation. I have not forgotten the snow storm and the failure of pbot and odot and their inability to preemptive strike or follow through with anything comprehensive that will lead to the city being able to function on a healthier level. But this sounds more to me like a bunch of white people in st. John's are upset that houseless people and people of color and other vulnerable community members are there, and this is a really convenient way to sweep them out which is what always happens whenever we have to fix a pothole. I know that you don't have a lot of experience, a lot of experience fixing potholes. You did fix the one for a photo op but some of our anarchists fixed potholes, people that you leave out of these conversations even though they do more community work than you do. This is just to sweep out houseless people because a bunch of white people don't like how their sidewalk looks. Well boo-hoo. The entire city is filled with pot holes, and funds need to be allocated for people vulnerable not fixing cracks in sidewalks. There is a crack in our society. I don't give a damn about their sidewalk. Step over the crack. Your mom's back doesn't get broken, people. That's a myth. This makes me sick that we're talking about allocating more money and time and energy to further gentrify a neighborhood. I grew up in st. John's, I went to siton, George and Roosevelt and when I grew up there it was mostly minority community, and now it's just white, white, white. I can't even afford to live in the neighborhood I grew up. People in the city need to grow up and you guys need to get your priorities straight.

Wheeler: Thank you, good morning.

Jennifer Vitello: Good morning mayor and commissioners. I am Jennifer vitello, the chair of the cathedral park neighborhood association. I am here today to testify in favor of the

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agenda item 434, the creation of local improvement district located at the intersection of north Edison and north Burlington avenue. Thank you to commissioner Saltzman for introducing this Item. Currently the cathedral park neighborhood suffers from a lack of investment from the city. As a neighborhood approximately 9.4% of our streets are unpaved as compared to 2.8% city-wide. Many more of our streets have no sidewalks, lighting, signage or improved crosswalks. Despite the fact that the proposed lid is located within a designated pedestrian district north Edison is largely improved. You saw the pictures that Andrew had. The location of the proposed lid is challenging. The site located on a 12% grade sloped down the hill towards the Willamette river. This means there is a 24-foot drop between Edison street and the next street down Decatur street. Therefore, this lid is greatly needed from a storm water management perspective when Portland's rain begins to fall the storm water flow is unabated from north Edison and washes out north John avenue, a completely undeveloped road making the entrance to the community garden on John's street impassible. This lid is an -- I am sorry an \$819,000 project. The allocation is only about \$310,000. The remainder of the cost will be paid by adjacent property owners. It is important to note that not only are the homeowners on north Edison personally investing in these street improvements out of their own pockets but one property owner who you will hear from today is a low income housing development for disabled individuals. In light of the burden these property owners have agreed to shoulder is the hope that the people owning the property adjacent to this will recognize the need for the street and storm water improvements and agree to contribute their share to this effort. It is the cathedral park neighborhood's hope that the creation of this lid will be the first of many safety transportation and watershed improvements in the neighborhood. The residents are putting something skin in the game and we hope the city will do the same. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you for your work on the neighborhood association board and taking the time to come today. Thank you.

Moore-Love: Your mic is not on.

Fish: The mayor and I have convened a group of community stakeholders around superfund and some early action. There is a number of -- there is a lot of people in your neighborhood who would like to see some early action at the foot of cathedral park, and what is sort of like now a -- an area that would increase the access to the river. And are you directly engaged in that process or do you have a representative from the neighborhood association?

Vitello: We don't, no.

Fish: If you could shoot me an email or I will shoot you one I want to make sure that you are at the table as we make decisions about potentially early action and thank you very much.

Wheeler: Is there further public testimony?

Moore-Love: Two more.

Alicia Delshmutt: I'm Alicia Delashmutt I am the founding neighbor of the inclusive community collaborative and we are going to be building homes for folks on the Edison site and because of the zoning requirements we needed to do street improvements and I think it's a wonderful idea that it not only improves the street in front of our project but increases the access to the neighborhood, to the community garden, allows our small project to extend into the neighborhood and I really appreciate the neighborhood and backing on this, the inclusive community collaborative is reaching out to our vulnerable populations and making sure that we include folks below the median income, experience disability and want to age in the home of their choice so this is not just a middle class project. It is

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reaching out to our vulnerable populations and building community not only within that community but our greater community as well. I appreciate that. Thank you.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Joe Wykowski: I'm Joe Wykowski, the executive director of community vision incorporated. Pcab as you see it llc is the developer of the property along Edison. We're a nonprofit organization that assists people with disabilities in many ways all over the Portland area. We secured this land quite a while ago because we knew it was one of the last chances to have a piece of land that would provide some affordable home ownership for individuals and Families with disabilities and other community members. We are very interested in bringing people together from all walks of life and community and we worked really closely with the cathedral park neighborhood association in planning and in the city and/or in favor of this lid. As you know we will still pay for our more than fair share of the developing of the street, and the only way to make it accessible and safe for everyone is to have the lid and to do the entire development on the street along with the project. As Alicia mentioned this is a project that invites all people to live together in community, and it's an opportunity to stabilize the community and assist with home ownership when we are losing a lot of opportunities in Portland so that's why we got involved and we've had many years of successful home ownership and community projects in the Portland area, and we're very excited to see this project go forward.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate it.

Eudaly: I would like to express my support and enthusiasm for this project. It's really exciting, inclusive, accessible housing, mixed income, home ownership opportunities, and just mention that I hear from the constituents across the city who have been pushed out of the central city into some of our less developed areas who have particularly mobility challenges and sometimes they are practically house-bound if they don't have their own vehicle due to either damaged or nonexistent sidewalks, unsafe crosswalks, and etc. So I actually have a question for Andrew.

Fish: I have one. Just I want to say that amplify something that commissioner Eudaly mentioned. When I was the parks commissioner we did a master plan with the community to imagine what an updated cathedral park would look like. That's in the queue and you know there is lots of these plans and commissioner Fritz I think appropriately is making big investments in east Portland where there's been -- where there are no parks before we do this updating of existing parks. Since you are putting housing in this location for people that like commissioner Eudaly's son that have mobility issues, I want to make sure that we take that off the shelf and look to see are there any accessibility improvements that we can do once this development is put into place so that the people can access the park? Thank you.

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Saltzman: Take your seats Andrew aebi for further questions. Question?

Eudaly: Hello Andrew bear with me because lids are kind of a new thing for me and I am just learning and I think that the public would like to learn as well. I see some numbers in here as far as the money coming from private property owners and from us, and there is approximately 9% gap. Where does the rest of that money come from?

Aebi: The bureau of transportation is funding the overhead costs on this lid so the balance of the project that isn't picked up by the property owners being paid for by the bureau of transportation.

Fritz: I think the commissioner was wondering about those who are not supporting it they still have to pay right?

Aebi: Yes, the benefiting properties are charged for the lid, whether or not they petition in favor, but we were very pleased that we got petition support, and some of those owners by

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the way are out of state and I think that some of them are renting out their condos so I would not necessarily take that as indicative of non-support.

Eudaly: So I think it was you that this that 90% support. You mean affected property owners on that area? So are those only people that are notified of this?

Aebi: Well we always notify all the properties, the owners of the property proposed for inclusion in the lid, and we also notified the neighborhood association, the neighborhood coalition, are pleased to have engagement with the cathedral park. I never have done an lid west of interstate avenue, so a huge bit of north Portland with infrastructure deficiencies and I have never had the opportunity to do anything for them and one other thing to mention is several years ago there was a lot of money spent on redeveloping the Hillsdale terrace in southwest Portland and that was the housing project. That had California street, up the hill from it, dumped water over decades into that housing complex, and mold and livability issues so as a result that development had to be torn down and rebuilt at great expense. What we are trying to do is to be smart and build the street storm water infrastructure so when the housing units go in we don't have a storm water problem, a mold problem or all the things that for example that we had with Hillsdale terrace.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Saltzman: You talked about the 90%, of the people surrounded by the improvements. There was a suggestion by miss ost about including north john's avenue in the lid. Do you want to talk to that?

Aebi: So we looked at north john avenue. I think that it would be a big mistake to improve that in the future. It's steep with the 12% grade, if we did ada compliant sidewalks it would wipe out the garden, and what I thought that I might do with the counselor's blessing is when I bring back an lid formation ordinance, direct pbot to pursue a street vacation for north John avenue and extend the curb which would end at John avenue, if we know we are going to vacate it we could put a curb there and offer additional storm water benefit and not, at not very much cost so if that meets with the pleasure of the council I would be happy to incorporate that into the formation ordinance that would come back this summer.

Saltzman: I think that sounds good. Thank you.

Wheeler: Further questions or comments from the council? Seeing none please call the roll.

Fish: Thanks everybody for taking time today to come out and testify. Thank you commissioner Saltzman for bringing this forward. Thank you Andrew for doing the superb job that you always do. Andrew is one of, in my opinion, the finest public servants at the city, and almost in variably there is virtually unanimous support for the lids he brings forward because he makes the extra effort to get community support and he's trusted and he's certainly trusted by this council so thank you Andrew. And finally this is as Dan said an innovative way to leverage private resources to enhance infrastructure, and in doing so benefit everybody in the community. Today I am proud to vote aye.

Saltzman: Thanks Andrew for bringing this forward. Thank you to the neighborhood association, and to all the others who testified today, and very happy to hear about the inclusive housing that's going in. That sounds great so more power to you. And this is a great project. Aye.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: Well everything that commissioner Fish and commissioner Saltzman said I do also want to thank commissioner Fish for pledging the water bureau and the bureau of environmental services to pay their fair share, as very appropriately so, and I will ask once I get, if I get that back I will ask for them to look at Cathedral park accessibility options and see if there might be some bond money left over and what else we can do about that so thank you for that suggestion. Aye.

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Wheeler: Aye the resolution is adopted and thank you all for your hard work. We're going to move director Kanwit was here for 436 but out of respect for the large number of people here for 435 I will hold off on that closer to 445 and we will do 435 next which is a time certain.

Item 435.

Wheeler: This open data source ordinance expands upon the work that's already been created on the open data resolution. It establishes mechanisms for engaging all city bureaus in the proactive collection and distribution of city data. Portland was the very first jurisdiction to pass a resolution to state the commitment to open data, and Portland continues to be on the cutting edge now taking this important next step to set up the policies to implement open data. This is as a result of a partnership between Portland and Bloomberg philanthropies wet works cities, leadership and staff from the bureau of planning and sustainability and the city budget office are here to present the details of that partnership and that ordinance before you today. I will now turn it over to commission Saltzman who is introducing this important ordinance. Commissioner Saltzman?

Saltzman: Thank you. This partnership will bring a powerful tool to our residents, Local business, and mission driven organizations. And as we learn more about today open data at the core is about fostering transparency and efficiency in government. I am particularly enthusiastic on the potential open data to meet our transportation goals. One practical application that has become commonplace is the use of real-time data to receive information on transit arrivals. This convenience would not have materialized if the raw data was not made available and formatted for such a purpose. In partnership with our local tech community we aspire to collect and release the data that will decrease the congestion, increase the transit ridership and active transportation opportunities. The open data program will not just benefit our transportation plans but a host of city services from affordable housing place element to enhancing our emergency medical response system, so I want to thank the bureaus involved in the effort as well as you mayor for your leadership and bringing this forward today.

Andrew Scott, Director, City Budget Office: Good morning. Andrew Scott, city budget director skill I'm just going to provide a bit of brief context before letting Susan and others dive into the details. But it's exciting to have this before us and I think that we all have seen the stories. Big data is here. It is going to radically change everything about our lives and everything, the way that we provide city services. And I think that while some of those stories might be science fiction some are true. And the reality is that we are today better able to use data to improve our city programs and services than we ever have been able to do in the past. Trends in data collection, trends in data visualization and also analytical approaches to working with that data are making performance management a rapidly evolving field within local government. At the city budget office, we've been building the performance management program over the last few years. As part of that it was really important to us that we set out to learn what other cities are doing in this area, that's proven effective so that we can adopt those best practices. Our research in that area led us to this national initiative called what works cities as the mayor and commissioner Saltzman mentioned. The initiative which is sponsored by Bloomberg philanthropies intends to support 100 mid-sized cities and enhance their use of data and evidence to increase citizen engagement make government more effective and improve the lives of residents. What works cities began in April of 2015 and are working with 77 cities across the country with a letter of support from this city council the city budget office applied to what works cities and we were named last October 2016. As part of the engagement with what works cities we are joining these other jurisdictions pursuing these new administrative approaches to enhancing the services. Other cities that are part of This include Seattle,

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san Francisco, Las Vegas, Denver, Kansas City, New Orleans, and also our next door neighbor Gresham. What works cities provided us with technical assistance to build our capacity to use the data and evidence, and last year the bureau leaders and city council staff gathered with what works cities team to determine where Portland ranked on how well we do a number of things, how well we set goals for ourselves and how well we measure progress against those goals and how we take stock of things that are happening in the city and most importantly how we act upon the data and information that we have to improve those services. As part of that site visit we heard loud and clear despite the fact that a number of bureaus used data regularly, as a city we struggle to work together. Bureaus from across the city expressed an interest in working collaboratively and breaking down natural silos to better serve our residents. A second take away from that meeting is that while we collect and report on data across service areas, staff within the city bureaus want to see more evidence of how this data and information is being used in decision-making. We are not alone in this challenge. This is actually within the field referred to it has a title it is the city hall data gap. As an example 70% of cities that apply to the what works city initiative state that they are committed to using the evidence to make the decisions about the city Programs but only about 28% actually end up modifying the existing programs based on the results of the data and evaluations and I think that we are going to hear about ways that we can improve that and be leaders in that area. To address all the challenges that came out of that site visit our partners at what works city's determined three specific scopes of work and project goals. These were approved by council in a resolution and ordinance passed last September. Those three areas are enhancing our performance management practices and continuing to build upon the work we have done. Building the capacity to apply behavioral insights and conduct low cost evaluations to improve the city programs and services, and finally what we are going to hear a lot about today renew the open data. I want to highlight a few wins that we have had from that engagement with what works city's. In the area of performance management, cbo's worked with a technical partner, the center, government center for excellence to facilitate a gator session on development review bureau that is identify strategies for housing development in the city which is an important area that I know that there's been a lot of focus and attention on. In terms of the low cost program evaluations we have been working with the behavioral insights team which is a consult security services internationally recognized for their work in the United Kingdom to increase tax compliance and increase workforce training outcomes, and We worked with the team on a number of program evaluations ranging from encouraging emergency preparedness and better ways to engage in in emergency preparedness, supporting active transportation, and finally improving the police hiring process. We're going to come back to council in the future and discuss the complete results of our engagement with what works cities in more detail after we close out that work. And as I mentioned today we're going to be concentrating on the third scope, is our effort to advance a more robust policy for open policy. I think that it is important work that we are doing to enable the use of data and evidence since that data provides the foundation for all other administrative practices and improvements that we hope to make. If -- it has been a pleasure to work with Susan and Kevin and the people at planning and sustainability on this effort and we look forward to seeing how the city and community can reap the fruits of this partnership in years to come.

Susan Anderson, Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Susan Anderson director of planning and sustainability and happy to work with Andrew on this. We seem to be working on a lot to go lately. As the mayor mentioned the city actually was an early adopter back in 2009. Mayor Adams kind of pushed forward this idea about open data and had a resolution, the bureau of technology services at that time developed a portal called

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civic-apps, and we organized several different groups in the city, worked together to develop a hack-a-thon, and we had regional contests, and encouraged the private sector to develop new applications using civic-apps appearance so what happened was it was somewhat successful but we did not really have that much data opened up yet. It was limited and after that first big push it kind of fell apart and not much more happened. In the past seven or eight years even though we were out there at first other cities have just moved on ahead and we have kind of lagged behind. What's interesting is that in the world of planners and data people that have this information Portland and metro and the psu population center and others are actually kind of known for really having a lot of great quality data for the metro region. We just don't have a way to have everybody have access to it. We need to have good protocols for how to do that. That's what we are proposing to do today to have an overall open data policy. Kevin martin in my office and the city budget office along with bps and several others have been working together on this. The beauty of coming a little later to the game is that a lot has been done on this, and there is a lot of expertise at what works cities at the sunlight foundation, and at Johns Hopkins university and other places that we've been able to bring into what we are proposing. The goals of the policy that we're hoping to achieve are to provide better access, increase the transparency and hopefully by increasing the transparency we increase to some extent the openness and trust in the government, improving the community engagement and finding ways that people could engage in better access from all of the bureaus. It also will hugely reduce staff time in terms of the time it takes to respond to questions because we will all be able to access this information more easily. And then advance opportunities for innovation with private companies being able to access that data. In addition, open data is really fundamental to the work we're doing on smart cities. Smart cities is able to use quality data and new technologies to improve the delivery of our city services and so as both mayor and commissioner Saltzman mentioned the outcome of this is to improve how we do transportation and housing and education and environmental protection and air quality and other areas by having access to good data. You all know that data is not the only thing that helps you to -- that you base your decisions on. It's community engagement, it's a lot of other pieces but if you don't have good data to start with you don't have a good basis for making some of those choices, and I know often we come back to this if we only had that piece of information so I think that this is a great opportunity. I want to turn it over to Kevin, Alyssa and Shannon who have done most of the work on this and They will be able to presented what we are proposing to do. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much, appreciate it. Good morning.

Kevin Martin, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning. Thank you mayor and commissioner Saltzman, the council. I am Kevin martin with the bureau of planning and sustainability, I manage the smart cities' team as well as the technical team. I am joined up here by Alyssa doom from the sunlight foundation who flew out from Washington d.c. To be here today. So thanks Alyssa and to Shannon carney from the city budget office who has been a close partner in this work. So I am going to talk more about specifically what this ordinance does and why we're doing it. The presentation is up there. Great. What does this open data ordinance do? It establishes three things it establishes a general open data policy which is that the city will be committed to the publication, accessibility and widespread sharing of data collected and generated by all city bureaus and by the private sector companies and nonprofit organizations and academic universities and other parties working on behalf of the city. The city will strive to make data open by default and creates an open data program to implement that policy and establishes a data governance team to determine the overall direction of the open data program. And to develop more specific policies and practices around data sharing and to engage in external share -- stakeholders

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and program design and implementation, and the scope and the initial task of that data governance team are laid out in exhibit a of the ordinance. So what does this open data program address? The city has no comprehensive centralized list of existing data sets and no process prioritizing or reviewing of data for release to the public. Multiple redundant data sets exist across the city leading to issues with data consistency and quality and version control and inoperability and efficiency of access to information. The city currently has no system for prioritizing or connecting requests for data to our public records request system, and no process for prioritizing the data is repeatedly requested for release to the public. The amount of staff time devoted to the public records' request is significant. We had 25,000 formal requests in 2016, and if you just guess wildly and probably underestimate wildly the amount of time staff devotes, say an hour, that's 12 fte of time spent each year just responding to the request so a million dollars a year and that's a very low estimate. And that's only the formal request that we get, it does not include the informal requests that come in to the city or the time that the staff spend asking other bureaus for their data. Better data management analysis and evaluation is a necessary foundation for Portland part cities efforts, as Susan mentioned, which focus on using data to inform decisions to design and evaluate policies and programs and to partner with the private sector to meet city goals around livability, affordability, safety, and sustainability and equity. Currently there are few data sharing mechanisms to facilitate collaboration across the city bureaus and with private and nonprofit sectors. Academia, the labor community and the general public. Information relevant to the city operations is increasingly being collected in the private sector often in the public domain. The city has no consistent policies for data sharing with the private sector, city data is often designed and structured to address a single use case organize files on a server often accessible by a single individual who knows that those files are there. We kind of treat data as these files these digital liabilities rather than a resource that the entire city and the public should have access too. Good data design is not always a priority a culture of data sharing will lead to improved data structure and content more understandable to a wide range of users. Greater use of existing standards and common formats and more useful information and data that is more accessible to city staff and the public. The analogy I like to use here is by sharing our data we make it better and we make it better by sort of being more proactive in designing it to be used. You know when you invite people over to your house the first thing you do is clean it and we have a lot of house cleaning to do here with our data in the city, when your cleaning that house it makes it easier if you have places to put everything drawers to put things in, containers for things, things aren't just laying all over the floor. We have a lot by thinking about sharing our data we build those kind of containers into it to make it look more organized, so by making our data more open and shareable we improve the quality of the data we create here in the city which benefits us all. Who will do this work the bureau of planning and sustainability has asked for one fte to coordinate initial implementation that position has been included in the mayor's proposed budget. Thank you, mayor wheeler. We understand that few bureaus have resources dedicated to managing and sharing of their data, so in addition to helping launch the program that position will assist the data generating bureau helping them to develop policies for inventorying sharing of their data and to be a resource to assist them with participation in the program. This position will also work with the data governance team to develop a system of governance for the program and to identify resources and funding needed to implement successful and sustainable data governance in the city. Also identifying methods for engaging external stakeholders, representatives of diverse Portland communities in the ongoing implementation of the open data program. Quickly, what specific city goals does this achieve? Probably many that I don't list here but a few of them

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the Portland the primary goal of the implementation was to coordinate processes for data collection and data analysis. Comprehensive plan chapter 2 policy 211 states the city will encourage publication accessibility and widespread sharing of data collected and generated by the city. The city's racial and equity goals and strategies, one is improved access to data to measure success of specific programmatic and policy changes and to develop base lines, set goals and measure progress. Finally, for me what are some of the community benefits? There are many. I think these are sort of the big three empowers our residents giving them greater access to usable information about city decisions, policy and services. Information is increasingly power and by sharing that information we distribute that power. It provides the public increased transparency into the effectiveness of city programs and policies, it levels the playing field by making data about city operations more widely available not just to those with connections or expertise. It fosters culture of collaboration by providing information that the community can act upon and by developing systems that support two-way sharing of information and feedback like 311 system. Internally data collected about and by Portland residents is more structured and consistent and made more widely available throughout the city. More proactive city decisions informed by data and evaluated against data improves our city programs and quality and delivery of services and the local tech community gets access to data they can use to help solve Portland's most pressing issues to economic development and to build ladders of opportunity for our community through innovative uses of data and technology. With that I'm going to turn it over to Alyssa to talk about the perspective from the sunlight foundation. Thank you.

Alyssa Doom: Hi, everyone I'm Alyssa Doom. Open data project manager with the sunlight foundation, sunlight is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization based in d.c. And we advocate for transparency and accountability in government through open data. I had the opportunity to work with Shannon and Kevin on the city's open data ordinance as part of the what works cities project. As part of what works cities it's been about two years or just over two years I have worked with over 30 cities helping them to craft and build support for the implementation of their open data policies including Seattle, san Jose, Tacoma, boulder, anchorage, Kansas City, Kansas, the list goes on I've seen a lot filing of open data across the country. So I just wanted to say a few words about the work that Portland is doing based upon this experience. So Portland is really very unique in that it was the first city as you all know and has been set today to decide to adopt open data and the first to open an open data portal. The city already collects a great deal of structured data and has a foundation in place for an open data program and the civic tech community is extremely active here. I saw this firsthand when I attended the pac Oregon event on Monday night at omsi. I guess based on my experience I would say that all of the other cities that I have worked with would be very envious to have a group of people that are dedicated to use open data to improve their community. It was a really incredible experience. So this ordinance really builds upon all of the great work already done here. Sunlight foundation through our work with cities across the country has developed a set of open data policy guidelines. We have 31 guidelines that are our best practices in open data policy we have seen in researching the way that policies work across the country. This draft ordinance would take or would add an additional -- I should say an additional 12 open data best practices to the resolution that exists already. Some of these best practices include prioritizing release of data based on things like public records requests as Kevin mentioned, also safeguarding sensitive information. Implementing a practice to make sure that confidential and secure data remains that way and kind of creating a balance test between risk versus benefits of releasing certain data sets. Also creating a process to standardized the way data is collected across city bureaus. Right now as this says is there

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a lot of work being done but a lot of that is in a ad hawk way so the governance committee that is part of this ordinance would help create that process. Then I just wanted to say that there are two sort of unique ways that the ordinance stands out. The first is that it promotes regional network to share data and create regional data standards. This is work that we see becoming increasingly important and we see this having worked with cities across the country just being able to share data between cities and between different institutions within the region I think is really important to seeing the full potential that open data has to offer. Then the second thing I wanted to mention is that the ordinance asks that the governance team develop contract provisions to ensure the city maintains ownership of the data collected on behalf of the city. This is -- things like the data that are collected with smart city sensors, all kinds of data are collected by those organizations that the city procures from. So this will really help having access will really help better manage infrastructure and make policy decisions. So with an existing, active network of data consumers in the city, with a good foundation already in place and then with access to the what works cities network which is as mentioned earlier 77 cities and going strong, the city will have the opportunity to reach out to all of these different other cities that are working on similar or that are facing similar challenges in implementing their open cities policies to answer any questions moving forward. Portland will be well poised to realize the full potential of open data upon adopting this ordinance.

Wheeler: Excellent. Thank you for being here.

Shannon Carney, City Budget Office: Good morning. I'm Shannon carney. From the city budget office. I'm here to say a few words today about a more unsung benefit. We all know opening access to our data is intended to be a really a catalyst for nonprofit partners, universities, community advocates that are interested in civic innovation. There's another beneficiary of open data and that is the internal bureaus of the city of Portland. It's often the case that the biggest beneficiary of open data policy is paradoxically the organization making that accessible to others. That's the internal valuing of open data. So how could that possibly be, right? I'm sure it's not hard to imagine that it's fairly cumbersome for an average employee of the city of Portland to get data from another bureau potentially cumbersome as from an outside agency. It typically requires a call or email, maybe setting up a meeting in person to advocate for why you might need a report that would be available via a typical records request. In fact, according to a McKenzie report that published a few years ago employees in organizations of all types spend 1.8 hours a day, 9.3 hours per week on average just searching and gathering information. That same report found that a searchable record of knowledge like an open data portal can reduce that time by as much as 35%. So Portland's information is captured and managed by systems with names that some of us recognize. Like brass, sap, cayenta and tracs, but the data is the universal language that runs through all the systems. If we as a city can move from being an organization organized around our systems to one organized around our data, this opportunity for improving our services become much more available to us. Any information saved on individual desktops or bureau specific folders makes it much worse. Silent information is not accessible to the rest of the city. Other employees will waste time duplicating work or worse services aren't delivered at all. That was the case on the issue of accelerating housing development. It prevented the city from understanding the drivers for accelerating development until a recent session on that topic. Ensuring that as much information is stored as centrally as possible enables employees to tap into that knowledge and supports use of evidence in decision making that's central to making a more effective yet affordable government. So a lot of people ask me what are these opportunities? How are we going to use this type of data? I have a few examples. Some of which we're already deploying in the city. First is the low cost program evaluation that director Scott talked

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about. This approach is one that the city will use to address their over \$1.1 million in unpaid parking fines. Using the approach of that city changed the notification letter some of you have heard about this example but it's a great one. They drone behavioral insights to provide a clearer call to action in final notification letter. The increase the rate of repayment by 10.5%. The response rate. That's resulted in that city gaining over \$100,000 per year from what they were in revenue from those parking fines. It's using predicated analytics where in New Orleans officials turned a terrible fire tragedy in that city into a better service for all citizens by creating a model that helps firefighters identify which homes are most at risk of having a nonfunctioning smoke detector and contacting the homes to offer free installation. Performance based contracting where in Seattle, Washington, that city is using this approach to more actively manage their homeless services contracts. The city of Denver is tracking their time saved on doing small innovations and translating that into dollars saved for citizens of that community. Finally, it's used in performance management. In Portland a gatr session last year got the executive attention and a new look into existing data around patrol staffing levels around the city and has resulted in real results. Where the bureau hired 20 sworn staff through last fiscal year as of early April the bureau had hired 47 sworn positions and retained 15 this year. That's good progress. So in some, in an era of expanding community needs data analytics is perhaps the way to improve our productivity even more than adding additional staff. In many cases we already have the necessary analytical skill and enthusiasm to conduct this kinds of project I've described. There's been over 50 employees that have requested to be a part of our system user group, that's a group of analysts working on data visualization techniques and understanding of city data. In recent events on program evaluation and process improvement were oversubscribed by city staff. This is missing piece is what we're addressing here today and that's the many analysts don't have ready access to data outside their immediate program or bureau, it's strange when you realize there's really no city service or program that is a single bureau offering. We're dependent on our internal services and we have cost-cutting issues like equity and sustainability. I think it's our duty to the residents of Portland that we make our data available so that we can mine this wealth of data and turn it into a wealth of insight. Any mistakes, wasted effort are representative of resources that could be programmed and better able to serve residents of Portland. To the degree that we're doing this, it's impacting the neediest in our community most. So when we can make our government more efficient we can help more people and make our community better. I'm so thrilled to be working on this project with our what works cities partners and the bureau of planning and sustainability I really believe it will help transform our city's work force into a greater source for good in our community.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Martin: Skip Newberry from the technology association of Portland and Kat to give us perspective from the private sector and our local tech community.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Skip Newberry: Good morning. Good morning, mayor, members of city council, I'm skip Newberry, president and ceo of the technology association of Oregon. We're a tech trade association that works with about 420 tech and tech enabled companies in the region and ranges from early stage to startups. I want to talk about the significance of this ordinance for economic development out comes as well as talent in the region. In terms of economic development in the area smart cities clearly defined open data policy enables the city to proactively define how it wants to work with the private sector in developing solutions that benefits residents. In partnership with local companies trimet is developing a transit app that integrates well with ride share and bike share programs, that's a perfect example of what's possible with this type of an approach. In the area of entrepreneurship, in civic apps

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for greater Portland days in 2009 and subsequently there are a number of examples of companies formed from some of the hack-a-thons and data sprints enacted as part of that. One of them for example is geoloqi, a geo location focused start up acquired by esri. Apps such as pdx bus, utilized heavily, subsequently developed as a result of that effort as well. It also I think really helps to improve public services. Cities that are seen as attractive to tech talent and companies are seen as having great digital infrastructure and focus on a comprehensive open data policy helps further those objectives and keep Portland competitive. In the area of talent development, the technology industry created about 20,000 net new jobs in the last five years in the region. As we're looking to prepare local folks for those positions, students and professionals, this represents a tremendous opportunity to give them applied learning opportunities, solving problems in their own backyards. Local colleges and universities we work with are often looking for capstone projects for students to give them real world training alongside tech companies. At the high school level, we're seeing a lot of interest from students when they want to define a project they want you to solve this is a perfect case of that. I want to turn it over to Kat, from hack Oregon. I think they represent a really interesting, almost ideally situated program here in the Portland area to help train students as professionals in the latest visualizations and coding skills to make them competitive.

Kat: Thank you. Good morning.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Kat: So I'll briefly describe hack Oregon. I'm the founder and executive director. We have been around about four years working on open data technology with the community in Portland. We have essentially are driven by a massive volunteer engagement of individuals who often are at the top of the field in tech and creative industries locally but we also have quite a few people who are looking at open data as an opportunity to learn how to build and advance analytic systems. Of course in order to work with data in a way to get meaningful insight it takes a huge team, something that we have open data creates an opportunity for this call to action where if you succeed you end up with insight that actually can help the place that you live in. This is something in Oregon which is completely unique across the country that we don't just put together quick weekend hack-a-thons. We actually are building advanced systems that can help make an affordable solution to the how of some of what's going to happen once we can improve our open data frameworks for the city. What do you do with that data? Building visual interactive data portals, civic apps was not as easy to use as we might have liked but in preparation for an ordinance like this passing hack Oregon called to action this year was asked to think about what an updated cutting edge open data portal would look like. What citizens and government want to see is something visual, easy to use, something that has an applied type of insight toward issues people are thinking about and has that opportunity to build what we think of as integration or these synopsis between bureaus for example we worked with housing bureau to take their housing report and make it something that you can understand visually, interact with but we also added new data to that. We were looking at pulling historic voter registration to see where people had been living and moving so we can understand a little bit more about what's happening in the city. We worked also with the joint office of homeless services and perhaps we didn't bring a lot of new data there but we were able to take the data that they had that was in a form difficult to understand, full of things you can't share with the public because of privacy concerns, take the story for everyone who had been working with homelessness and make that something the public can engage with a little bit more and we also worked with pbot to help to create a conflict reporter. They don't always have the ability to properly track and manage where different construction projects are happening. Just with open data working with them we could build

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that program all citizens, we can help to track them save money. These are just an -- with the budget office we just got a 600-page printout to understand Portland city budget which is something we talk about a lot. In this room especially. Make it so that you can be empowered with browsing through and really visualize and understand what the budget means. What's important in our approach to doing this is not only that we're incredibly inclusive and matching up these different technical resources to empower new people to get into the industry, to expand people's advanced skills that were essentially neutral nonpartisan organization that doesn't have a lot of stake in what the actual out comes are. We care to see farther and present people with their own information so they can engage in an honest way. Sometimes open data will show you that something you think is true actually is true and sometimes it will show you something completely different that you didn't expect. It's important that we have the ability to have that information at our fingertips and that once we make the decision to create a common language that data can be open then we can start to explore all of the new, innovative ways to apply that information. With the help of groups like hack Oregon looking to open source we have built a platform that will actually help to make all of the visual interactivity reproducible faster, accessible and inexpensive for government to be able to actually work with. So that some of these solutions don't have to be really expensive and confusing. We lead the way in Oregon by making everything that we build a model for other cities to do the same thing.

Fish: Can I make a comment, mayor? Since Kat is here I want to embarrass her a little bit. I was part of a large city contingent at omsi Monday witnessing the presentation. It was a full house. I am not the most technologically savvy person on the council but by the end of the evening I became a true believer in what the potential is for open data and partnerships with organizations like hack Oregon. It turned out that the audience award at the end of the night was for the presentation that related to the fire bureau. There was some astonishing data that they came up with on the fire bureau, but I was also really taken by some of the findings and some of the reporting around homelessness. It occurred to me that we often struggle with defining what's the right metrics that we use at budget time. A group of volunteers crunching data came up with a set of metrics which are more useful than some of the ones we currently use. It was terrific. So I compliment you for all your work but I also want to say that a highlight of the evening for me was the 84-year-old gentleman I sat next to. He was very modest and his daughter was very modest until I put two and two together. His name is Paul Cameron. Those of you old enough to know, he was one of the great running backs at ucla in college football in the '50s. He was the runner-up for the Heisman trophy award. He was drafted by the Pittsburg Steelers and ended up being a defensive back for them and had a great career then went on to another celebrated career. He's also Kat's dad. It was kind of cool. First time I had been in the presence of college football royalty. He flew up from California to watch his daughter do this presentation. Your grandfather.

Kat: My father.

Fish: Let me get it right. But congratulations for that whole event. I know all the city people that were there were very proud to play a role.

Kat: Thank you.

Eudaly: You mentioned some projects that you did with the city with city data. Can people find those on civic apps?

Kat: We did a demo on Monday night just for the theater. It will be live at civicpdx.org. Everyone will be able to see the program that we built, it's meant to be scalable. We published every single piece of data in its own discrete form, but it connects to other things. You can imagine how you would add in new pieces of data in a type of visual way and all the code is open source, available, can be used to create new stories as we start to

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add things from what we want to do next but also other cities can use this as a model for really the only completely open source visual open data portal that exists. By people that live in Portland as volunteers.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Martin: Before we get to the testimony I just want to run through some thank yous real quick. There were over 150 people that reviewed this ordinance since we started writing it in October. Folks from bureaus across the city, transportation, Portland police bureau, Portland development commission, as well as folks outside the city. Andrew and his team at the city budget office in particular have been an incredible asset. Shannon, this is her brainchild, so she's really the reason we're sitting here today. City attorneys calay Taylor and Jennifer Johnson for keeping it above board. Bts, bureau of technology services. Jeff barron and his team despite all they have going on really devoted a lot of time to improving this ordinance, giving us guidance and feedback. I want to acknowledge everything the bureau of technology services has done since 2009 to move us forward. Tom, Celia heron in particular, Betsy aims, just helped me, a novice ordinance writer, get us over the finish line. Chris smith of the planning and sustainability commission. His policy 211 in the comp plan was the spark that led us to this day of moving forward on an open data program and policy. Mayor wheeler and your staff for putting resources into implementation and our smart cities work in general. Commissioner Saltzman your chief of staff Brendan Finn for being a champion of open data from since the day he arrived in city hall many years ago and frustratingly not seeming to age a day since he got here. Finally, especially Alyssa Doom at the sunlight foundation. Her name sounds like a superhero and she has been a superhero in this effort absolutely would not have been able to do it without her.

Wheeler: We're going to move to public testimony. We have 12 more agenda items including fairly substantive ones. In the interests of time I'm going to limit public testimony to two minutes rather than the three. [shouting] I'm sorry about that. As I just said we have a full agenda and not enough time. Please call the first three.

Moore-Love: We have ten people signed up. [shouting]

Wheeler: Come on up. Good morning.

Chris Smith: Good morning. Mayor, commissioners, I'm Chris smith, vice chair of the planning and sustainability commission, but I want to emphasize I'm testifying as an individual citizen today. I am a long-standing cheerleader and participant for open data. I had the honor of serving as a judge in the first open data contest in 2009. I was one of the first developers to get access to trimet's open data and still run a nonprofit project that's placed about 50 transit arrival screens in the community and building lobbies and cafes and other places that are publicly accessible. I urge you to adopt this ordinance while the commission I serve on has not formally reviewed this or made a recommendation I can say during the development of the comp plan the psc recommended a very strong data policy ultimately more general because the city attorney wasn't comfortable with potentially casting open data as a land use decision but the principles that the psc supported then are reflected here and this ordinance is almost exactly what I would have wanted in implementing an ordinance for that comp plan recommendation. I'm very happy to see this. Greetings from csv conf which is an international open data conference happening here in Portland Oregon today. Several folks said they would be here to testified if they weren't tied up at the conference, so please accept their good wishes and I hope you adopt this.

Lee Coates: Good morning. I'm lee coates. Thank you, mayor wheeler, commissioner Saltzman, for introducing the ordinance. We're at a historic junction between technology and government and your consideration in this matter is critical and appreciated. I'm here today to encourage city council to adopt the open data ordinance. I have lived and worked

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in this region many years and am here to show that Portland citizens support the council committing resources and organizational sponsorship on this matter. While living here I have had the opportunity to work with several surrounding jurisdictions and other local organizations in a technical way. Open data is usually a big topic of conversation but not something that has received a lot of traction on the ground in day-to-day work. There seems to almost be a reticence to commit to it despite the intuition that it's the right thing to do. However, while working with various municipalities in Oregon a common theme that emerges, well, what is Portland doing. The work that the city has already done is very encouraging and it's tremendous. Now, looking at the proposed plan I think it can add to the work that has already been done. Without a formal commitment to open data it's hard for other surrounding jurisdictions to see real ways that it can be implemented. So while I thank the budget office and office of planning and sustainability for the work they have put into this I'm here to urge you guys to vote because it's going to take top down sponsorship and a commitment of time and resources to make this work. I want to let you know other jurisdictions are watching and hoping that a plan, an ordinance like this can really blaze the trail into that junction between technology and government. And you have the support of the citizenship. So thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good morning, commissioners. I'm Charles Johnson, Charles bridge crane Johnson. Sometimes I'm a fan of nonmonetized things that we sometimes too many dollar signs. But when we're talking about open data, we should have some ethical consistency in that the openness should let us follow the money, but I don't think we got a visual budget, a visual budget would be one where we can see the nice pie chart and find out exactly what percent of the city budget is consumed by the Portland police bureau, and when you click on that you're able to drill down. Those people over there at that particular bureau sometimes aren't the biggest fans of open data. So when you know different people are interested in different open data for different reasons, some people see monetization. Some people see it as a tool to influence public policy. In different ways. My primary belief is we can use open data for a lot of things including ending the killing of black and brown people by our police department. That we can drill down on the Portland police bureau and find out how many cops have killed two people. How many cops have killed zero people. And then ask ourselves, the ethical questions from that data, do we keep cops that kill people with statistical practices that the best cops don't kill people? So the ordinance -- resolution that -- ordinance to advance is definitely worth advancing but I'm not hearing the bridging, the equity lens bridging between how open data is going to deliver to people who need the most from the city, the people in vulnerable communities, people in east Portland that have been gentrified out.

Wheeler: For the record, Andrew, the tableau is online now, isn't it, for the proposed budget? Can you tell me where people can access that and I'll say it on the record? Portlandoregon.gov/cbo. There's a new tableau platform that does all of the budget for all of the different bureaus by percentages, charts and you can actually hover over each line item and get a longer narrative description of what each of those items is. We're always happy to get feedback and commentary on that. It's a beta, so it's not a completed product but we want to get your feedback. Thank you for your testimony. Next three, please.

Wheeler: Good morning.

*****: Good morning I'm Phoenix, grace and willows mom and this is their first time in front of city council.

Wheeler: Just say your name into the microphone and speak your piece. Thank you for being here.

*****: I would like to introduce them.

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Wheeler: Could you do it into the microphone? [audio not understandable]

*****: Go ahead.

Grace Hipp: I'm grace.

Phoenix Hipp: I'm phoenix.

Willow Hipp: I'm willow.

*****: The kids are here to speak to the importance of transparency at the Portland police department and a commitment to the truth about what goes on in the streets. These children have been to numerous rallies and protests as part of a peaceful contingent and again and again and again they have witnessed unspeakable atrocities by the police department. On Monday they did -- we did not attend the mayday rally. The kids went to school. On their way home they take the bus to get through downtown Portland. They were on the trimet bus when they looked out there were riot police everywhere. My children said that's all they could see, indiscriminately attacking people. I will let them take it from there. It was their eyewitness not mine.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here and testifying and I would simply ask you kids to remember what we are testifying on here today. I will let the children speak.

*****: Transparency is why we're here, mayor.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Hipp: So I was coming back from school on the max and we were driving on the max, and there were like riot cops like driving by a bunch. I looked out my window and I saw riot cops everywhere. I said to Steve, why is there a bunch of riot cops and he said it's may day. I said what's may day? He's like -- and they were like beating people up. Running after people. I looked out my window and they were running after people and beating them up.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Hipp: When you're coming back from school that day, all I saw I looked out the window and all I saw was like people getting hurt and the cops running after everyone. I looked down this one street and there was like smoke everywhere. I think someone was like one of the cops were like putting teargas everywhere. I saw them running after like homeless people and stuff and trying to hurt them. Yeah. I felt scared. I don't like the cops when -- I don't like them now because I thought they were going to be here to help people, not hurt people.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you for your testimony.

Wheeler: Honey, you don't have to testify if you don't feel comfortable. You certainly don't have to.

Hipp: I saw the same thing as them.

Wheeler: Thank you, sweetheart. Thank you. Appreciate it.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Steve Esses: Good morning. I'm Steve esses. I had some questions about the open data use. It sounds good but there's many things that have sounded good and it doesn't seem to be much real accountability. For the information so I'm curious for the Portland police department reached an agreement with the justice department over some improvements that they can make and the police department itself gathered some pretty impressive data on why they needed to comply. And yet they have been stonewalling and refusing to implement these -- this program of improvement for years. The civilian review board process has been stymied and hampered. There's all kinds of things like this. What I'm concerned about is that technocrats and possibly the police department and others may simply use this, avoid the real virtues of open data, to make people accountable for what they are doing, and to really engage the public in this process of what it means to be part of a community and part of the government. And to politicize it. In other words, are the

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police free to demonize dissidents? Are they free to brutalize dissidents? From what I have seen this information on the role of the police in the black community and the brown community and among the poor communities was open. The information was there. It's only the rise of groups like don't shoot Portland and black lives matter that seems to bring this to the forefront, that this information has not been utilized at all.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Good morning.

Star Stauffer: Star Stauffer. This is a great idea except that we all know how the police department works. We also especially know how the Portland police department works. My curiosity in regards to what they have agreed to share is what do they get to decide what they are going to share because that's not really open data or public record. Not only that how are the police utilizing this function to profile in vulnerable communities? I want to know how police are utilizing this to profile protesters. We certainly know how the police feel especially if people of color utilizing their rights to free speech. I would like to know how we determine whether or not the information provided by the Portland police to this open data source is corrupt. How do we know it's false? How do we know the accuracy of it since we know that police commonly falsify reports or leave out information on reports so they falsify by omission. How do we verify the validity of this information coming from the police in regards to how they're functioning in our communities? Are we going to get to see logs? Does that include evidence logs, utilization of police vehicles, firing of weapons, how many police are in each neighborhood, what they look like, years of training, record of brutalities and excessive use of force. It goes on and on. Does this account for every bullet spent at every firing range or city street? How is this information gotten from the police department? How do we know that you're actually delving in and making them more transparent? We hear the word transparency but it's a lot like the word diversity. It sounds good on paper but really what diversity means is back door racism. What's the back door intent of this? That the police are going to use?

Wheeler: Thank you.

Wayne Wignes: Good morning. I'm wayne wignes. I just read a book called social physics by a big data researcher. He showed the rate ideas spread throughout society is directly proportional to the number of face to face contacts. The correlation came up with unheard of in the social sciences. He's like business practices changing, cultural individual habits changing. He attributing this to evolutionary group behavior like gorillas in the hills. They don't move out until they hear a call from everybody. The same tipping point behavior occurs in humans when we're exposed face to face. You can imagine what a kick I got out of it because I'm always crying about bunk beds. My large scale bunk housing my argument goes deeper beyond homelessness and gentrification. It's about the concept of shared spaces decreases, produces profound economic and social shifts. That's just one example of how big data produced tangible evidence for one reasonable argument. And that makes it that much more likely that we make reasonable decisions, right? But imagine what it could do for the social consciousness. You give people data observable data that they can chew on. That takes the public deliberation out of the realm of degenerate speculation and opinion and turns it into productive proof-disproof. I was just at a board meeting at psu, I listened to people separated by one sentence in one sentence they are arguing I want \$15 an hour for school employees. Next sentence I want reduced tuition. You can't have one without taking from the other. This is a prime example of how people have not been forced to think about haven't had access to the numbers, not forced to think about things, you know, have not been forced to see things on a more causal level. Same applies with the police department. The more fundamental question is what causes us to lose our leverage against police in the first place. We shouldn't be asking pointing the

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finger at individual cops for what is a systemic issue. Reason has been lost is what I'm saying. Big data I'm just here to say I'm excited about it because it can restore reason.

Wheeler: Appreciate your testimony all three of you.

Lightning: My name is lightning. I represent lightning super watchdog x. Mayor wheeler, if you ever tried to silence the voices of children ever again during public communication I guarantee I will begin a recall effort on you immediately. Do not ever silence children based upon the content of their speech when they are redressing their grievances to the government. Never do that. Moving on. Bring the sunshine down upon the data. Now, the reality is this. The data is only as good that we receive. If we don't receive it, if we don't have transparency, if we don't have access to it, if we can't get that data to the public, it doesn't mean anything. You protect your data, you protect your interests as a municipal corporation, you protect yourself from liability and we know that. We want your data. We want the data on the Clinton foundation so the sunlight foundation that was doing an investigation on her to put her in jail will back off when Bloomberg gives them grant money to do other things because they want her elected. That's what the real world is. Research it and look at it. Bloomberg number one should have never been a mayor. He should have been removed. Why? Because he has conflicts of interest with his business entities. Look at Donald trump, you want to remove him right now because of conflict of interest. Why didn't you remove mayor Bloomberg? Mayor Bloomberg, you're the reason why Donald trump will never be impeached on that. Issue number 2, this hack Oregon impressive work. Let me say this to you. If you really want to do something for this community, figure out how we're going to store the data on body cams and get these body cams on these police officers so we can have the information and the data to make sure that violence will deescalate in this city in these young kids back here won't be so afraid to speak out to the mayor and say I'm scared of these police. What are you going to do about it? Don't ever silence their voices.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning. [shouting]

Wheeler: Good morning, Mary ann. Welcome to my world. Good morning.

Mary Ann Schwab: Thank you, everyone. I'm Mary Ann Schwab, a southeast community advocate for a number of years. When you talk about open publication I want to address three points with you today. Number one when we had really an upside down 15-year maintenance much like our commissioner Eudaly all of a sudden into housing we tried to work with nick novick and wanted the formula he used when it was 50% residents, 1% railroad, 49% businesses. We waited 53 days for that data it didn't come so we filed suit. We were in court, shook hands and data cost us \$2500. It was never returned. We as a public did not know that you had to ask for the dollars back. I was one that helped contribute towards that data. I find that offensive and I want to make sure that it's not in a document. The second thing I tried to go to Lewis and Clark college to read a paper copy of the city charter. Their last one is 2009. They suggested I go to the city archives so I called to make an appointment with their librarian to help me research. They had the same. They suggested I go to the auditor's office thinking surely she has a paper copy. My concern in this high-tech people my age don't have access most of them to computers. We like to read a paper copy. Not having that available I think is something a word of caution. We need to have that in our archival data. I want to also thank you. I would hope that no one, no other neighborhood has to pay for data from one bureau to another. This must, must stop. Furthermore, with your budget I'm hearing you say during mt. Tabor public review that it is still a draft. I'm not going to give up until 459 on May 31. The city can give them a dollar for this and keep this memorandum open. Amanda Fritz, we need to talk. I'm not going to bid on the league of women voter luncheon to meet with you. I can't do that. The bid would be so high. Sir, I have been waiting to meet in your office since February

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8th. I have been here every Friday since. I still can't get 15 minutes with his honor the mayor. My feelings are hurt. Thank you.

Wheeler: Kristin? Where is Kristin? Can you meet today at 5:00?

Schwab: I have to come back because I have to go home --

Wheeler: We'll make it happen.

Fritz: You are always welcome to meet with me.

Wheeler: Good afternoon. How are you doing?

Wheeler: Is the mike on? Is the green light on?

Michael Durrow: No. Sorry. I'm Michael durrow, a longtime activist. I lived in the same place 37 years now. The house of my mother but I'm not a buster. I might be a buster. My point here today does not have much to do with the Portland police, but I do wish to talk to you about the Portland police because I have been assaulted by Portland police at least twice this year. Once they falsely imprisoned me for 15 days. We need to talk. I just want to talk. The data is in the details. We need the data. The devil is in the details and we need the data. The cops need the camera's and we need to see what's on the cameras preferably live so we can do something about it. If we see -- like Rodney king -- we don't want our city to look like watts. This is the most beautiful city in the united states. I daresay it's one ever the most beautiful in the world and I have seen cities. I have been to Istanbul. I have been to Copenhagen and London. This is a beautiful city. There's really great people here, some crappy people moving in and taking over. I love those people too but you get the details. This can be solved with open source data. This can be a solved in a year actually. We need to put it our data in the cloud. We need to put it in infrastructure your and we need to know who accesses it. Google can do this. You need to put your data in at the cloud.

Fish: Just a yes or no, Michael do you think there's urgency in implementing this?

Durrow: The city is close to burning down. [shouting]

Fish: Do you want to move to implement this as quickly as possible?

Durrow: Yes.

Fish: Thank you.

Durrow: Thank you, nick.

Wheeler: If you could do me a favor and leave your contact information.

Durrow: I will. By the way I represented Bernie and the dnc we didn't win because there's too many lairs on both sides. Liar in the white house, a liar running against him. The liar with more money managed to kick the system.

Fish: I would like to bring a motion with the benefit of the city attorney. Mayor, I think there is a benefit to having us implement this policy as quickly as possible including some of the action items that are called for so I would move that we place an emergency on this ordinance.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Okay, a motion by commissioner Fish to move as an emergency ordinance. There was a second. It was a close contest but I'm giving it to commissioner Fritz today.

Eudaly: She always beats me.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony.

Durrow: May I have the remainder of my time?

Wheeler: You have ten seconds.

Durrow: We get that part I'm a realtor, I can fix that deal. I don't have my license but I know people we can at least retain our option on the park so people can buy it for themselves.

Wheeler: Thank you, Michael.

Durrow: Thank you very much, everybody.

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Wheeler: The amendment is on the table. Is there any further discussion on the amendment?

Fritz: You left your glasses on the table.

Durrow: I lost my laptop. Chrome book. If you have it, if you have it, it was in the bathroom, don't play with it. Just wipe it or destroy it. It will destroy your local network.

Wheeler: Thank you, Michael. Is there any further conversation on the amendment? Please call the roll on the amendment.

[roll call]

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

Fritz: I'm the reason for the urgency as commissioner Fish said. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. Now are there any further questions or comments before we call the roll? Seeing none please call the roll on the main motion as amended.

[roll call]

Fish: I'm sorry that Dan is not here but I want to thank commissioner Saltzman and the mayor for bringing this forward. I also want to acknowledge the work that Dan's chief of staff Brendan has brought to this for a long time. Not just when they were commissioners in charge of one of the relevant bureaus. I want to thank our friends at the bureau of planning and sustainability and the budget office for their partnership in taking the lead. I want to thank the young woman who came here from d.c. From the sunshine foundation and all of the guidance they have given us over time. I would like to thank Katherine and hack Oregon for demonstrating to us the significant public value of opening data and allowing a civic hack process to unfold organically. The bureaus that I have the honor of leading are going to want to be part of the next conversation about how to open up some of our data. I think ultimately today what is before us is another way to advance some core values of our city around access and transparency, empowering the public with new tools and then ultimately being accountable. When we get those right there's greater public trust in our work. I'm very proud to support the work of my colleagues. Aye.

Eudaly: I'm really excited about this ordinance. Since I have gotten to city hall I have been beating the drum about how the city needs to be doing a better job getting information out to the public and this is definitely next level accessible information. Data should be accessible to everyone to access, use and share as they wish. It's going to benefit our offices. I have also had challenges obtaining data that we have wanted from bureaus. It will benefit our bureaus, business, academics, researchers, activists, organizers and the general public. I share some of the concerns expressed by community members because this is only as useful as the data we're collecting. So I am particularly interested in what data the police bureau is going to offer. I think the communities made it very clear that they want more transparency, more accountability, and I would be remiss if I didn't add that we need to start collecting data on housing and on renters because we have no idea -- actually someone here said they did come up with a way to track where people have lived and where they live now but we are really missing a lot of vital information that should be driving our housing policy so I'm thrilled with that. Aye.

Fritz: I support this also and thank you very much for coming all the way from d.c. To support it and for your work nationwide. It's nice to hear it's been done in other place so that we can learn from their experiences. I do share Mrs. Schwab's concern about paper copies of things being available as well. It should not be either/or. There are still those of us who like to dog ear and write in the margins rather than putting little comments on word. I'm also concerned about sometimes things even now seem to be a needle in a haystack that you have to google things, search item and it sometimes is hard to find things. I don't want future city councilors to say it was on the website, why didn't you find it? Even now when I know where I'm supposed look I sometimes can't find items so that's a concern.

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We saw today in the items we discussed so far how the information is clearly written on the time certain and on the consent agenda about this is what this is and this is what we're doing, soliciting for a bid, or we are building low cost affordable housing, and still people have questions, concerns and they need real people to answer the phone, answer the email and explain things because a lot of what we do is very complicated. Billions of dollars are involved and 6,000 staff at the city of Portland never mind the rest of the governments in the region. so let's keep that in mind it's not going to do away with people answering questions and with actually meeting face to face. There are occasions where you can get a better outcome by discussing things and you can use the data that this process is going to make obvious in order to have a discussion based on the facts. Finally, one particular concern I have is about privacy. It was mentioned about the appropriateness of when data is shared or not. We have had discussions with police body cams there's a great interest in police wearing them for police accountability there's also a great concern about those camera's being used for surveillance and for intruding on the public's privacy. So we won't be done I think with real people talking things through and trying to choose the best way. This project is going to help us have more information on which to make those decisions. Aye.

Wheeler: I would like to respond and reflect on some of the public testimony that was given today. Frankly I didn't think this would be controversial in the slightest. Yet it is. Even though Portland is no longer anywhere near to being in the lead when it comes to open data. The irony, of course, is that Portland has been since the very beginning of the open data movement an absolute mecca for open data. This will seem like a nonsequitur but it's not. I hear at every council meeting somebody said how upset they are they were not able to secure a meeting at an agreed upon time. I wish I could meet in person with every single person who wants to meet with me. I can just tell you point blank as the mayor it's impossible for me to meet with everybody who would like to have a meeting even people who I love like Mary Ann Schwab. She's a wonderful jewel in this community. She's the kind of person I would love to spend more time meeting with. So bear with me as I try to maximize those opportunities for people to participate. I do respond to emails morning before 6:00 a.m. I responded to probably 15 different emails last night after 10:00 I responded to a bunch of them. That tends to be an easier and quicker way. I try to make myself available. I listen here in public testimony. As many of you know I have changed my perspective based on the public testimony I have heard at these microphones. So I'm doing my level best. How is this related to the ordinance at hand? It's related in this way. I actually think if somebody asks the question -- somebody asks the question how do you trust the data. The answer is the answer is you can't trust the data. Think about this for a moment. This isn't pushing out data to the community and saying here's the truth. This is pushing out data to the community because we're democratizing the data then everybody gets to look at that data and say, true, false, something in between. Think about twitter or Facebook. I'm sure there's nobody in this room who believes everything they read on twitter or Facebook. There's another step that we are required to take, which is to dissect the data, question the data, use our reasoning capacity, do our research, and but the first step is having the information out there and by putting the information out there if cities or bureaus or nonprofits or private sector companies, if they get busted for putting fake data out, that's an accountability mechanism in and of itself. No, this isn't the end of the food chain but it's the essential first step to democratize the data. So that's my only point. I'm enthusiastically supportive. I usually appreciate folks at hack Oregon and your national counterparts who have been leading this movement around the country. It's a truly important next generation step as technology evolves and we use it more to communicate

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and come to our own conclusions about the world around us. So I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. [cheers and applause]

Wheeler: I'm going to move an item up. I'm sorry we're a full almost two hours behind today. I apologize, as the presiding officer. We're going to move 440 next. That of course is what a number of you are waiting here for and have been very patient. I appreciate it. If you wouldn't mind, Karla, read item 440 for us.

Item 440.

Wheeler: Before I read the proclamation I want to thank apano for all the incredible and important work they do in this community. I'm very much looking forward to the opening of their cultural center in the jade district where they partnered with the rose city community development corporation to also bring more affordable housing to the community. I know my staff is working diligently with both the housing bureau and the Portland development commission to fill the remaining gaps to make this project happen. I want to be very clear. This project will happen. I want to reiterate my support for the project and all the good work that apano does. It's my understanding that reverend Joseph Santos Lyons and Duncan Wong are here to make a few comments and I would be delighted to hear that before we open it up to public testimony. Good morning.

*****: Hello. Good morning.

Zahir Janmohamed: Good morning. We have a power point. Mr. Mayor, unfortunately Duncan and Joseph could not be here. My name is Zahir Janmohamed I'm the policy director for apano. I'm joined by Yian a youth organizer and Thack one of the co-founders of apano who knows many of you personally. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for allowing this opportunity to make this presentation and thank you, commissioners, for giving us this chance. I want a special shout out for all the Asian Americans who are here, some work at apano, this is a special day for us. Especially being here in this chamber for the last two hours listening to all the testimonies it was wonderful to see this open democracy but what's so absent is the voices of color. It's quite shocking. I have to say. Being a person of color is very challenging in Portland especially now. I wanted to just for a few minutes show some power point slides then yield the time to my colleagues. I don't know if you have access to the power point as well.

Wheeler: We have it right here.

Janmohamed: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. There's our contact information. So just a few things. The native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans are the second and third fastest ethnic growing communities in Oregon. We always talk about Portland being such a white city but things are changing rapidly thanks in part to the growth of the Latino and Asian American community. Partly one of the things I think that shows is that we see particularly in the areas where apano is over 82nd and Division where there are parts where it's majority minority. That's a change we're seeing. Who are we and where are we? Most Asian Americans are in Multnomah county. There is actually a presence of Asian Americans throughout the state. We see on the right the growth numbers in Oregon. Bangladeshi, Taiwanese communities growing at the fastest rate. That may be because some of the communities were small so just adding an extra 1,000 people will sort of make that data skewed but if you look at the trend here, Bangladeshi and Asian communities are growing at the fastest rate. Economic contributions. We know that in Oregon and across the United States Asian persons contribute massively to our economy. These are U.S. Census Bureau numbers. We see a 40% increase in business ownership from 2002 to 2007 when the data that we had. A good number of these are small business owners. I really want to focus in on this particular slide here which is challenges. That's what we'll be speaking about today. We thank you, Mr. Mayor, commissioners, for this proclamation. As NPR reported in February, after years of declining numbers hate crimes begins Asian

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Americans and Pacific Islanders are rising exponentially. We know this past Saturday there were white supremacist and Trump supporters marching down -- marching down -- I respect you but if you can allow people of color to speak about our other than experiences. Thank you. One thing so alarming we're a nonpartisan organization. Granted most of us lean to the left, democratic. It's fine if Trump supporters want to express their support for a current president but what we saw was something entirely different. We saw people go outside of restaurants saying go home, go back to your country. For those of us who have lived here a long time this is nothing new. I can't recall another city in my life where I have been asked so many times including at new seasons when I'm buying bread and beer, where are you from? When I say California, what they are trying to say is why aren't you white. We know this. Right? One of the things that we had a recent public event. At Apano our priorities legislatively, but overwhelming one issue that kept coming up in our public town hall, we had about 100 people, hate crimes. Now, many of the members are Jewish. We hear incidents of swastikas put on schools, incidences of women who wear the head scarf, the scarves being pulled. We hear kids and apologize for my language being called japs. This is nothing new. We do see a rise in it. Some of these are not being reported so what can we do? I want to end with one story before I yield to my colleagues. Mr. Mayor you spoke about our public space. I want to reiterate why it's important. I was in Salem for a lobby day this young Muslim woman says, are you Muslim? Yeah, okay. Can I talk to you off to the side? Sure, no problem. She says a member of her family was recently harassed. I said, look, I know you may not trust city officials but I believe, Mr. Mayor, and Mayor Wheeler and others are receptive. They want to hear these things. For a variety of reasons, she doesn't feel comfortable so she told me. That happens a lot. Community activists. She said what can I do? I said, well, there are different resources, there's the Muslim education trust. I know them personally; they are good folks. She said I don't feel comfortable going to the mosque. That's fine. Not everyone feels comfortable there. I'm not particularly devout myself. I don't go. She said what other spaces are there for her as a young woman? She goes to her high school but they make fun of her, her teachers dismiss her, you just need to focus. But she wants to go somewhere. Right? So part of the thing that is so lacking here in Portland is the sort of third space. We have the schools. We have these religious spaces and they are important and many are wonderful, but the third space, here's this young Muslim woman, not religious, she finds herself at limbo. I said just come to Apano. You don't have to talk about these issues. One of the things we do we have dance parties and watch movies and we have food. That's also important. We talk about supporting communities that is also really important. I just want to reiterate how important space is right now. It's so critical and so if we could have your support for the space it would mean the world. I'm going to yield my time to my colleague Yian, who has done amazing work and hears on a daily basis what the youth are going through.

Yian Saechao: Good morning. Thanks again, Mayor Wheeler, for the opportunity to speak again. I'm Yian Saechao. I'm the youth organizer at Apano. I generally support youth in the Portland area I have plans to expand to support youth particularly Asian youth throughout Oregon. I also want to tell you all why I am doing the work that I'm doing. I did unfortunately see my father work 40, 50 hours a week at \$11 an hour and all of that goes for bills. It's all for survivorship. I also work with youth who are seeing and feeling the impact of local legislation. I don't want my youth growing up knowing as if they are not valued. They are amazing, valued and capable of living and thriving in a world that seems to tell us that we don't belong and we are not meant to succeed. I have youth mixed race and beautiful however the environment he's in is telling him he's not enough of any ethnicity that he is meant to be seen as a criminal and offer no safe haven of acceptance. Imagine constantly being told you're not enough. Eventually you believe it. I believe that

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apano has been a safe haven for him. Also a sanctuary. To be very frank, there are sometimes I feel I would like to leave Portland. No safe space or space in general that's very welcoming to me and my communities, my experience. I was in the bay area and had the bay area has shown me how much they truly valued the youth in their community. There are tons of youth organizations and spaces just meant for youth and communities to thrive and have fun but also to feel valued. I don't have the economic privilege to leave nor do I want to. This I my home. We need a space so well deserved and long overdue. So as I leave you today, I want to think about these questions constantly and do something. How many of our Asian pacific islander youth and youth of color have to face the hate crimes, institutionalized racism and sometimes death until the city of Portland starts to value us? How many of our community elders and families and elders and families of color have to live scared for their lives in a city that seems to not care to protect them. When I say protect I don't mean police. And oftentimes sanctuary is just a word. We fear for our families' lives. We fear for our families being torn apart, being targeted. Just because you don't hear about it doesn't mean it doesn't happen. You have the power to do something. If you say you got our back, then show it. Too often the concerns of the Asian and pacific islander community as well as communities of color are forgotten and glazed over. Do something with your power. Invest in our community centers and people on the streets talking about the very issue you're advocating for. All of this you probably have already heard before. If you've heard it more than once and you still continue to hear and people are still talking about it a that means not enough is being done. Here's a chance to do something long overdue. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Good morning. [applause]

Thach Nguyen: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, and.

Wheeler: Is the green light on? Very good. Sorry.

Nguyen: Members of city council thank you for inviting us to acknowledge and celebrate apa heritage month. I'm Thach Nguyen, co-founder of Apono which was founded 20 years ago which is a social justice in the state of Oregon. So I want to talk a little bit about the panel and I have a specific ask. Apono this is a critical time and also historical time for our panel. We have our members running for public offices. This is the first time that we have the ability to endorse and provide financial support for candidates running for public office who share the same value as ours so why we celebrate success we also realize we still have a long way to go. Last Saturday was so scary, hundreds of people marching and telling the residents of this city who don't look like them to go back where we came from. This is right in front of our panel office and a lot of Asian businesses. This reminds us that Asian and pacific islander community we need to work with the communities of color, with allies, because there is no good or bad immigrant. We all come from somewhere. Now more than ever we need a safe space to organize, to engage, and to work with a with each other. Thank you, mayor wheeler, for your commitment earlier that the city will fill the gap for owe new culture center. Our community rely on each other more now than ever and we are dependent on each other. This project community will be built by the community and for the community. It will get done. I hope the city will be one of the partners. A few years from now actually near future, year and a half, we want to have all of you to be at our grand opening and we want to be able to say, yes, we were a part of this. We make this story reality. So I looking forward to working with you and thank you for the opportunity to hear me and hear my message.

Wheeler: We appreciate it. Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: We're not allowed to say so but if you would like to say the names of the candidates that you're supporting or where people can find that information.

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Janmohamed: Apano we have a c4 and we're endorsing candidates for school board race this year. We also have one of our staff members Kathy way, she is wonderful. She's running for north Clackamas school board. We see maturation of apano now we're starting to engage in electoral politics as well.

Nguyen: We are act -- actually this person we give money to support their candidate.

Fritz: I as an immigrant myself I know things sometimes go differently in different cultures. You can also say the names of any other candidate you'd like people to be aware of.

Janmohamed: The candidates we're endorsing for the pps, we're endorsing for David Douglas. Anna Delrosio, Andrea Valdderama, and Stephanie Stevens. For pps we're endorsing jimela singleton, Julia Edwards, and Virginia la fort and urging members to vote for the pps bond. We'll have a public event Monday, May 8 at their multi-cultural space. You can check out details on our Facebook page.

Wheeler: Before we get to public testimony I have a proclamation to read. Whereas the city of Portland is proud of its diversity and draws strength from the rich cultures and traditions of all community members. Whereas Asian American and pacific islander heritage month is an opportunity for all individuals and organizations to recognize the contributions of pacific islanders. Native Hawaiians and Asian Americans to development and defense -- to the development and defense of our country as well as the cultural, civic and economic life of Portland for over 150 years. And whereas pacific islanders, native Hawaiians and Asian Americans come from a complex and diverse mix of many languages, ethnicities and faiths including Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism. Pacific islanders, native Hawaiians and Asian Americans in Portland are prevailing over the adversity of exclusion, incarceration and displacement. Therefore, I ted wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim may 2017 to be Asian American and pacific islander heritage month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month. Thank you. Very much.

Janmohamed: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Commissioners. [applause]

Fish: This is a proclamation so we don't take testimony but may I make one comment thank you to our friends from the community and particularly apano for their testimony. The one thing I do want to urge colleagues to consider, as long as I have been on council we have scheduled proclamations honoring people and organizations at the beginning of our council meetings. That is in part because we have chosen to honor them and we have other work to do. We don't want to inconvenience community members who we have invited. I would urge that in future we work with the clerk's office and with colleagues to make sure these things are at the beginning of our agenda, not on the regular agenda. It's just more respectful of people's time and it's a great tradition that we often begin our meetings by honoring and celebrating a group, organization or person. Colleagues, we have it in our power to do that. The reason proclamations sometimes go on the regular agenda is because time certians are filled. I would urge we work with the mayor's office to remedy that in the future.

Wheeler: Thank you all for being here. It's very appreciated. Thank you for the testimony. 436 was pulled. I don't know if we still have -- we may have lost her for today. That's okay. If she comes back later that's fine. Now we move to -- oh, Anna. Hello. Come on down. 436 got pulled from the agenda.

Item 436.

Wheeler: If you could give us a few comments about this then we'll take public testimony. It was pulled by a citizen. We'll find out what their question was.

Anna Kanwit, Director, Bureau of Human Resources: Great. Mayor, commissioners, Anna kanwit, director of the bureau of human resources. The ordinance before you today

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actually partially reinstates over time for the electrical supervisor classification. This is a classification where we changed the salary -- maybe two years ago -- from grade 6 to 8. When we did that we removed the ability for this position to earn overtime because it's supervisory. Substituted management leave, which is a benefit, discretionary benefit that supervisors and managers can obtain under the city rules. In discussing this with folks at the Portland bureau of transportation, they have a serious recruitment problem. The incumbent asked for voluntary demotion out of the position they have had candidates on the list turn them down because of the amount of overtime that this position entails. It's approximately 100 hours a year of call-outs. That number doesn't include things like maybe working through lunch, those kinds of things you would expect in a supervisory role, but does include the callouts for all kinds of emergencies. I agreed to amend the -- take an ordinance to amend the h.r. Administrative rule to reinstitute overtime but in recognition of the fact this is a supervisory position the overtime is hour for hour, so not at time and a half. It's over time at straight time but also because the position will now be receiving over time they are no longer eligible for management leave. That was a compromise the bureau of transportation supported and they believe will help alleviate their recruitment problems for this position. It's pretty serious not to have an electrical supervisor to be responding to the various things that happen with poles falling down, getting knocked into, things like that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any questions before we move to public testimony? If you could hang out a bit --

Kanwit: Absolutely.

Moore-Love: Joe Walsh pulled this.

Wheeler: Come on up.

Lightning: Good afternoon my name is lightning I represent lighting super watchdog x. One of the problems I have with this resolution -- ordinance is that when somebody works overtime and I'm one of the people that went against Multnomah county at the suicide division on all the deputies lining up all this overtime to where their salary plus overtime was putting them at 200+ thousand a year and I went in from of Multnomah county to chair Kafoury and I said I don't approve of that. And they brought in Multnomah county health professionals to overlook the people on suicide watch and cut the cost down tremendously now the deputies are not happy about that whether I take any credit or not that's ok. On this issue I'm going to take the other side and say when they work overtime they should be paid time and a half, now your saying this is a supervisor position and we don't have to technically do that, but it sounds to me that you're going to then kick up their salary to kind of have that already build in. So to me your kind of making a maneuver here and why I think this was pulled was this was on the consent agenda if I'm correct and we moved it to the regular agenda cause it appeared as so that you were kind of making a maneuver here to just pick up the salary at a higher salary anticipate that they'll have some overtime built into it not really know how much, but this will attract people to do the job. I have some reservations on how this is being handled and because it was on the consent agenda and to me when you work over time

and again deputies may not like me at Multnomah county, and that's ok. I don't care. I think you should be paid that over time, it's just who might be able to cut down the costs for the public to save money and that's my position, so something seems a little out of place to me on this whole situation, thank you.

Fish: Can I just respond? You are making thoughtful points and I just want to give you just the bureau -- I am not pbot here's, here's what they would say. Currently the supervisor works lots of hours beyond the normal workweek and we don't pay them overtime. They are not eligible for that because they are exempt as a supervisor. What h.r. Is telling us is

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that that's not a very attractive position for someone because they are working a lot of hours, and so if we change our rules for this one position, and provide compensation for some of those overtime hours, we have a better chance of recruiting for it, and so the proposal before us is even though the supervisors are not eligible generally for overtime, we would pay straight time for those extra hours recognizing that it's a burden on this employee's family and on him or her. That's what this does, and I understand that your view might be that we provide overtime to supervisors. Supervisors are generally exempt from overtime. They get paid a bigger base rate because of that but the number of hours here makes it hard for us to recruit so we're actually adding straight time as, you know, for those additional hours.

Lightning: But if I might respond real fast is that technically this individual coming into this position understands they are going to have that additional hour, hours put in possibly but what you are doing is instead of saying we cannot pay you overtime. We want you to still work at this job. We are just going to kick your salary up higher as though nobody will look at and say oh, but that's including some additional overtime but we cannot pay you because you are exempt but we are going to kick the salary up to make sure that you want to work for us.

Fish: I am not -- I will just-- giving you what I understand. We haven't been able to hire this position under the current compensation. So the market says that there is -- we cannot find people willing to do it, so h.r. Is saying give us some flexibility so we can pay additional, so we are paying more in order to get someone to do this job.

Lightning: I hate the term overtime being paid straight time. That's what is catching me off guard here. That's my position. Thank you.

Nancy Newell: I have two minutes. My concern is warren buffet owns pacificorp and the electricity for trains, and I think that it was about three weeks ago the trains completely shut down, people were headed to work and I was headed to a meeting and asked to walk backwards to be able to get on a functional train. It was pouring rain. It was -- it happened just like that. I am wondering if there is a relationship here that the city has because if warren buffet, he's known not to maintain lines. This is proven. They will not pose the license at the puc and the I think that the city should get active on a puc case. You can make a better situation for the supervisor. You have not covered the things that need to be covered, and I am not sure what the tri-met relationship is to the city on following through with what they are supposed to be doing and making sure that things run, all the workers that are for the getting to work on-time, the loss is huge, so I would suggest that you examine that and suggest that you object to warren buffet because he's now has that manufacturing plant and Chloe knows about the taxes that are coming from that plant, and whether or not he's installed the filter. Here we are, I think that that is a city license, and where is the social responsibility in that? I would like you to pay Attention to it, thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Good afternoon.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good afternoon, Charles bridge crane Johnson, and I take to heart nick Fish's representation. It's kind of essential that we find some kind of pot sweetening so someone will take this job but when we look at, right there at the beginning it says this person is going to supervise us 16 additional people, something needs to happen at pbot so that there is multiple -- the person is not feeling that tax. We don't need to have this convoluted ordinance stuff. We understand that these are late-night on-call but I hope that in addition to finding this, they will be for the sake of the quality of work environment, I don't know who has transportation right now. I hope the people in transportation, plus the regular union people will find a way to formulate a response plan so that it increases the employee satisfaction and safety for us so we don't have one guy

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who gets hired in to a position and won't stay because there's mandatory issues within that part of pbot. Thank you.

Wheeler: Before we move on this, could I just have you stew on something for a few minutes. We have got quite the, a few more items left on the agenda. Commissioner Fish has pulled item 449 at 2:00. Could I suggest that we continue to, until 1:00 if people can stay, and let's start at 2:30 if That works with the people.

Fritz: Let's stop at one 1:00 and come back at 2:00.

Fish: We have a lot of procurement reports.

Wheeler: Very good. Very good. I am sorry to interrupt the process. Is that the last testimony on that item? Please call the roll. I am sorry, wait, that's a, an emergency. It is an emergency. Please call the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted.

Fritz: Can I ask a question I notice there's a few people here, some who have not yet testified, I don't know which item you are here for, I don't know if you are here for an item or just here to watch.

Fish: Some people here on the procurement. They were the next in the queue.

Fritz: Should we do those before we break for lunch?

Fish: We have staff here, if we could do the procurements 442 and 443 and 444.

Wheeler: Let's read 442, 443, and 444 together please because it's the same people testifying and we'll vote on them separately if that's all right.

Item 442.

Item 443.

Item 444.

Wheeler: Good morning. Good afternoon, actually, sorry.

Christine Moody, Procurement Services: Good morning mayor, commissioners. I will just take each item, ok. You have before you the procurement report recommending the contract award to Moore excavation, the engineers estimate on this project was 1,910,000 with a high confidence Level. On march 7, 2017, six bids were received and Moore excavation is the lowest bidder at 2,097,621. Specific materials were an, additional quantities were added after the engineer's estimate was complete. Therefore, the bids came in higher. The bureau of environmental services has reviewed the bid items and accepts the pricing as good. The city put forward an aspirational goal for dmwesb subcontractor and supplier utilization at 20% of the hard construction costs for this project. Moore excavation identified four divisions of work for dmwesb opportunities, with participation at 9.1% or 190,000,300 with work being performed in trucking, concrete cutting, traffic control, and landscaping. I will turn this back over to council if there's any questions.

Wheeler: Any questions on 442? Very good. 443. Any questions? Go ahead.

Moody: 443.

Wheeler: That's stellar j.

Fish: I will have a question on this so if you could do the presentation.

Moody: You have before you the procurement report recommending a contract award to stellar j. Corporation. The engineer's estimate on this project was \$2,374,000 with a high confidence level. On February 9, 2017, seven bids were received and stellar j. Corp. Is the lowest bidder at \$1,636,000, which is 31% under the engineer's estimate. The bureau of environmental services has reviewed the bid items and accepts the pricing is good. The city put forward an aspirational goal for dmwsb utilization at 20% of the hard construction costs for this project. Stellar j. Identified three divisions of work for dmwsb opportunities

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with participation at 3.8% or \$62,660 with work being performed in dump trucking, saw cutting and coatings and waterproofing, and I will turn this back over to council.

Fish: Colleagues, Christine, the last time that we had a bid here from stellar j. I raised some concerns about the numbers.

Wheeler: Kirsten can you get the documents?

Fish: You are not invited up yet. Hold on one second. And so we ended up -- there was a meeting held with the company that does good work. And out of that conversation I learned a couple of things that I wanted to just get your feedback on. The first is that whereas in Oregon we have these -- we use an aspirational goal. They do contracting in Washington that has a hard goal. So we say -- there is an aspirational goal of 20%, and we look to see whether -- so this is very disruptive, can he hold one second? We are getting ahead of ourselves. Karla, go ahead. We'll take 441 at 2:00.

Star Stauffer: Will Amanda Fritz allow me to speak then?

Fish: Please, please. Let me go back and start again. This is conversation. I am not singling out stellar j. As a bidder but responding to concerns council has raised around these contracts. So at the last time that we had a similar hearing, I raised some concerns about what the numbers were, why the numbers were so low, we have had follow-up conversations with the contractor, and I have learned a couple of things. Number one is that they have had more success in the state of Washington, and in part, it's because unlike our rules, which set aspirational goals and require a good faith effort meaning that you have a document, you reached out to a university and gave people a chance, in Washington there are hard numbers. We are in the same circuit by the way. We are all in the ninth circuit. So to the extent that people are balancing what the law allows you to do to address disparities, in Washington they go with hard numbers. Number two is another piece of feedback that we got from the company was if it's just low bid, we are not liking to get the same results that we would if we went with alternative procurement. Alternative contracting. And so I raise this -- in this setting I think it's a conversation that we can have more globally because we are all committed to providing more opportunity for people, particularly on the big infrastructure projects, and Christine I wanted to give you a moment just to give us some feedback on those two points. The difference between Oregon and Washington law and also whether the current way we go about contracting with low bid is the most effective way to get to our goals or whether we should be more aggressive using alternative contracting.

Moody: The first one, I am not familiar with the whole state of Washington having hard goals. I understand the dot projects have hard goals, so they are federally funded and highway and hard goals. My understanding is based upon our last disparity study in which you led, the outcome out of that was that the city has programs with aspirational goals. I think that we would, if we wanted to switch to the hard goals, we would probably need to check back in to see if we need to do a new disparity study with updated data, and whether we as a local entity we can do hard goals as opposed to the aspirational goals. We have had the conversation with the city attorney's office.

Fish: The mayor has indicated some desire at some point to the disparity study. Is it your understanding that the federal law is different than the state law in this regard? And that federal law, in effect, allows for hard goals and therefore gives the legal teams less anxiety than when we look at applying state law? The test has always been to depend our position.

Moody: I think it just depends on our disparity study and what the data is showing. And so if we were to do an updated disparity study, and we were choosing to take that data and put that into hard goals, that could be a direction.

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Fish: I have some recollection of that disparity study, which tend of the day pleased no one but it was what an independent consultant delivered. So I think that colleagues there is two questions there, three questions, one should we update our disparity study. Two, how much flexibility that we have to move from aspirational goals to harder goals, and number three, what's the legal risk of doing that, and the legal risk is a function of who is on the supreme court and what disparities were documented locally and how far we are willing to go in order to promote opportunity knowing that there is a legal risk. The legal risk simply stated for my new colleagues is you can get sued for having hard goals that someone disagrees with under the current standard, the supreme court has set forth, so that's one piece. The second piece is what about moving to alternative kinds of contracting as a way of boosting our numbers?

Moody: Commissioner I think that I personally believe that alternative contracting here at the city can help us to achieve all of our goals, can help us to achieve our minority women goals and can help us to achieve our Sustainability objectives. I think that there is a fine line on which types of projects should have an alternative procurement method or delivery method, and which types of projects should not. I think there is 14 findings that have to be substantiated by state law, and we have to bring those to the city council and you need to approve that. The alternative delivery process can take longer, and I think that it puts the operating bureaus in my office and kind of in a pinch on, you know, are we going to take longer to do that type of process in which we can do a best value approach or are we going to do low bids because we're trying to get projects done so that's a continuing conversation about where is that line to use different delivery methods.

Fish: And fair enough, and in some of these infrastructure projects involving the utilities, there is a time sensitivity to make sure that the pump doesn't fail or -- and that may be different than building out a park where there is more flexibility, but it does seem to me I will use the park bureau as an example. They have effectively harnessed the alternative contracting to get better numbers and more community participation, and since we are planning and with the mayor's office proposed budget, even, planning to do more infrastructure through the utilities and with the mayors proposed budget, mayor and colleagues, I think that it's time to have this hard conversation, or else we're going to constantly come back to having numbers that we think are below what our goals are.

Fritz: I appreciated this. I would suggest maybe a work session to delve into it. It's kind of ironic the next presentation that we're going to have is the parks bureau project, and the numbers are really not all that great. There is a reason for that but I think that it's obviously a very complex issue, which I know the chief procurement officer moody has been struggling with as long as I've been on the council. I think that it's possibly one of the areas that we need the most coordination between all of the council offices to make a dent in the contract.

Fish: Can I make a suggestion? Mayor in your budget you have proposed some realignment at the city level and how we do oversight of our minority contracting generally. We have this ongoing question about how to best maximize the opportunity in these contracts, and as commissioner Fritz reminds us each bureau has its own set of unique challenges. There is challenges in the marketplace as well. I am going to recommend that we adopt, that we adopt the reports before us because everyone has played by the rules and that's why I didn't want to get hung up on singling out one particular business. It's not - I have used stellar j. Corporation as a test case to better understand where we're at. I am not singling them out. And this work is work that has to be done and everyone has Played by the rules. I would welcome a chance to do a work session and a bigger dive because we're not getting the numbers that council wants, and it's through no fault of our

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outstanding procurement division. We may want to think about changing the way that we do this contracting so that's my point.

Moody: I've been leading an effort to establish some criteria for construction projects, in particular, on using alternative delivery methods, so I have been working with the chief engineer, Teresa Elliott, and some other people within bes and transportation and to kind of come up with a criteria in which the bureau project managers along with our office can look at different projects and the delivery method and see if we can come up with a different outcome.

Fish: You are going to have my full support on that assuming I continue to have the honor of leading the utilities, and I think you have the council's support and we'll drill down in the utilities but I think that there is broader lessons and a broader conversation and I hope that this summer we could address that through a work session.

Wheeler: That sounds great, would love to do that.

Fish: Should we go to 444.

Wheeler: Welcome and thank you for your patience.

*****: Thank you.

Lauren McGuire, Portland Parks and Recreation: Hello mayor wheeler. I am Lauren McGuire. I am the development program manager for Portland parks, and with me is Jill Hutchinson who is the project manager for this particular project. We are here today to accept the bid from the twin oaks construction for the forest park trail bridges in the amount of \$661,200. And we want to tell you a bit about the project itself. This project is part of the 2014 bond program that was passed by our voters as part of the \$68 million fund. That bond is addressing critical needs that we have in our parks, in particular with seven repair priority areas including the failing playgrounds and pools and trails and bridges. As you know the facilities to protect the workers, pioneer courthouse square, and accessibility issues and restrooms and other urgent safety needs. This particular project falls into the trails and bridges category. It aims to preserve access to our natural areas and open spaces by repairing or deteriorating the trails and bridges. The forest park stretches over seven miles of northwest Portland along the eastern slope of the Tualatin mountains. The park includes 5100 wooded acres and Portland parks maintains more than 70 miles of trails and many bridges within the parks, the project will replace four wooden bridges within the park, one bridge is on the wild wood trail between Cornell and the lower mcclay trail. In 2015 the structural analysis the bridge was failing and structurally de-efficient. Likewise, in that same study the Two bridges on the lower mcclay trail between lower mcclay trailhead and the wild wood trail were found to be in need of replacement, as well. We have a bridge on the maple trail between fire lane 4 which failed in 2012, and the maple trail has been closed to the public ever since. All these projects are totally funded by the 2014 bond. The new bridges were designed with durability, longevity, ease of maintainability and the natural aesthetic of forest park. The bridge structures will be constructed of weathering steel and fiberglass decking and Alaska yellow cedar handrails. The time line for the project is as follows. We have gone through the design and construction drawing phase obviously, and they helped us with that and the field work design, and engineering. And we have talked with the forest park and Linnton neighborhood association, the forest park conservancy answered and other groups in the public outreach, and we also had drawings approved through the site development permit process and the project has been through environmental land use review, and now we're here to request the approval of the bid. The project construction is anticipated to begin this summer, and hopefully completed this year as well. Some other projects that we have in the works for this.

Fritz: I'm going to ask you to skip those, we'll do those later just due to the hour thank you.

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McGuire: So these are the projects that we have in the upcoming and Construction, and so Christine will talk to you about the bid itself.

Moody: We have a procurement report recommending a contract award to twin oaks construction metal works, and the engineers' estimate on this project was \$640,000, with the confidence level of moderate. On March 16, 2017, one bid was received, twin oaks is the low bidder at \$661,221. Portland parks and recreation has determined that the proposed pricing is good to do to the nature of the project. Very few contractors have experience working in remote areas with access constraints as is required on this project. Twin oaks identified one division of work for dmwesb subcontracting opportunities with participation at 1.27% or \$8,000 with work being performed in tree cutting.

Wheeler: Any public testimony

Fish: I move the procurement report on 442.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Moved and second and call the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye. **Wheeler:** Aye.

Fish: I move the procurement report on 443.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: 442 has been adopted. 442, the procurement report is accepted. Commissioner Fish moves Fritz seconds for 443, call the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The report is accepted.

Fish: Mayor I move that the procurement Report on 444 and I also compliment the team that just presented on that.

Fritz: Thank you very much. Second.

Wheeler: Moved and seconded and call the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The procurement report is accepted. Commissioner Fish has a request. I would like you to consider this. He has staff here for items 446 and 447 and 448. We could go through them now or wait for this afternoon.

Fish: What I could offer you now if you are interested is we'll do all three in five minutes, take public testimony, and --

Eudaly: I am setting my timer right now.

Wheeler: Go: 446, 447, 448 together please.

Item 446.

Item 447.

Item 448.

Fish: Item number 446 is a project in the industrial northwest in which we seek authors and construct 608 feet of 30-inch sewer pipe four manholes and additional infrastructure improvements. The project will protect the public health in our environment by increasing sewer capacity and reducing the risk of street flooding and sewer backup. Construction is scheduled to begin in August and to be completed in January of 2018, and Scott Gibson and Terrence Chan are here to do is a two-minute presentation and answer your questions. Go ahead.

Scott Gibson, Bureau of Environmental Services: We'll do our best to work through this. This is going to require that you move quickly. What I would like to say before we get started is Terrence Chan runs a program of urgent sewer rehabilitation when we discover

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a bad sewer during routine inspection. Terrance's team repairs those it's about 3 million a year, and he's going to walk us through the latest effort that he's got for us.

Terrance Chan, Bureau of Environmental Services: I would like to talk about the background. This project is on the industrial street between northwest 26 and 28 avenues, and there is the map showing the location. The existing 15 to 18-inch combined sewer was approved in were 1924, and the city reinspection showed the cracks and deformation along the length. And this is 100 feet long, and so full replacement of the pipe is necessary before full failure occurs. And so the pipe is under capacity and needs to be applied to 38 inch to prevent discharge. So here are some pictures showing the defect in the pipe So that you can see the cracks on the left-hand corner and the one in the middle, the picture in the middle, and the one at the top right hand corner, yeah. It shows the water sitting in the pipe. The two at pictures at the bottom show it at the joint. This is the ground condition that is poor, loose to medium sand and undocumented material. Including debris and the woods and ceramic, as you can see in the picture. Also the contaminate meter in upstream salmon of the project where spores have to be taken to an approved landfill. And also the ground water levels are four feet above the bottom of the my, which requires the water doing construction.

Fish: We found Christmas ornaments from commissioner eudaly's house, once cleaned they will be returned to her.

Eudaly: Thank you. Thank you.

Chan: So due to the above reasons the construction method is chosen for the construction of the project and 470 feet would be constructed and the rest about 135 feet constructed by open trench method. And by replacing the deteriorating sewers this project will increase the capacity, reduce the flooding and sewer backup and protect the public health. So the extensive research has been conducted. And business owners, including the northwest industrial business association, which methods include the email, phone calls, and adult site visits, and so everything is included in the industrial warehouses and manufacturers, and single family neighbors. The engineers estimate for this project is \$2 million and the level of confidence is high. We have accounted for the issues, and the estimated space on the price for similar projects in the past. The project is expected to start construction in august of this year, and complete in January 2018.

Fish: That was outstanding. Mayor if you allow us to do 447 we will put 448 over to the afternoon and that way we can just have the two presentations with this team here.

Wheeler: Sounds good.

Fish: Scott pick up 447.

Gibson: Got it. Good morning Mr. Mayor and city council, or good afternoon. I will turn this over to the project manager who can walk you through the presentation. This is Ruben Gonzales Baird.

Ruben Gonzales Baird, Bureau of Environmental Services: I am Ruben Gonzales Baird, mayor and commissioners thank you for this time. I want to present the sewer slab town replacement project. We are located in northwest Portland. Generally bounded by northwest 21st and 12th avenues to the west and east, and northwest Thurman and pettygrove streets to the north and south respectively. And the inception of this project began with the 2012 environmental services system plan, we'll be leaving the sewer backup and structural risk by replacing the century old pipe. Our system plan, you can see that the project location we're in an area that was identified with high risk for sewer backups, and the street flooding. Our project goals and objectives include replacement of 8400 linear feet of main line pipe, that's 1.6 miles ranging in size between eight and 4 inches in diameter. As I mentioned much of this pipe was constructed over 100 years ago. Most of the work will be taking place on local streets. Some of it will be on busier streets

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and we're also coordinating efforts with pbob's 20th avenue lid project so that their project will build a portion of the sewer improvement project. We've been involved with public involvement outreach throughout the course of this project. We have collaborated with the committee to identify the impacts and access needs. That includes outreach to about 1200 households and businesses. There is a lot of mixed use youth in this area, including multi-family, the residential, and commercial businesses. We have sent out frequent flyers, newsletters, and emails, and we updated our project website along the way. Outcomes of the public involvement process, include we will be maintaining local traffic access to all the properties, we'll be providing constant updates throughout the project as well as more periodic monthly and quarterly updates, and we'll comply with private property access agreements. Most of the work is actually going to be open cut trench construction installation. We will be using several different pipe materials including c905, pbc and reinforced concrete and doing about 1,000 feet of static pole pipe bursting, which is hdpe pipe. The project budget and schedule includes our engineer's estimate of about \$8.9 million. Our level of confidence is high, and we have identified the conflicts and we have come up with measures to address those through our engineering design. We are planning on advertising this contract in mid-June and beginning construction in October with the duration of about 400 days. Thank you for your time and we're happy to answer any questions.

Wheeler: Is there any questions or any public testimony on 446, 447, or 448? Seeing none please call the roll. Sorry. These are 446 and 447 go to a -- they are a non-emergency first reading. They move to second reading.

Fish: And mayor we will be prepared to bring 448 at the top of the agenda.

Wheeler: 2:00 p.m., and for the record to make sure that I got this right so 449 is referred back to your office, it will be up on May 11 at 2:30. 448 will be at 2:00 p.m. Along with 445, 442, and 441.

Fish: Not 442.

Wheeler: Correct, 441 and 439.

Fish: Right.

Wheeler: So to do that in the numerical order. 439, 441, 445, and 448 are moved to the 2:00 p.m. agenda. We are adjourned.

At 1:08 p.m. Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon this is the afternoon meeting of the Portland city council and today's date is May, 3 Karla please call the roll.

[Roll call]

Wheeler: Please call the first item carried over from this morning.

Item 439.

Wheeler: Any further council discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, please.

Item 441.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Molly Daul, Portland Police Bureau: Good afternoon. For the record, Mr. Mayor and council, thank you for having us. Concerning this ordinance, I'm Molly Daul, I am the sex crimes detective supervisor for the bureau. With me is Susan Lehman, the program coordinator for the sex crimes unit sexual assault kit initiative. Because you have the ordinance in front of you I thought I would give you a quick rehash if you have not been present for prior council sessions you approved our two previous grants in 2015 we received a department of justice grant for creating sexual assault kit initiative to address the untested backlog of rape kits in the city of Portland. We received a \$1 million grant and conjoined with a grant that the district attorney's office also received, their grant pays for the testing of the kits. Ours pays for the investigative body, the work group, advocates, to see this process through. The second grant we received last year is a supplemental grant that has helped us create our database for sexual assault kit initiatives so we'll never be in this position again. We'll know where our kits are, we will know -- it will assist in grant reporting and it's also an investigative tool for us. It's very unique. The fed's department of justice and bja liked it so much we're now sharing this database with other police agencies for free, so it's kind of feather in the cap in the city of Portland's police bureau. Today we're seeking the ordinance that will authorize the IGA between us and Multnomah county district attorney's office. One of their forensic consultants as well as a devoted d.a. is funded by the bga grant. Because I know you probably want an update on the status of all of our kits, at the beginning we identified 1754 untested kits. Of that, the bureau has submitted 1677 to a private lab for testing. At this point the lab has processed 906 of those submitted kits and the remaining are scheduled to be sent to the lab next week. Thus ending our backlog.

Wheeler: Good news.

Daul: Yes.

Fritz: Could you just review again why there were untested kits? What were the factors that led to them being there in the first place?

Daul: There's a myriad of reasons. Susan is our numbers person and she will assist. We have kits dating back to 1987. The untested kits falls on the shoulders of the Portland police bureau because they have been in our property room in our inventory. Decisions why kits are tested, cases don't proceed to the district attorney's office, the crime lab deems kits that are not going to go to court need to be tested. Victims that don't want to

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proceed in their case, those kits have not been tested. There's kits there that their cases were adjudicated where someone was convicted of the crime and the offender was known so they didn't test the kits. Every kit costs approximately \$500 to test, so the Oregon state crime lab being overwhelmed over the decades for a time-consuming test, those are just some of the reasons why. We have tried to eliminate police discretion when it comes to the kits. So now we have been full submission since 2015. Every kit gets sent to the lab. We have taken that discretion out of the quotient. Now we're addressing getting osp to hopefully increase their funding to hasten the testing of kits. All of the kits that we have been tested by our outside lab, they are now waiting to be uploaded into codus, our national dna database.

Fritz: Thank you.

Eudaly: I just was trying to track the numbers. 1754 was the backlog. 1677 were sent for testing. 906 have been processed. I guess I'm just confused by the --

Daul: The difference between 1754 and 1677 is there's only 77 left.

Eudaly: But the difference between 1677 submitted and 906 processed.

Daul: 906 is just the submitted kits.

Susan Lehman, Portland Police Bureau: Those are the ones testing has been finished on.

Daul: It's been a quicker process at the private lab than we expected so we're ahead of schedule. For a two-year grant with dani, the district attorney grant, the private lab is very efficient. We're very happy with the results there.

Fish: Can I follow up on commissioner Fritz's question just to make I understand something? What's the public interest in testing every kit even if it's not physical evidence that is necessary in any trial? Take the example of you have a kit, the alleged perpetrator pled guilty to the offense. What is the public interest in testing beyond that point?

Lehman: There have been two widely done studies on serial sexual predators. What it basically says is the majority of people who commit rape are serial predators. So although we may know our suspect is john doe, we may have a rape with an unknown suspect, that may be our john doe. The theory is to get them all tested so we can make those linkages.

Fish: Is it fair to say it's a rough analogy like sometimes the dna testing connects to other crimes in other jurisdictions.

Lehman: Very much so.

Daul: Even when the victim doesn't want to proceed and the individual cases don't proceed to prosecution, we can still identify serial rapists and that's part of the beauty of having a sexual assault database of our own and we can also collaborate with other states because a lot of our serial rapists are travelers and they are currently in other prison systems or jails or other jurisdictions.

Fritz: If the test we've tested so far have there been any new developments on any of the old cases?

Daul: There have been. Of the 906 submitted kits, 384 are eligible for codus, there's enough of a sample that can be uploaded into codus. 229 of those don't have sufficient levels of dna for testing. 293 of those kits were negative. So we're in the long run for the testing process so it's going to be couple of years for all of this to come to fruition and we'll have better understanding of the numbers and how it's benefited our victims.

Wheeler: In plain English then I can tell people that the backlog that made so many headlines, that backlog is gone when?

Lehman: Should be by the end of the week, the last kit should be shipped by the end of this week.

Wheeler: End of this week. That's good news. Glad to hear it. Going forward we're on an every -- you've taken the discretion, everything gets tested going forward.

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Daul: Right.

Wheeler: Do you currently have sufficient resources to do that as opposed to creating another backlog?

Daul: The Oregon state crime lab in our opinion doesn't have sufficient scientists to keep up with the work flow of all the new kits that are coming in and we are the agency of abundance. It's going to have to come from the stating legislation to give them more resources so our kits are not sitting there for six months, a year, longer sometimes.

Wheeler: Very good. Obviously you can communicate through the chain to me and I'll make sure our legislative folks are all over that. Now that we have the success we don't want to lose the momentum.

Daul: We appreciate that.

Wheeler: I appreciate your work.

Fritz: Do you try to contact the victims to let them know if there's any new developments or if there wasn't enough of a sample or something like that.

Daul: We have developed a protocol but it's also a case-by-case scenario. In hoping that our advocates, if the victim should be contacted if there is a hit, we don't want to retraumatize them with notification, so we want it to be something positive and give them a choice in their direction still. We continue a victim centered approach.

Lehman: Our work group meets every Wednesday to review the cases. Even if it does not have a codus hit we review it to see if there's other evidence like underwear, bed sheets. Whether it's worth reaching out to the victim to see if at this point she would be willing to go forward.

Fritz: I remember asking the last time we did this and being glad to hear about the victim centered approach and the care you're putting into that program. Thank you.

Wheeler: Somebody sent me a text message reminding me that the Obama administration in their final days also sent some federal resources to the states for this purpose nationally. I presume to some degree that's helping at the state level as well. Great. Any further questions before we get to public testimony?

Saltzman: What does it mean when a kit is negative?

Lehman: There's no biological semen, perms or emolades, which is the protein in saliva.

Wheeler: You can just take a seat. Maybe people have questions. I neglected to read the rules of conduct people can sign up for public testimony over here if they would like to sign up with Karla. If you sign up your testimony must address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name for the record. We don't need your address. If you're a lobbyist tell us that you are a lobbyist and who you are lobbying for. If you're here with an organization, we would appreciate knowing that too. People have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left the yellow light plinks and there's a couple of beeps. When your time is up the red light goes off. Conduct that destructs the meeting, shouting or interrupting others' testimony or interrupting during council deliberations is not allowed. People face ejection from the meeting. If there's a disruption, I'll issue a warning. If any further disruption occurs anyone disrupting the meeting will be subject to ejection for the remainder of the meeting. Anyone who fails to leave after being ejected will be subject to arrest or trespass. So on those happy thoughts, three minutes' name for the record. Carla, first three, please.

Moore-Love: We originally had about nine signed up but I don't think everyone is here.

Wheeler: Cameron, do you want to start?

Cameron Stark: Yes. I'm Cameron stark. I'm actually a survivor of sexual violence. In December of 2011, there was a situation that happened and I chose not to go forward with contacting authorities or police because I knew that there was a history and where it happened was Fort Worth, Texas, that kits and basically accountability was never served. I

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don't want to say that I'm in favor of this bond being released because this just needs to be done. This database is going to be able to connect with other states and like you said find serial offenders and be able to connect them and I think it's just a good idea. I don't know. To connect on a higher level because this is a real problem in our society that happens often. I know I don't fit the usual profile of somebody who is a survivor of sexual violence but it happens to a lot of people, and many of them multiple times too. So it would be good just to -- have more accountability, that kind of stuff would deter from further acts of crime committed by these habitual offenders. Connect people who run from state to state because I know that's currently a problem is when people leave states sometimes warrants don't follow up and connections are not made and they are missed. I think databases and information collecting is good. I think it provides accountability and transparency. Thank you.

Wheeler: I can't let that testimony go by without thanking you. That's courageous testimony. You give voice to a lot of people.

Stark: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Star Stauffer: Good afternoon. Star Stauffer. I also am a survivor of sexual assault. When I was 15 I was brutally sexually assaulted in my home, and I almost died from that attack. That attack was not reported to the police. The rape kit was never done for me. That goes back to the fact that prior to that I had been sexually accosted by an officer of the law. So this is of utmost importance to me because we live in a rape culture in America where sexual assault is almost glorified on a daily basis. Objectification of marginalized community members, specifically women, women of color, youth, homeless. So I agree with Cameron that this database needs to be broadened. There needs to be more accountability however I have concerns about the storage of some of the samples for these rape kits. I'm concerned about how long these samples are viable until they are tested. I mean how long can they remain in cold storage or however they are storing them before they get there and can some of the negative results that are occurring on these kits be because the sample is no longer effective because it's been stored for too long and then what happens to those cases in regards to that. That's a concern. Especially considering how far backlogged we were. I'm concerned about how many of the 900 kits that have been tested so far had failure rates due to being stored for too long. My other concern is I believe on the agenda it says they were looking for a grant of 90 something thousand dollars for personnel reasons and I'm curious if those specific needs are going to be released to the public to that we know exactly how that money is being allocated. Because this is such a pervasive issue in our society, and we can't afford on this issue to have even one single penny wasted that could give justice for a victim of sexual assault. As Cameron said, this is extremely personal to us. So these are things that we really need to know so that accountability is happening across the board especially considering it's extremely risky for any rape victim to attempt to pursue a case against their attacker so we can't afford to waste kits, we can't afford to allocate resources to personnel where it's not needed where we could put it where it is more needed. I'm hoping there will oversight in the spending of that grant.

Wheeler: Thank you. Those are good questions. We'll ask them. I'm sure they will be happy to say. Good afternoon.

Alex DiBlasi: Good afternoon. I'm Alex diBlasi. I agree with my comrades and I support their sentiments and I do appreciate your candor in sharing your experience. I did want to talk about your comments regarding may day violence. I think it highlights your ignorance that you are tone deaf regarding history and political science. Violence has been a central force underlying any capitalist city, state and nation. Power is consolidated through violence. We saw that on Monday. It is through violence that this same power is seized

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and there are many historical examples of that. It is a neo-liberal myth that violence is an unnatural manifestation. We're left with a city of Kool-Aid drinkers who care more about broken windows than the broken society that surrounds them. The dramatic acts of a few patriots are part of a greater historical tradition. The united nations security council acting under chapter 7 defined terrorism as consisting of criminal acts including against civilians committed with the intent to cause death or serious bodily harm or taking of hostages with the purpose to provoke a state of terror in the general public or in a group of persons or particular persons. Intimidate a population or compel a government or an international organization to do or abstain from doing any act. Who does that sound more like to you? 30 patriots in gear or a police bureau of 1500? The following is a quote from Yale university professor Beverly gauge on a concept known as propaganda of the deed. Anarchists are given a bad reputation and I wish to dispel that. The idea that capitalist society was a place of constant violence. Every law, every church, every paycheck was based on force. In such a world to do nothing, to stand idly by while millions suffered was to commit an act of violence. I encourage you to read the works of Emma Goldman and Murray bookchin. Goldman's radical feminism is fresh and vital today. While principles of socialist libertarianism is fueling many of the ideas behind Portland assembly. Until then I'm looking forward to the six-month anniversary of your tenure as mayor. Perhaps you know what I'm talking about. I'm really looking forward to July 1. Six months into your term. I will be the chief petitioner of the campaign of your recall. I only need 35,000 signatures and I only need 90 days. I say only because frankly I have got my work cut out for me. The testimonies of people who have suffered at the hand of ppb under your leadership will reveal something far more ugly than a few broken windows. You will be removed from office and hopefully our next mayor will be the last as we seek to abolish your position.

Wheeler: Great be sure to get my wife to sign the petition. She will sign it first. Thank you for your testimony. [laughter] just it's a small group in here today, traditionally as you know I'm supposed to keep you on point. You made the effort to be here, so -- thank you. Next, please.

Moore-Love: I don't think Mr. Wilkins is here.

Wheeler: Nick will sign it as well. [laughter] come on up. Good to see you. Good afternoon.

Nancy Newell: Should I go ahead?

Wheeler: Please.

Newell: I'm Nancy newel. I have had personal friends have been raped. I had a report confidentially told to me from the Springwater corridor clear out by the city that every individual there, woman, has been raped not just once but twice I'm just curious how the police bureau is really accounted for and how they handle these cases because I have known women in that position that wouldn't even talk to police especially in homeless conditions, because of the lack of trust. That they would truly be regarded and respected as a woman and what took place. In my era it usually was a woman at fault. Quite a bit of that has changed. The attitude. I think that we could really prove it with an opportunity like this. These testing's seem to be accurate. You could research actually if there are people that are multiple rapists and perhaps have been identified in that area. Really shouldn't be in that area. They should be arrested. I can see where there are not enough programs for the victims. There are supplies for testing it seems very difficult for courts to act quickly enough to stop the behavior. I don't know at what state there is there now, but I don't think it's been improved. Yet you have police officers that should be active on it. I know there are women officers that are very concerned about it. I think that's a real mark on the city. I think it's a real mark on us and how we perform as citizens to not protect our homeless people better and I think we can do a lot better. I think the police really should focus on it

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as a very important priority. Once you have done that to a woman, their life is affected for life. We don't want that. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Lightning: Yes, I represent I'm lightning I represent lightning super watchdog x. One of the things I want on this is I want to have a clear understanding that the Portland police bureau will be implementing 100% submission rate policy for all new cases. It's very important that that happens. Again, I want to have a clear understanding on your time frames because you stated that the private forensic lab that was used on these grants was very efficient but you haven't really said anything on the state labs and I want to have a clear understanding on these state labs, the five different labs that the state operates, is that we need to make sure they get funding for the best equipment they can possibly have. We need to make sure that the forensic scientists have the best training and the best people in there working to where these state labs can become as efficient as the private labs. We need to set in place kind of an overview on the kits that are tested for, say, every five tested the state lab have a private lab double test one of those kits to check the efficiency, make sure it's being done right, and we need to have those things set in place, to make sure that we have an understanding that the Portland police bureau is responsible to make sure that if there is an issue that is addressed in a reasonable manner. I feel a lot of these kits have been jeopardized just because of that and that was brought up by other speakers on jeopardizing these kits over time on having them sit for long periods of time you jeopardize those kits. It's hard for me to understand how a victim even get back to them for like ten years, what is that? Where does the d.a. Come in position on this too if they have a case they are looking at Portland police come back and say we haven't tested a kit for ten years. Who is responsible for that? Who does that fall back on? The victims like I said are really the ones that should have had these tests done in a reasonable time frame for them but that wasn't done. That wasn't the case here. And if it was due to resources, then the Portland police bureau needed to step up and say we need more money and by the way, in other locations foundations have stepped up on these kits to make sure they have the proper funding to get them tested in a reasonable manner. So somebody did not follow through on this, and if it was for funding which I believe a lot of this was, this should have never happened. This should never be repeated ever again and there should be 100% testing on every kit that is submitted plain and simple. It needs to be done in a reasonable time frame and this ten-year talk, that's appalling to me. Absolutely appalling.

Wheeler: Thank you all for your testimony. Could we have you come back up so we could ask a few questions? There were a couple of questions that were asked that I thought were particularly intriguing. The storage time is there a shelf life and if so how long is that?

Daul: It's all dependent on the quantity of the sample, the type the sample, what kind of evidence it was located on, and given that all of those kits have been tested and we sometimes get evidence from tests that are 10, 15 years old it's a science question that it would have to be determined by one of the forensic scientists but we're still getting viable evidence from that long ago.

Wheeler: One last question I'll turn it over to commissioner Fritz, there was a question about the personnel allocation in this request. What kind of personnel would be funded by this request? Or is it a contract for the lab.

Daul: For this specific ordinance is the funding of a forensic consultant that the district attorney's office has. She's actually a retired scientist from osp, so she is present at our weekly staff meetings that we go through cases and she parlays it into layman's English for us. The previous grant funded a district attorney that is solely saki cases as well as activists and investigator positions.

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Wheeler: I don't know the termination a saki case.

Daul: Sexual assault kit initiative. That's the name of our grant.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate that clarification.

Fritz: I was checking on my phone. It says dna if it's left out in the sun and the rain, then it can decompose quite quickly but if it's dark and cold it doesn't. They gave an example of the body of Richard iii, and they identified he was the person.

Daul: In storage at osp and as well as the police evidence unit they are packaged correctly and they are not going to decorate or be compromised.

Fritz: Its coming up to 60 million years, but then they found some that might be the world record at 419 million years.

Daul: Exactly. Because we retain kits 60 years now and we have been since 2015 going forward the problems prior to this will not happen again.

Wheeler: Good to hear.

Lehman: When we're mandated by Melissa's law the bill of 1551 to submit those kits to the Oregon crime lab within 15 days. Any kits allowable by law which of course jane doe are anonymous kits are not allowed to be sent to the crime lab.

Wheeler: Thank you very much for this presentation. Please call the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Thank you for your presentation. Before I was elected in 2008 I was the lawyer for an organization called the Portland women's crisis line. I will tell you that in addition to some of the challenges they face as an organization, I learned a lot about domestic violence and about the resources available to people in our community and the gaps in our system. And as a parent I think a lot about these issues. So I regret the history that has led us to this moment, but I'm very pleased that we're correcting this and moving forward. Thank you both for your good work. Aye.

Saltzman: Thank you for the good work you're doing. It's really good to hear that we're just about to be totally caught up on our backlog. That's been a long time coming. Thank you. Aye.

Eudaly: I just want to commend everyone involved for taking care of this backlog and acknowledge that there are many reasons survivors choose not to pursue legal action, and a big reason is they have very little faith in the system. I hope that this will send a message and restore some faith. Aye.

Fritz: Commissioner Fish, I didn't know or had forgotten you were the lawyer for the Portland women's crisis line, which is a fabulous organization recently renamed safety, in recognition of what Mr. Stark said, it's not limited to any one gender or gender identity. These attacks are perpetrated as serial acts of violence. Thank you for the work that you do. It's tremendously important. I imagine it must be difficult to do that day after day, facing the fact that so many people have been abused, but thank you for finding the ones we could find. Aye.

Wheeler: Thank you. This is great news and obviously this grant helps speed things up and this is the first step towards rectifying a true wrong that was perpetrated upon many victims of sexual abuse. I'm really thrilled with the work you two are doing and the work that your team is doing. It is a well thought out proposal and it's going to have a huge positive impact so I appreciate the work. I also want to thank people who testified today. That was some difficult testimony but hugely important. As I say gave voice to a lot of other people. So thank you for that. Aye the ordinance is adopted.

Lehman: If the victims would like to know the status of their kit they can call the rose project at 503-823-0125. 503-823-0125, or they can send an email to roseproject@Portlandoregon.gov.

Wheeler: Thank you.

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Fish: Mayor, before we take up the next matter, it is a tradition of this body that when a visiting elected official is in the room we acknowledge them. We're joined by former Pendleton mayor Houck, was a very gracious host during the Pendleton roundup. I want to acknowledge him and have him stand. Thank you, sir. We appreciate it.

Wheeler: Thank you. Did you bring the horse?

Fish: Normally actually he has an expression that he brings. Letter Buck.

Wheeler: I think people are well aware of the fact I'm not a horseman. I think it shows. But by the time I get to the end of the route as the great ed ray says if I get off the horse at a time and place of my own choosing it's a great day and a great event.

Wheeler: I look forward to it. Thank you, sir, for joining us. I believe item 445, if we have someone -- Anna is back for the third time today. Thank you. Carla, could you read 405, -- 445, please.

Item 445.

Wheeler: Hello.

Anna Kanwit, Director, Bureau of Human Resources: Hello. Thank you, mayor, commissioners, Anna Kanwit director of the bureau of human resources. Cathy bless, who is the manager of our benefits plan, will present on the ordinance. I just want you to be aware of two goals that are part of this presentation. One is you are going to hear a recap of information that demonstrates the success of your city's health care plans we have an important focus on wellness and providing support to employees and families with serious health conditions and have demonstrated savings both in terms of reduction in depression rates and actual savings to the plan. Secondly, we are asking you to approve the new plan that contains some changes in the design in our health care plans, changes that have been recommended by labor management benefits committee. What you will hear is we have an incredibly well managed plan. We have been recognized by many groups who come to solicit us and have said that the way we're handling our health care is really among the best. With that I want to present it to Cathy because as the manager she pretty much is responsible for much of this as the manager.

Cathy Bless, Bureau of Human Resources: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, commissioners. I'm Cathy bless, health and benefit manager. When I became the benefit manager in July of 2009, we were in the midst of a global and national recession, were impacted by health care increases between eight and 11% and were hopeful of change regarding conversation around affordable, sustainable health care coverage. In march 2010 the affordable care act became law and for the past seven years I have led my team through implementation of the aca, expanding plan designs to include dependents to age 26, ensuring we offer the mandated essential benefits, planning for and adjusting to the inclusion of prescription medications and calculations of out of pocket maximum, payments to state and federal taxing programs to ensure coverage remained affordable and to the establishment of the irs reporting necessary to track compliance of the individual coverage mandate through the creation and distribution of the irs form 1095. This is a complex changing environment that requires significant management and teamwork to establish the policies and protections balancing our responsibilities as fiduciary administrator and educator. As the benefit manager I'm responsible to ensure the day-to-day administrative requirements are taken care of and I have the most wonderful team of highly dedicated and highly capable people working together to meet those challenges. I truly believe I have the best team in the entire city.

Fritz: Sounds from that build up it sounds like you have about 50 people working for you.

Bless: I don't.

Fritz: How many people --

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Bless: Nine mighty people. The team ensures everyone is eligible. Each premium and other benefit deductions are correctly processed through paychecks and work to educate and help employees. The benefits office enrolls close to 500 new employees each year and assists another 400 a year that terminate or retire. This does not count the many other status changes in employment or when employees have changes like having a new baby during the year. My team works tremendously hard. I want to share with you about how we take care of our employees and their families. We do this by keeping our costs down, establishing meaningful programs of support to our participants dealing with chronic illness, and how through preventive care we will be able to look at aggregate data to create plan design that improves the health and quality of life of our employees. The city of Portland along with many other public entities have long term employees. Our police, fire, utility and maintenance workers are not employees who stay for five years then move to other positions. So many of our employees are career employees and stay on our benefit plan well after they retire until they become Medicare eligible. This is something we take into account as we look to implement our strategies. So let's first talk about cost. During the eight years I have been benefit manager of this program the average increase for the city self-insured plan has been around 4.2%. For the past five years it's 3.3%. For the past three years the average increase for the city self-insured plan has been a remarkable .6. Each year that we can realize cost savings are years that we save the city money. For example, last year we saved the general fund about \$2 million in the entire city about \$3.9 million. These dollars were then available for other city initiatives. For the 2017-18 fiscal year savings are estimated to be \$1.2 million for the general fund, \$1.5 million city-wide. In fact, the savings from proposed budget to actuals were over \$10 million in the last four years. While the \$10 million is just adding up what was budgeted versus actual the savings are far more important because while I may save the city \$1.5 million this next fiscal year I won't need to make it up in the following year or year after that and those savings have compounded. I am proud to be here today and share good news related to savings. The one additional step in creating savings for the 2017-18 fiscal year and beyond is to move the Portland police association back into a self-insured arrangement within the city. The ppa leadership has shown true collaboration on plan design, funding and how to work through questions and issues in the future. For employees this also means savings and while employees pay very low premium share for their health care every dollar we can save has kept premiums stable. As an example the family premiums for the city core medical dental vision premium was \$37.78 per pay period. For the coming year that is \$47.07, less than a \$10 increase per paycheck in seven years for employee. Incrementally that would be an average of less than \$1.50 per pay period per year over a year. What is also remarkable is we have not shifted out of pocket costs to participants through plan design change by making them pay more for the services they seek. While this is really good news we do have some risks. The insured plan continues to put pressure on the insured Kaiser plan continues to put pressure on the self-insured plan because of its plan design and while we continue to seek changes through the process to better balance plan design we may need to seek those changes through council direction next year in the Inbc is unable to make a recommendation. My second area of discussion is about the programs we support for our participants dealing with chronic illness. While I have spoken about this program to council before, I want to make sure that, mayor -- [laughter] and commissioner Eudaly that you know how unique this program is. I first approached moda with the idea of individualized support in 2011. The program for launched in 2013 and healthy foundation is a voluntary, confidential program whose goal is to create sustainable self-advocates. Many individuals suffering from chronic disease feel isolated, under-served and confused about managing their health. The care team and health coaches within healthy foundations work

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to establish meaningful supportive relationships with these patients that provide long term support and encouragement. While a patient is in the active stage of the program their deductibles, co-insurance and co-pays are waived. All they need to do is concentrate on themselves. The care team has helped nearly 300 people and once an individual is able to sustain positive changes, they are transitioned back into the plan paying normal out of pocket costs that the support and relationships formed don't end. Individuals within this program have sustained improvements in depression, social engagement, medication compliance and higher use of primary providers. They also show lower use of emergency room care than a normal high risk peer group and experience fewer nights in the hospital. To ensure we have better avenues of communication and connection city-wide for this program and to ensure we support employees who are healthy and want to lower their risks for chronic disease we implemented a bureau specific program called city strong. Again using the healthy foundation team and the city strong wellness coordinator we have been able to meet with supervisors, managers and employees, learn about the bureau culture and what education, information and support may be needed by location. This is a new program and we're only in our third location but the care team is connecting and many employees have entered the wellness in pro team and continue to participate in work site opportunities. For me this is an area where I'm most proud to have created this type of supportive, trusting environment for employees and their families is meaningful work and continues to add meaning to those it helps. The last area I want to touch on is preventive care. As you know the preventive care initiative is part of the bargaining strategy. Employees retain their 5% premium share by seeking preventive care once every two calendar years. They can qualify for managing their chronic condition. If they don't want to immediate the standard and they don't anticipate they will be accessing health care in the coming year employees now have an option to enroll in a newly designed high deductible plan and there's no premium share associated with that. However, participants would have a much higher out of pocket cost responsibility should they require medical care during the year. The high deductible plans will be popular with our retiree population as they have been asking for this for many years. So far ppa, ppcoa, housing, boac and nonrepresented employees will move to this design in July. This strategy will ensure that the unique needs of employees will be addressed through plan design as we're able to better understand our health care needs through the aggregate data that this initiative will provide. No individual data will ever be shared with the city and as with all other programs offered before the benefits office has proven to be trustworthy and protective. Moda and Kaiser will hold the information and specifically within moda we have set up a member advocate to help employees with primary care providers if they need one or answer questions or concerns that they might have. All of these programs and cost strategies are tied together. If we're able to identify chronic disease that -- at its earliest stage the quality of life of that employee will be better and overall cost will be lower in the long term. When chronic disease is identified we have a care team to be supportive and offer assistance and education to ensure participants feel empowered to take charge of their health, ask questions and live productive, meaningful lives well into retirement. Lastly, these strategists will inform plan design, keep our long term trends down, and compound annual savings over time. I am a committed and proud public steward of this program. And of the employees and families of this organization. The ordinance before you today reestablishes the plan document related to the benefit program. The plan document is a culmination of work through the labor management benefits committee, benefits office and bureau of human resources there are very few changes to the plan design this year and we will be communicating to employees during the annual enrollment process and within the employee handbooks distributed. There are four recommendations that the Inbc has

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moved forward. The first one is a change in the vision plan network there's only one provider that comes off and impacts two individuals that will receive no notification. It provides modest savings to the plan over all to switch the network. And the Inbc voted on that. We also added additional periodontal benefits to the employee buy up dental option. We added an inflammatory medication plan to the citycore prescription drug benefit for individuals who would be being prescribed those medications for the first time. It does not affect anyone taking anti-inflammatory medications currently. Lastly we added a plan designed to implement self-insured high deductible plan for eligible employees. Would ask you approve the ordinance and I'm happy to answer any questions.

Fish: I have one question. Series of questions relating to one issue. How many people currently opt out of our health care?

Bless: We have about 250.

Fish: Okay. So I'm one of them. I'm covered under my wife's plan at Portland state university. Anna we have had this conversation before about those of us who opt out and get what do you call it medical savings account --

Kanwit: Fsa. Medical expense accounts.

Fish: Those of us eligible for that we get money set aside. I continue to find that account hard to navigate. It's possible your response will be that's me and I accept half the blame. But are we looking for ways to make it more user-friendly?

Bless: Yes. I would say it's probably a two-way street, but there are definitely ways to make it easier. We actually have gone out to rfp for the administration of the flexible spending account and what we have been able to find is some very user-friendly abilities with other vendors. So while we won't have it ready for this July, it will be ready for July of 2018.

Fish: Just to beat a dead horse, the area where we get some of our most stinging feedback from the public is when one of my bureaus sends a letter dinging someone but it's written in a way that's harsh and hard to read. So we have learned a lot about how to say things in a way that's more user-friendly and respectful and I think what I often find is for some reason no matter how I fill out the form I always get a rejection but the rejection I get is an electronic email that is filled jargon and coding that I have no way of understanding. So I just got used to the fact that round one I'm denied. Then I have to spend some time over the weekend focusing on why and the code and -- that strikes me as just a user-friendly function. In other words, sometimes it's actually helpful to have someone say we're denying it for this reason in plain English and here's how you can cure it rather than having to pull up a code and do your own homework. Not that I'm not willing to engage in self-help, it's just feels sometimes hard to decode. I would appreciate you have been declined because it did not include the following documents so I can oblige the custodian.

Bless: I would agree with you. Some of the newer technology and administrators even allow you to take a picture of your receipt and send it to somebody. I think it will get easier, better.

Fish: I understand they have to make sure there's no fraud.

Bless: Technology today makes it easier and I think you'll find it a lot easier to use.

Fish: Thank you.

Fritz: I have been on the council the same time as you have been the benefits manager. You have done a fantastic job and continue to do more and more good things. I want this great news to be headlined at the paper but then someone used to be head -- do this for somebody else. Please don't do that because you do such a great job. It's a team and I know with Anna's support and yours you provide fantastic services. Why do older employees like the high deductible plan?

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Bless: Well, our retirees are very heavy on the side of police and fire. So they have got a veba account -- voluntary employee benefit association account, a tax preferred account that can be used for out of pocket medical expenses once they retire. They have had 2% of their pay put into this account, and then when they leave employment with the city there's a certain payout that's made based upon their sick leave and vacation. They leave with a pot of money that helps them pay for these out of pocket medical expenses. So for them paying a little less on the premium side and having a pot of money that seems to be a strategy that they really like. Other retirees would like to be able to establish health savings accounts and begin to save for retirement and they can't do that with the plans that we have. So offering a qualified high deductible health plan allows them to do that.

Fritz: Are employees allowed to switch back to a low deductible?

Bless: Absolutely, yes. Annual enrollment is all about being able to have a that choice and flexibility. The other thing I would say sometimes we have employees that come to work for the city who have only been on high deductible health plans before and have set health savings account and would like to continue with that because that works for them.

Fritz: Very helpful. My last question is about some of the things being talked about at the national level in terms of preexisting conditions. When a new employee comes to work for the city is there any concern about that?

Bless: None. There never has been even before the aca.

Fritz: If a parent has a child who is born with needing immediate help they can get that.

Bless: Absolutely.

Fritz: Thank you.

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Eudaly: This is an emergency ordinance so let's take the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Thank you for your presentation and great work. And I assume you're subject to employment agreement that prohibits people from poaching during the life of the contract.

Kanwit: Absolutely. [speaking simultaneously]

Fish: Notwithstanding the 13th amendment. We'll try to sidestep that. Thank you for an excellent presentation and ongoing work to improve our system. As someone that is taking more advantage of preventive actions in his own life including some life sometime changes, I am proof it's never too late to make these available to people. If they take advantage of them there's health benefits. Thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: Thank you for doing an excellent job managing our health care program. Managing the premium increases associated with it. There getting smaller and smaller. That's great. Aye.

Fritz: Definitely against national trend. Thank you so much. I think if more of our employees even knew what benefits are available and the great job you're doing keeping their premiums low with little increases more people would be thanking you. On behalf of all of them thank you. I thank president Barack Obama for providing health care to everybody. Secretary of state Clinton for being amongst the first to say that this is a right and we need to do something about it. And I thank you knowing that you take care of our employees in ways other people would like to be taken care of. I particularly appreciate it when you reach out to people who have sudden changes in circumstances and you don't wait for them to find the right form. Thank you very much. Aye.

Eudaly: Thank you for your efforts and your hard work, especially appreciate the efforts around supporting people with extraordinary health needs. I rest easier knowing that I'm a recipient of this plan. However, I need some help finding time to actually use my health insurance. If you could figure that out -- [laughter] aye. The ordinance is passed. Karla, could you read the next item?

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Moore-Love: We're on the 2:00 p.m. Time certain. That's referred to the commissioner of public works. The 450 and 451 3:00 p.m. Time certain.

Fritz: I thought we were going to do the other wastewater treatment plant one Fish.

Moore-Love: Commissioner Fish asked that to be continued to next week.

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Eudaly: All right, so the mayor has already read the reminder about council decorum. Can I skip that part? Okay. First up the city attorney will make some announcements about today's hearing.

Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney: This is an evidentiary hearing. This means you may submit new evidence to council in support of your arguments. For council hearing on a recommendation regarding a comprehensive plan map amendment, testimony will be heard as follows. We begin with staff report from bds, following the staff report city council will hear from interested persons in the following order. Applicant will go first and we'll have 15 minutes to address council. After the applicant the council will hear from individuals or organizations who support the applicant's proposal. Each person will have three minutes to speak. Next council will hear from persons or organizations who oppose the applicant's proposal, again each person will have three minutes to speak. If there was any testimony in opposition to the applicant's proposal the applicant will have five additional minutes to rebut the testimony given in opposition to the proposal. The council may then close the hearing and deliberate. As this is a nonemergency ordinance it will pass to second reading. Council may make amendments to the ordinance and findings or direct staff to return with amendments. I would like to announce several guidelines for those addressing city council. First regarding submitting evidence into the record, any letters or documents you wish to be a part of the record should be given to council clerk after you testify. Similarly, the original or copies of any slides, photographs, drawing, maps, videos or other items shown to council during testimony should be given to council clerk to be sure they are part of the record. Testimony must be directed to the approval criteria. Any testimony, arguments or evidence you present must be directed toward applicable approval criteria for this land use review or other criteria in the comprehensive plan or zoning code. Bds staff will identify the applicable approval criteria as part of their staff report to council. You must raise an issue clearly enough to given council and parties an opportunity to respond. If you don't you'll be precluded from appealing to the land use board of appeals based on that issue. Applicants must identify constitutional challenges to conditions of approval. If the applicant fails to raise constitutional or other issues relating to the proposed conditions of approval with enough specificity to allow council to respond the applicant will be precluded from bringing an action for damages in circuit court.

Eudaly: Do any members of council wish to declare a conflict of interest? No council members have conflicts of interest to declare. Do any members of the council have ex parte contacts to declare or information gathered outside of this hearing to disclose? No council members have ex parte contacts to declare.

Fritz: I will have to say I go past there twice a day on the bus.

Eudaly: I think we can accept that. Have any members of the council made any visits to the site besides commissioner Fritz driving by twice a day involved in this matter? No. All right. Do the council members have any other matters that need to be discussed before we begin the hearing?

Fritz: The parks bureau which I was commissioner charge of until a week or so ago has been working to improve the park immediately adjacent and have concerns about the impacts of intense -- nearby intensity on the park on the character of the park so I'm looking forward to hearing about that.

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Eudaly: We begin with staff report. You have approximately ten minutes.

Mark Moffet, Bureau of Development Services: Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. Good afternoon, commissioner Fritz, commissioner Saltzman. This is a pretty straightforward noncontroversial case. We have a comprehensive plan map and zoning map amendment to up zone the former metro ymca now under corporate headquarters site from neighborhood commercial comp plan and cn2 zoning to medium density multi-dwelling comp plan and r1 zoning and medium density r1 zoning to a urban commercial cs designation. The changes are necessary to allow an additional story on top of the existing office building. It increases the floor area ratio or density allowed and the maximum height limit through the zone change. The design overlay zone will remain in place. I'm happy to talk about it but we're not technically looking at site specific changes. They got their design review approvals already. The site is this is the current zoning site directly south of the large Dunaway park and directly east of the Terwilliger parkway corridor also mostly owned by the city. A tiny chunk of r1d at the south east corner we have out standard approval criteria in chapter 810 section 50 for comp plan amendments and chapter 855 section 50 for zoning map amendments I do have the whole file here with me today. A proposed zoning redoes the whole site under cs, storefront commercial zone. This is approximately comparable to the zone in place next year when the 2018 comp plan goes into effect. They get a little bit more far in height under the coming zone next year than they are getting under this one. So just a few aerial shots, the site is outlined in red on this slide. You can see the large open spaces and the terwilliger parkway to the west. Couple slides taken back in January. Looking south towards the building you can see the terwilliger parkway looking through Dunaway park here. Closer up of the building all under construction right now. Another view from the southeast corner at the intersection of hooker street and Barbur. Again under construction. There's some site plans that don't show much because it's just basically what's there today. Utility plan. Couple images of the recently approved design reviews. This is phase 1 approval which under way. This zone change is necessary to move them on to phase 2. The next slide I'll go back one just pops up another floor on the top over most of the building except for the swimming pool at the very south end.

Fritz: Very interesting they are keeping the swimming pool.

Moffet: Athletic company, they got track and athletic stuff. On the analysis comp plan amendment, the proposal was found to be supportive of most comprehensive plan goals and policies. We have a no net loss housing criterion that had to be met. There's two dwelling units potentially in r1 zone. They are a clunky condition. We don't like to do conditions of approval but there's a condition they do covenant to mitigate for the two lost units of housing potential. They have to find a developer who are has built a couple units in a commercial zone or employment zone and get a covenant that says they will stay residential for 25 years. Lots of units being built there but they have to go find that. I'll just digress briefly, there's clunky language in our code and we spent a lot of time talking about what's referred to in your code as the house pool, which was a tool that would help small nonprofit sort of low income small scale mom and pop type operations mitigate for housing potential and zone change if they went through the extra hoops. That was never a process set up to actually do that but the code requires that it be sort of a mom and pop operation. It's not allowed even if we had a process to give people units from the pool and make this condition go away that provision was only intended for this sort of nonprofit like affordable housing providers, et cetera. The other criteria for the comp plan did not apply, are industrial sanctuary or legislative project so we have conditions of approval mitigating for the two housing units and the comp plan is met. There were some transportation issues. Everything else was straightforward. We have a transportation related condition of

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approval barbur is pretty backed up and tricky at rush hour, it's hard to get especially heading towards downtown it's a parking lot almost to the ross island bridge. Because of that crunch they had imposed a trip cap. Basically allows their office proposal to go forward as they want including the second -- new top story, but if the site was to be sold and redevelopment as, say, retail complex or something which the zone would otherwise allow that would be limited under this trip cap. Allows basically the whole building to be office but if they want to develop with retail they have to come in for another look by transportation. Repeating, with the transportation related conditions, the zoning map amendment criteria are met. We did have neighborhood association support. The applicant actually revised their original proposal from cx down to cs, in response to the neighborhood. They wanted a little lower height and less density so under armor revised their proposal and they have gotten support from the neighborhood association. The neighbors are also generally supportive of prior design reviews. You mentioned putting parking in the park. The parks bureau backed away from the parking lot and that seemed to make the neighborhood happy. That's all I can remember about the park in detail. I'm not going to read through this whole thing. It's a lot of lingo but the ho recommendation is approval of both comp plan and zoning map amendments as requested with condition a, regarding mitigation for the housing units, and a long condition b which basically holding them to this trip cap table if the site is redeveloped to something besides office in the future. I'll leave it there.

Eudaly: Questions?

Fritz: I was very amused to hear you call it a noncontroversial application since contrast to other things that could have gone on that site so good. When you say the neighborhood association was that the south Portland neighborhood association?

Moffett: Correct.

Fritz: But you did have input from Terwilliger plaza as well?

Moffett: They showed up at the pre-application conference and came in hot and heavy early but we didn't hear a peep during the zone change. They commented during design review but after the design review we actually didn't get any comments.

Fritz: They were okay with the design review.

Moffett: Yes.

Fritz: It looks from the graphic the third floor is set back a little bit. Is that correct?

Moffett: It's pulled back from the outer edge facing barbur and the park. I think there's a partly covered terrace on that top floor.

Fritz: That looks nice thank you and just to confirm there's no changes to the black part that's already up no logos or anything like that.

Moffett: No not that I'm aware of.

Fritz: My last question is about the no net loss of housing. I'm surprised to hear characterized as you have to get a covenant for someone building housing anyway that they are going to keep it as a house. My understanding of that policy when we discussed it was that you would actually have to provide two units somewhere else that weren't currently getting built.

Moffett: The code has a menu of six options. One is building units off the site but another one is getting a covenant on a unit built in a commercial zone where it's not required and you get a covenant that says it will stay residential 25 years. That's the one condition that people have used that we can remember.

Fritz: Look at that in a legislative process.

Moffett: That's all going away in the new comp plan. It's a relic of the old comp plan, housing pool and mitigation doesn't show up in the new comp plan because we have so much housing capacity.

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Fritz: Perhaps in my next monthly meeting with planning and sustainability I can go to that more, but thank you very much that answers all my questions.

Saltzman: I'm confused why the no net loss policy applies. There's no taking of residential units.

Eudaly: Potential.

Moffett: Coming under the old code if you have a little corner of r1 in the southeast corner that's going to cs, so the code requires like a nondiscretion like a development standard almost you have to mitigate for the development potential.

Saltzman: There's a corner of r1?

Moffett: Right down on barbur and hooker it's at the se corner over a driveway right now. There's no housing there it's an abstraction.

Saltzman: Do your conditions or our conditions of approval speak to the crosswalk at hooker?

Moffett: It does not. They didn't -- transportation didn't find any additional improvements warranted. There's a signal there.

Saltzman: There's a signal right now. I utilize that very much. When it's utilized it stops traffic for a long time for one person crossing.

Moffett: The hooker when the pedestrians push the button?

Saltzman: Yes. As that site fills up seems like you'll have more people crossing barbur to get to that site. Seems like it's going to cause more backup of traffic.

Moffett: I suppose they will be pushing that crosswalk button more. That didn't come up from transportation. I'll be happy to put that in their ear.

Saltzman: I should be conducting that conversation with myself I guess. [speaking simultaneously]

Eudaly: Next we will hear from the appellant. It says appellant. Applicant. Either way.

King: It's my fault. We have the same script for the review as well as appeals. My apologies.

Eudaly: Welcome, applicant. You also have ten minutes.

Greg Winterowd: Hello. I'm Greg winterowd, the applicant. With me is tommy brooks, land use attorney on this project. My address is 310 southwest 4th avenue. Here in Portland 97205. Because your staff did such a thorough and excellent job both in advising us in getting through this process and presenting today we don't have a lot to say. We do agree with both conditions. Commissioner Saltzman is right, it's kind of a technical issue. We have a toe of land at the base of the property that is zoned residential. We agree with staff that we're obligated to come up with a residential developer in a commercial zone who is willing to have a covenant placed on their property. The good news is we have found such a person we think. And the other thing is the transportation issue. There was no warrant that justified changing the signal in the process. I will say that Teresa Montalvo, who represented pbot, was a demanding person to deal with but fair, thorough and helpful in getting through this process. Right now the condition of approval doesn't allow any more traffic generating development than would be theoretically allowed in the neighborhood commercial zone. So it's a pretty good trip cap that's been placed but enough to allow our office development. The other thing is that the neighborhood association. Jim Gardner was also tough and demanding, thorough, and problem solving. So by the end of the day we were able to address his concerns and those of the land use committee and the board of the south Portland neighborhood association. We feel good about that. It was a good process going back and forth. The one thing that I think made it most possible other than my brilliant land use application was the fact we had a great design. The original architects in the mid '70s did a design that I think complements what was there originally, builds on its almost iconic status as the old ymca building, which made our job working with the

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neighborhood very easy. The design commission voted unanimously to approve both applications. A concern they had was the potential height of the building, the building height in relation to Terwilliger Parkway. They were quite clear that they wanted to make sure that we didn't infringe on views from the parkway. So that's built into the design review standards the city has and I think we did a good job of addressing those. So unless you have questions or you would like to have Tommy address constitutional issues, that's a joke, we will close our presentation now.

Eudaly: Any questions?

Fritz: On the issue again I see in the condition it says submit documentation for property owner permission restricting covenant for at least 25 years for two units at the site of another commercial or employment zoned project with nonrequired housing. You have to go to somebody who's going to be developing on a site that doesn't require housing and make sure they --

Winterowd: Yes.

Fritz: Do you pay for that privilege or do they pay you?

Winterowd: That's a good question. We are not sure. In fact, the developer called Tommy and I or e-mailed yesterday and said what do you think is a fair price for one of these covenants and honestly we don't know because there's an awful lot of units that have been built in commercial zones in Portland recently, all of which would be eligible, not a whole lot of people requesting covenants. My sense it's going to be because they are friends they have known each other for years that it will be an amicable relation but I don't know how much the cost would be.

Fritz: Thank you.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Saltzman: The owner is run our dream llc that's not under armor in another name?

Winterowd: Under armor will be leasing the building from the owner. Yeah.

Eudaly: Do we have any supporters of the applicant?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Eudaly: Do we have an opponent? All right. Or just general opponents of the application?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Eudaly: No one has any issues with you apparently. All right, so that means no rebuttal. There any further council discussion?

Fritz: I appreciate how you've taken care of all the concerns that were front and center a year or so ago. Particularly the view from the Terwilliger Plaza which also speaks to my concern about the view from the park.

Winterowd: If I may say so, Commissioner Fritz, about a year ago, April 16, I believe, I was sitting here looking at you and you helped inspire us to address that issue.

Fritz: Thank you. That's very helpful. Also I'm going to say right now is the height you're asking for is what was said when we had the conversation during the comprehensive plan process. My concern in opposing the comprehensive plan designation was it could be much higher than it's now going to be built so I'm really appreciative that you stayed true to your words and are doing what you said.

Winterowd: Thank you. Are we dismissed?

King: Yes. Now you can because it's an evidentiary hearing close the hearing, close the record and make a tentative decision and then direct staff to come back for final decision since it's a nonemergency ordinance.

Eudaly: So I'm closing the hearing. And we're making a tentative decision so does Karla take roll?

Fritz: I'm going to move to approve the hearing officer approval with conditions as specified.

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Saltzman: Second.

King: Do we have a date when you're coming back for a final decision? Two weeks?

Fritz: Do we vote on the tentative decision or not?

King: Yes. You vote on the tentative decision.

Moore-Love: We need to give a time certain for the decision?

King: You don't need a time certain.

Moore-Love: If we give it two weeks it will be May 17 is two weeks. 9:30 a.m. Session. Regular agenda.

Eudaly: Great. Take the roll, please. [roll call taken]

Saltzman: Very pleased to approve this zone change. Well thought out plan. Aye.

Fritz: It's nothing short of astonishing this complete agreement on this site. Would not have guessed that over the course of what the previous discussions have been so thank you for listening and for considering the community in which this building is placed. Thanks to the excellent staff work, it does take guidance especially when it goes through many different processes and a comprehensive plan change is significant. Thank you for your work. Aye.

Eudaly: I'm always pleased when I hear about smooth sailing through design review and permitting processes. It's a lovely design and I'm happy to vote aye.

Fritz: I think we vote on the second one or we don't do that until next time?

Moore-Love: It's a nonemergency so we don't do that until the next time.

Eudaly: We're done.

Fritz: Thanks, everybody.

Eudaly: Thank you. Is there a gavel? [laughter]

At 3:26 p.m. Council recessed.

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Eudaly: Call the roll.

[Roll call]

Eudaly: Will you call our first item and only item.

Item 452.

Eudaly: Alright I think we have an unusual situation today.

Fritz: Looks like they're going to do a performance for us.

Eudaly: What are you kids here for today.

Katie Robinson: These are the students from Boise Elliot elementary school.

Fritz: I've heard that Boise Elliot kids are some of the smartest in the district.

Eudaly: I think it's so because my kid went to Boise Elliot.

Robinson: We'd like to thank the city council for inviting us here today and having us perform we're so happy to be here. And we have two songs that we'd love to share with you today. Is it ok if we start?

Fritz: When my children were your age they would not have sat quietly.

[singing]

Fish: Madam president, before we say goodbye to these talented young people, a couple of comments. These are first graders at Boise Elliott Humboldt, and their teacher, Katie Robinson, is funded by the arts tax. How about that? Let's give the arts tax and the voters of Portland a round of applause: [applause]

Fritz: Just one class?

Robinson: No this is three classes

Fritz: I was a bit worried there. Good job, everybody.

Fish: I have a question for the first graders. How many of the young people joining us today when they get older want to sit up here in one of these chairs? [cheers and applause] all right: We hope that happens. Thank you, teacher.

Robinson: Thank you so much and I'd especially like to thank everybody for standing for the national anthem I'm very sorry I forgot to mention that a head of time thank you for those who recognize that and did stand we really appreciate that. Thank you so much city council for having us today we really appreciate this.

Fish: Madam president and colleagues, it's the state of the arts in Portland. We want to welcome everyone that took the time to join us today. We're joined by racc board members, members of the tax oversight committee, joined by leaders of nonprofit arts organizations in our community, arts advocates, patrons, donors, artists, and the whole community of people that support art and culture in our city. Today is the annual state of the arts presentation, a highlight of our calendar. I want to invite Eloise Damrosch the executive director of the regional arts and culture council, and mike Golub the board chair for the presentation. Welcome.

Mike Golub: Thank you. I was going to sing my remarks but after being upstaged I'll change my mind. Thank you for giving us this forum. We so appreciate the ongoing support from all of you. Special thanks to commissioner Fish, who's a wonderful supporter of the arts, nick, thanks for all you do for the arts community. Much appreciated and you

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actually showed some rhythm moments ago so thank you for that. Special shout out to commissioner Eudaly in your short tenure you've been a wonderful supporter and really engaged with the arts community so thank you we're really pleased you're on the council. I'm very proud to chair the racc board. Racc is a unique and special organization doing amazing things in our community. Relative to arts organizations, arts agencies around the country we're unique in our impact and our scope. We'll talk more about that later in our presentation. Racc was established in 1995 and over the last 22 years we have given 5,000 grants totaling 44.3 million to artists, organizations and schools in the Portland and tri-county area. We have also helped Portland and Multnomah county build a public art collection of more than 2,000 artworks. Each year we engage with thousands of employees around the region who work for art. This year alone we'll serve more than 27,000 k - 5 students through our arts integration program the right brain initiative. The next slide shows the city of Portland continues to be our largest funder and strongest partner contributing more than \$6.3 million to racc this year. That piece depicted in the blue section of the pie chart you're looking at. The \$6.3 million is comprised of \$3.8 million from the general fund, \$200,000 from business license fee revenue, \$2 million from the arts tax and \$270,000 for art funds. Even as the arts tax collections are starting to improve, the city's general fund investments shown in this chart have decline since our high watermarks in 2010, 2012 and 2015. We are deeply grateful for the support that we get from the city and our presentation today will show how racc is leveraging that investment for a more vibrant, prosperous and equitable Portland. We'll also discuss the challenges and opportunities facing Portland's art community. As you probably hear often money definitely facilitates a lot that we do at racc and racc has been working lard in recent years to successfully diversify our funding sources and bringing more governments, foundations, businesses, and individuals to the funding table. Our workplace giving program work for art celebrated last year its 10th anniversary and raised a record \$912,000 for more than 2,000 employees across 70 companies throughout the region as you may know 100% of those work for arts proceeds go directly to arts organizations large and small. We've also ventured into special events to raise money. On May 17 the second annual battle of the bands will be staged at the crystal ballroom. Commissioner Eudaly has been kind enough to serve as co-chair and Jamie Dunphy in nick Fish's office has put together a city hall entry the copper goddess, so we welcome all of you to rock out at the crystal ballroom on May 17th for the second annual battle of the bands. Additionally, racc has raised more than \$600,000 from businesses, foundations, and individuals for our arts integration programs right brain initiative. Just like work for art right brain initiative relies on grass roots donations to make it work. For the fifth straight year right brain was among the top donor choices in Willamette week's gift guide. We're looking at some potentially devastating cuts to the arts at the state and federal level. The Oregon arts commission is facing reductions that could reduce grants to Portland area arts organizations by as much as 30%. Although the national endowment of the arts was spared any cuts in this year's congressional budget which is expected to be signed by president trump tomorrow. The nea remains threatened and marked for elimination in fiscal year 2018. The nea is indeed cut next year would have a dramatic effect for many local arts organizations relying on nea funding including Portland art museum, Portland center stage and our own right brain initiative. We're working with our elected officials at the state and federal level to organize grass roots advocacy efforts to prevent those cuts from happening. Consistent with input we received from council in previous years we're working diligently to raise more funds from Washington counties and metro. We invite you to join the discussion with those jurisdictions so we can build a stronger, truly regional arts and cultural community in the years ahead.

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Fritz: Could you go into that in a bit more detail, please?

Golub: Want to talk about the support from the other counties and metro?

Eloise Damrosch: Yes. We are hoping to have an \$80,000 previous cut that happened six years ago from Clackamas county to get us back up to \$100,000. And I think for the first time in six years it's looking quite likely that the chair will make that happen. Washington county last year gave us a fairly substantial increase to pass along to the west side cultural alliance, one of our partners who does some of the regional work that we do in Washington county. They are getting an increase again this year.

Fritz: What is the level of that funding.

Damrosch: They are up to about \$135,000.

Golub: Before I hand it to Eloise, we recognize all of us in the arts community that all of you face a difficult set of impossible choices visa-vie the budget cycle this year between a lot of very deserving competing priorities but given the arts climate on the state and federal level and the potential severe cuts we all face all of us in the arts community respectfully ask that you keep racc's budget intact for the next fiscal year.

Damrosch: Good afternoon. Thank you again for making time for state of the arts presentation. We always look forward to this opportunity to bring some art into your busy lives. I'm going to start with talking about grants. As you probably know the majority of the city's investment goes directly into the community in the form of grants. This year we're investing \$4.3 million for general operating support, grants for projects, arts equity, professional development and individual artists fellowships. Rather than going into these programs in detail I would like to invite three grant recipients to tell you their story. Bryan weaver, Geoffrey hillier and Damaris Webb. Would you please share your stories with council?

Bryan Weaver: Thank you commissioners. I'm Bryan weaver, artistic director of Portland playhouse, we're a new beneficiary of general operating support. Portland Playhouse is a place where people can come together and share creative experiences in a personally meaningful way. At a time when artists are being displaced we're a success story of Portland's neighborhood system. Active participation from community-led -- from the community including council finding a path to keep this creative hub alive in the neighborhood about four years ago. So thank you for that. Through the Portland playhouse general operating support, we have performed after school programs at king, Boise Elliott, st. Andrews nativity, da Vinci, de la sale, mlc and Roosevelt high school. General operating support helped support coming together, a series of facilitated conversations about race and gentrification led by Tanisha jones founder of home girl consulting. Racc general funding helped support Christina Anderson's play penmanship, august Wilson's how I learned what I learned directed by Kevin Jones founded by the august Wilson red door project, and our current show, Julia Cho's play the language archive directed by Adrianna bear. Why is public money for the arts important? Public money is important because it comes with the public's priorities. As racc chooses to prioritize equity, diversity and inclusion it's important this is having a positive impact on the cultural life of our city. I would like to share an email that Phillip Wafula sent to a list of people of color who work for the city of Portland. My fellow peers, I'm Phillip. I'm at bds. Along with a few folks at pbot we recently watched the play penmanship. It was simply amazing. Maybe the best I have seen to date and that's me speaking as a young black man who has watched many a production still this hit home so excellently and it is a must see. The best part is it has such an intimate feel. I think the very essence of attending live plays will be an experience most of you will savor precious especially if you're looking at after-work activities, but having the perfect balance of piquing your interests and have entertainment. I found this email that Phillip sent very moving. It had a large impact on our audience two days later. Which

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leads me to my closing thought, which is that sharing creative experiences motivates people to take action. To participate and to grow our community into a place that works for everyone. Thank you.

*****: Thank you.

Geoffrey Hiller: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Geoffrey Hiller. I'm a documentary photographer. Waiting for the photographs. I have been a documentary photographer for 40 years focusing on place, community throughout the world. Portland has been my home for the past 25 years. During my career, I have received three project grants from RACC. For example, I was able to produce a short film about local musician Oboade in 2006. My last project for RACC was about the people and places along the trimet bus 75 line that runs on the east side from St. John's to Milwaukie. I chose this bus line to show various aspects of hidden Portland, neighborhoods that are in the process of change but have retained their original old Portland character. This project took over one year to complete and culminated in a website and exhibition in northeast Portland. In addition to the thousands of viewers who followed the work online, the photographs were featured on the BBC, the Atlantic, and the Smithsonian. Without the RACC funding of \$5200, I would not have been able to complete this project most definitely would not have been able to complete this project. My team included a writer, a project manager, in-kind sponsorship and various subject matter experts including Jared Walker, who is a public transportation expert. Together we spent well over 2,000 hours working on this project, researching, photographing and interviewing passengers, businesses and residents along the bus line. You can all do the math. What a great value to RACC and the city of Portland. Thank you.

Damaris Webb: Hello. I'm Damaris Webb. I'm grateful to speak to you today about what funding has made possible for me especially producing and directing rich new plays. *Cottonwood in the Flood* for the last year's Vanport art work mosaic festival. RACC allows individual artists and organizations to share the stories that need to be told. Their investment in new work goes deeper than one production. Acknowledging the importance that art making has in civic life and the health of our communities. My 2016 individual project grant made it possible to bring a new play from a staged reading in 2015 to a full production in 2016 using local designers and performers while growing grass roots community across the city. *Cottonwood in the Flood* followed a three-generation African-American family's migration from Selma, Alabama, work Henry Kaiser's shipyards in World War II. In the story they are subsequently washed into Portland after the Memorial Day flood of 1948 destroys the entire city of Vanport in a few hours. At its height the city of Vanport was the second largest city in Oregon, a truly American melting pot of 48,000 from 46 states. Yet it's a chapter of Portland's history that seems to have been forgotten. *Cottonwood in the Flood* offered the opportunity for former residents who are still alive to be celebrated and shared their lived history in post-matinée conversations. They engaged with local audiences, many of whom had never heard this history or only knew of the Memorial Day flood, not the resilience and the importance of the people who lived there. Thanks to RACC and Portland Parks and Recreation support our three-week sold-out run was presented at North Portland's Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, historically an important artistic column to the African-American community. The production was featured as a part of the inaugural Vanport Mosaic Festival which offered multiple entry points into the history of Vanport for those who lived there including a gallery installation at the firehouse that ran in tandem with all the performances. RACC was instrumental to our initial success and has empowered us to offer even more this year through the festival including new plays, tours at the former site, a workshop for educators, screenings of oral history documentaries and exhibits. Please join us this May 26 through 29. We couldn't do this without you.

Fish: Thank you very much. [applause]

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Fish: I had the pleasure of seeing penmanship live. And afterwards one of the actors came up and we asked what was it like performing the show. The interesting feedback was it's performed in water. So the entire cast is bare foot in water and the actor said over time the water got a little old. But it was brilliant. [laughter]

Damrosch: As part of our comprehensive equity initiative racc is now investing arts tax and Multnomah county funds in community-based organizations that are expanding arts access for marginalized communities. You heard some of those kinds of stories just now. Last year we awarded \$120,000 and 21 arts equity grants including the association of Russian speaking compatriots, and children's African dance troupe. A new round of arts equity grants will be announced at the ends of this month, so stay tuned for more news. The applications each year have been almost doubling. In late June we'll be publishing a comprehensive economic impact study to illuminate how investments in nonprofit arts organizations support the regional economy. We already know that nonprofit arts organizations in Portland spent more than \$205 million last year on goods, services and payroll. We're working to quantify the impact of audience related spending because we know hotels, restaurants, parking garages and retail not to mention baby-sitters all benefit from arts organizations as well, so stay tuned for that full report. Public art as you know is an important way to bring artwork to all of our community free of charge. Here are some of the things we completed this past year. With a modest annual budget of \$40,000, racc provided matching funds for 19 murals in all quadrants of the city. The program is gaining a national reputation with the help of the creative artists bringing their imaginations to walls all over the city. For example, the Woodstock stakeholders group envisions using art to revitalize their business district and the artist team rather severe began paintings three murals in the neighborhood last November. Stakeholders say their street art project is busy identifying more locations for all sizes and types of artwork on Woodstock. Paint outside the lines is a street art campaign that is a program of apt art. Awareness and prevention through art. This shares artistic experience with conflict affected and marginalized youth. For one of their 2016 projects they matched Montreal artist Kevin lido with irco's student empowerment program at David Douglas high school to create positive messaging about immigrants' experiences. For the second year we're partnering with open signal on night lights. On first Thursdays we project the work of local artists and university students on the side of racc's offices on northwest glisan. Kalimah Abioto was our artist in resident this year with open signal. You heard from her when open signal presented to council a few weeks ago. For two years racc has been pleased to work under the leadership of honoring Williams avenue committee which emerged from pbots safety project. The committee chose artist Cleo Davis and kayen to create artwork that honors the history and contributions of the black community along Williams avenue. These are two of the 20 signs and ten tile murals that will soon be I installed. There will be a public celebration of the artwork on June 3 at noon in Dawson park and we will dedicate new artwork that same day in the park. This map locates new projects in parks funded by the city's 2% for art ordinance. I'm happy to see how well sprinkled they are around the area. One of these, river garden by Lillian pitt, was dedicated in January along the south waterfront greenway. This was another collaboration this time between the Portland parks and recreation native American community adds advisory council and racc.

Fritz: May I thank you on behalf of parks for all of those lovely artworks many of them are going many of them into parks. We very much appreciate the partnership.

Damrosch: It's great being able to put art in parks that haven't had it before. Thank you for your help with. Our next big city project is the Portland building. At long last. It's going to happen, right? Our lobby installation space will go on hiatus during construction but will return to a prominent second floor location after the construction is finished. Portlandia will

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get a thorough cleaning. The 2% provides maintenance of the city's collection and will fund new artwork for this important public building. Now it's my pleasure to introduce Sabina haque, who will tell you about her artist her residency this past year in the Portland archives record center.

Sabina Haque: Hello. I'm Sabina haque. My work explores the forgotten and lost art in our community. In 2016 I was the artist in resident the Portland city archives and record center. I learned through the city archives and in the 1980s Portland annexed 140,000 people in the city's largest land expansion to date. As I interviewed community members I discovered annexation was controversial battle and decisions were often made without community input. The top-down process 35 years ago resulted in a lot of people being excluded from the city's policies of growth in east Portland. This work resulted in an animated film, installation, and an image theater performance on 82 avenue in the jade apano space and it also traveled to open signal on northeast mlk. Residents in the area were not aware of the history and were deeply affected by its impact on east Portland for longtime residents in the area were not aware of the history of annexation and were deeply affected by its impact on east Portland for longtime residents the artwork provided an opportunity to preserve their own history and foster very important conversations about inclusive policies and creative place-keeping. The image theater workshop explored how the neighborhood identity has evolved in the last 35 years. At the intersection of 82 and division, the children from the Harrison park schooled performed image stories with their bodies. What does it feel like to be excluded and how we find belonging? These young voices in today's community that spoke 20 different languages yet they all came together with their families to express the true joy of what it means to belong in a place. 40,000 -- not 40,000. 40% of all our youth live in east Portland past the line of 82nd. It's the most diverse and rapidly growing section of the city. This art project not only shed light to lost lived histories but gave the voice to needs and aspirations of this vibrant neighborhood and community. I'm happy to tell you that this project has received additional funding from outside sources as well as the city, apano and east Portland action plan are helping me provide further programming to students at Madison high school, David Douglas students and the youth builders and Lents for art as a means of personal expression, civic engagement and youth empowerment. Thank you.

Damrosch: Thank you Sabina, moving onto the arts education, as you all know the arts tax as you saw earlier is now funding at least one art or music teacher in every k-5 school in Portland. Racc also received a small allocation from the tax to coordinate technical assistance and other arts education services for these arts specialists. Region wide we're extremely proud of the impact we're having through the right brain initiative. Now in its ninth year right brain is serving a total of 27,500 students in 68 schools across the tri-county region. 8,600 are from 22 schools in Portland. We're really getting this program out there. In these school's teachers and artists revitalizing classrooms through arts integrated teaching and learning. Where the arts become the pathway for students to be understand complex concepts in science, math, language arts, arts and social studies. In these learning environments they gain skills as creative and critical thinkers essential to the success in our ever changing world. A public and private model makes it all possible and exemplifies the collective effort necessary to sustain the program and we're so thankful to the city of Portland for being the largest public investor in this vital program. Right brain's impact is recognized far and wide. At the invitation of the national endowment for the arts racc's director of arts education marna stalka traveled to Washington d.c. This spring to share the program success with the national council on the arts. She was accompanied by two Hillsboro students who presented their stop motion animation on the cycle of a cell that they created for a 6th grade science unit on the topic. Now I'm delighted to introduce to

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you essence Taylor, a freshman at grant high school who attended beach school from 2nd through 8th grade and benefited from right brain throughout her time there. It's exciting we finally have an alum of right brain who will tell us about her experience.

Essence Taylor: Thank you. Good afternoon. As Ms. Damrosch said I was lucky to have the right brain initiative the entire time I was at beach school, which was a long time. Some of my best memories were the day's right brain artists came into my classroom. In third grade we studied Ghanaian drumming where I learned that each person's solo was an important part of the whole performance. That was terrifying. In fourth grade I learned bone dancing, so now I can brag to my friends that I know how to waltz and they don't. It was in seventh and eighth grade my class worked with a storyteller Rick Huddle who taught us to create an inspiring story from our own lives and open up to each other. I learned so much about people I have known for such a long time and I learned so much about myself. The experience enriched our bonds with each other and created a community within a classroom, the middle school classrooms, that is. I discovered my own voice and that is a lesson I have taken with me which has given me confidence I didn't have before. My middle school teacher miss beck deserves a lot of credit for being such a great teacher. She says it's because she learned so much from my right brain teacher training when she went to those trainings. We were upset she had to go but when she came back she brought new experiences, fresh reasons to get up out of our seats and learn in an active way. We would use tableau to share our understanding of concepts from history or language arts. Now a that I'm at grant high school I'm so thankful for these experiences that have helped me come out of my shell. I would never have been comfortable speaking in front of a large group of people and I would never have imagined that I would be in a theater class taking the lead in a scene we're studying and feeling confident every time we do tableau or that I would volunteer to be one of the representatives at grant high school black student union going to Salem to speak with legislators about the importance of cultural diversity in our curriculum. That I would one day teach my ex-boyfriend how to slow dance the right way. [laughter] thank you for your support of the right brain initiative and thank you for listening. This experience has prepared me for the speech that I have to do in history to a large group of 9th graders which is probably going to be way harder than speaking here right now.

Fritz: I think you'll do fine. Congratulations. [applause]

Damrosch: Racc continues to be the go to resource for local artists. We provide workshops and other forms of technical assistance that helps artists and makers hone their craft, learn new skills and build their businesses. Racc also plays an important role in convening and celebrating arts and leaders. We have been partnering with community organizations like youth builders, apano and ygb to play with new formats for our art smart networking events which are attracting record numbers for our new diverse artists and creators. Looking ahead, I'm pleased to report that we are enjoying new levels of engagement from city hall in addressing some of the challenges we face in our community. I want to thank Jennifer arguizoni in the mayor's office, Jamie Dunphy in commissioner Fish's office and Pollyanne Burge in commissioner eudaly's office for helping us develop a shared agenda for arts and culture in the city of Portland which we will be sharing over the coming months with our arts community. Equity is the number one priority for staff and board. Racc must find a way to distribute city resources more equitably and secure more funding to help invest in the communities that have not benefited from Racc services in the past. I'm pleased to announce we have just launched a new capacity building initiative for culturally specific organizations and we would love the city's help in providing more grants and technical assistance to the organizations that need it most. We are also working with city staff to explore ways to preserve and create affordable spaces for artists and arts

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organizations so they don't get priced out of the central city. I know you're all well aware of that and it's really the time is now. Portland has long been known as a center for creativity and a community that values its artists. We must do more to retain these creatives and support the innovations that artists can bring to businesses and government. Artists are entrepreneurs and small business owners too.

Golub: So no conversation about opportunities and challenges in arts community would be complete without discussion of the arts tax and as you may know the Oregon supreme court held a hearing two months ago the 6th and final legal challenge to the arts tax. The city attorney did a terrific job arguing our case. We're hopeful that a favorable ruling will be issued soon. Meanwhile arts tax collections are improving incrementally but even under the best case scenarios the current construct will fall short fulfilling the promise to the voters and investing in the arts organizations at the levels they expected so we are actively searching for funding sources that could help fill the gap and we're exploring the possibility of modifying the arts tax in a way that can raise more money more equitably through a ballot measure initiative in 2020. Obviously we'll work closely with commissioner Fish and all of you as those discussions progress. Wanted to take this moment to recognize Eloise. This may be her last opportunity at least in her current role before city council. Eloise has been executive director of racc since 2004 but it's been what previous iteration of racc since 1987. 30 years of service to the arts community. It goes without saying that she has left an indelible imprimatur on the arts community. The arts community is in a much better place thanks to Eloise and her amazing contribution so want to take this public opportunity on behalf of the arts community, all of us, at racc the board and staff who publicly thank Eloise for her incredible service. [applause]

Damrosch: Thank you. I want to thank you for your kind words and fabulous leadership. It's great to have you as board chair as I sail off into what's next. It's hard to talk about 30 years of your life. I have been so lucky to have a job that I have wanted to be in for 30 years and to work with this organization for so long. We started as a tiny but mighty bureau of Multnomah county and the city of Portland and now many years later we're a flourishing tri-county nonprofit arts council and because of that we can expand our services and our opportunities across the region and also the nonprofit status allows us to be more entrepreneurial and create programs like work for art and right brain initiative that we couldn't do if we were part of city government. It's a way we're leveraging the new funds we talked about often here. You heard, you know about those programs by now. I'm really looking back to things I'm really excited and proud about raising the percent from 1% to 2% over the years and thinking more broadly and deeply about how artwork can impact the social fabric of our city and I think you've heard from some of the people today who testified and joined us that whether it's through a play or visual art or mural, we're partnering with people doing really important work beyond commissioning artwork, which of course is what we're all about also. That's been a steady trend that I'm really thrilled about. I think it makes art so much more relevant when you can see how it creates intersections among people. Who knew we would ever pass an arts tax, right? It made us famous overnight in my world. As we have already talked about, all is not shiny and bright moving forward. We must do something about the affordability of this community because we're watching as artists leave. They have to search for housing. They have to search for places to work. Dozens of arts organizations have been priced out of the central east side, especially. We have to help them find new homes. The equity work is vitally important as our city changes so quickly and we are committed as ever to that and we'll continue to do that and I have talked about some of the ways we're working on that. And as Mike just said, government and business support is growing but we at some point need to figure out how to fill the arts tax bucket.

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Fritz: The first time this year it's been included in turbo-tax. Much more easy to do, so I think we're getting better as time goes by.

Damrosch: I think the city putting pressure on nonpayers over the summer and fall not only brought a lot of payments in but hopefully made people think twice about just blowing off the arts tax. It's not optional. And last and hardly least, I just want to tout the amazing staff that has built up over the years with racc. We have had people come and stay. We have had young people come and contribute wonderful ideas and energy and then move on to other things. But this is a staff that's creative. They are committed. They are whip smart and they are just delightful people to work with. I want to thank Priscilla for helping me today, who is about to take herself off to graduate school in Europe. So we are sorry to see her go. Then of course our wonderful board, which is a group of incredibly talented, multifaceted individuals from all through our community. There are diverse, generous and they are a wonderful group of people to work with. I feel tremendously lucky.

Fish: Could the current board members please stand so we can recognize you at this moment? [applause]

Damrosch: May I ask staff to stand as well? [applause] so many thanks. It's been a wonderful, wild ride over the years and I know I will stay committed to the arts community that I love. I can't possibly stop doing that. So thank you for all that you do for the city. Thank you.

Fish: Thank you, Eloise. How many people signed up?

Moore-Love: Three.

Fritz: You mentioned your efforts to get other governments to donate, and I notice specifically in the right brain initiative schools those are spread all over the metro area, you mentioned Washington county and Clackamas county. How are the schools in Gresham being funded?

Damrosch: They through the district.

Fritz: So they a contributing as well?

Damrosch: Oh yes, they were the first district to have all of their elementary schools participating in right brain.

Fritz: So a lot of those cost are through the public school districts. What is the next step in terms of getting other jurisdictions particularly the affluent ones like lake Oswego and others could come to mind --

Damrosch: For city or right brain support?

Fritz: For the regional arts commission. It seems like Portland's taxpayers are picking up a lot of the slack which we do because we appreciate the arts and recognize it's about jobs as well as the wonderful things that art brings on a heart and mind level. It would seem appropriate for other governments, other cities to give you a grant.

Damrosch: Well, I think what has been happening over the years is that and with our encouragement I must say, that we encourage municipalities in the region to support their local arts organizations. So Beaverton has a long-standing arts commission that lives at the city, lake Oswego has one, in fact just about every municipality has some kind of an arts organization to do the work locally. Then Beaverton is about to build a performing arts center. Sherwood built one. So it's a pursuit that's a little bit challenging because of that because we want them to invest in their locals. It's been frankly a challenge over the years to get the commissioners, the board of commissioners especially in outlying counties to understand why their county money should come to Portland even though it comes back to the county and we leverage other funds. So it's kind of a dance.

Fritz: Possibly as people do move out because it's less affordable those folks can help lobby their new governments to assist and maybe commissioner I'm wondering if we could get information on the addresses of season ticket holders at Portland 5 or -- just try to

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figure out who is it coming to downtown Portland to enjoy the ballet and symphony things which really are a regional treasure.

Fish: That's a terrific idea. I'm assuming that the economic impact analysis will tell us a little bit more about our audience. Is that right?

Damrosch: Yes. And Washington county I believe is doing it also. Remember also that when we first started the first year of discussing the arts tax, we were doing it regionally. We had this monster committee of over 50 people and it was so clear that politically it would never come together.

Fritz: That's why I'm wondering, why Mr. Golub said we're maybe do something else in 2020. It would be helpful to see if we can do it regionally. The other thing I wanted to mention briefly for those watching, last year the mayor set aside \$1 million in special appropriations which the committee decided where to put it and a grant went to milagro theater it looks certainly as the mayor proposed this year there's also that same pot of money this year. Arts organizations, get your applications ready.

Damrosch: They will. I'm sure they will.

Fritz: This city council I know and our community does value all of the work that you do and just gets magnified the other wonderful things going for news this region. Thank you very, very much.

Damrosch: Thank you.

Fish: We have a presentation but we have three people testifying, so if you could both resume your seats we'll take the three people who signed up then we have a special presentation.

Paul Lumly: Good afternoon, members of the city council. It's an honor to be here. I'm Paul lumly, a citizen of the Yakima nation and executive director of native American and youth and family centering. I have had the great pleasure of working with racc for many years. We are so pleased with some of the more recent developments with the way they have been including communities of color in arts throughout the whole Portland area. With murals and artists. It's just been wonderful. The most recent event with racc, they opened their doors to my organizations family and friend's night. When they did so I was so pleased to see so much of the native community come out and fill their offices in a way that was so warm and welcoming by the racc staff and community. It was an amazing experience. I have also been able to see how racc has expanded in their equity and inclusion platform throughout the city. I am very sorry to see Eloise Damrosch retire. She has been a wonderful friend. She has carried herself with courage and conviction, grace and elegance, really cares about the community that she serves and so that's one of the reasons why I'm so disappointed to see her retire. So happy to hear that the community does still embrace her. Now, as the chair of the coalition of communities of color, I also want to say that I hope that whoever is selected as the new executive director they continue to carry on the great work that they started with equity and inclusion. We'll be watching from afar and hoping for good work in the future. We stand here in strong support of racc, also in partnership with the city and hopeful that they receive full funding now and in the future. Thank you very much.

Subashini Ganeseon: Thank you, commissioners, for this opportunity to speak with you. As an immigrant from Singapore of south Asian descent, an artist who practices in ancient dance form from south India, as an artistic director who uses my foundation to produce contemporary and accessible performances, as a teacher artist through the right brain initiative, an advocate and avid supporter of multi-cultural, multidisciplinary, multi-genre emerging performing artists in our city and as a founder curator and manager of new expressive works, often called new on se 8th and Belmont, a fully accessible, intimate performing arts venue, I'm pleased to address you. My 75-seat intimate performance

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studio has from day one been aligned with community needs and values. We continue to meet the growing needs of independent performing artists to provide diverse, inexpensive artistic experiences for thousands of local audience members. Culturally specific artists in Bharatanatyam, Japanese taiko, Indian drumming, Argentina tango and belly dance thrive in new. The disability arts and culture project ensoftek dance who nurture body positivity call new their home. A unique intensive urban residency program since 2012 has offered 32 choreographers, free rehearsal space, modest stipend and a culminating weekend performance. Racc has stepped in and helped me as an artist and arts administrator through project grants and the cultural leadership program racc provides maximum support and strength to new. As real estate prices rise dramatically squeezing artists out of the city racc continues to provide what they can, pro bono expertise to help negotiate commercial real estate leases or city and county permits and real estate tax issues the list goes on. I'm grateful to racc. The 200 independent performing artists and 5,000 audience members who annually benefit from new programming are also grateful to racc, however my building owners are guided by financial imperatives. They appreciate but ultimately cannot be interested as you in the cultural imperatives of our city that my space is meeting. It seems clear that at this time of our nation's history different voices need to be heard. Different racial voices, different ethnic voice, different religious voices, different gender voices and different ability voices and art is a way for the voices to be heard peacefully and positively. Thank you.

Fritz: Would you tell us your name, please?

Ganeseon: Subashini Ganeseon

Fritz: Thank you.

Eudaly: Now we will vote to the accept the report.

Fish: Move acceptance of the report.

Fritz: Second.

Eudaly: I request that commissioner Fish please go last.

[roll call]

Saltzman: Thank you for the always uplifting report from the regional arts and culture council. Thank you, Eloise, for your years of service. I wish you the best for what's next. Just want to say it's really very impressed with the depth and the caliber of artists and performing artists and theater groups in the city. I'm constantly amazed how many organizations the city and its residents and residents of the region support. It's very impressive for a city our size I think we rival some of the bigger cities, certainly the Chicago's and Seattle's. I won't say New York but nothing rivals New York but I'm very impressed with the depth of artistic talent and expression in our city. Very pleased to be a part of this and happy to support you. Aye.

Fritz: I also really appreciate especially the emphasis on equity and broadening the benefits to all of our community and being intentional about communities that haven't had access before. I thank you for. That we're still working on it. It will like the rest of the equity initiatives within the city we're nowhere near done but we're committed to it and so I thank for your leadership on that Eloise. As I always mention when this report comes to council my daughter was a theater major at Willamette university. She's now going to practice her acting by going to law school, which is a very good fit. But every year since she was in 8th grade we would go to the Oregon Shakespeare festival and see plays, obviously. We were very judicious about when we do the standing ovation. We would look at each other because everything is fantastic so you could stand every time but we feel like being judicious. There's often times when she and I would immediately stand up together. That's what I want to do for you, Eloise the absolutely deserving of a standing ovation from the arts community. Thank you. Happy trails. Aye. [applause]

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Eudaly: Thank you for the report. I share appreciation with my colleagues of your emphasis on equity. Arts are an equalizing force in our community. Should be a place where everyone can be included and participate. Some of you know I am in a kind of foreign territory at city hall, so it feels really good to feel at home in this roomful of artists and arts supporters. I had one more thing to say. Eloise, thank you for all your hard work and the opportunities that you afforded me. Full disclosure, I once received a racc grant for \$500 when I was 24 years old. It was for professional development, allowed me to attend a national conference and it felt pretty special to be acknowledged by the establishment.

[laughter] look at me now: [laughter] aye thank you. The report is accepted. Oh: Oh:

Fish: Oh, no. Too late.

Eudaly: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, madam president. I want to begin by thanking mike Golub and Eloise for the presentation. You hear from all my colleagues every year that this is a highlight of the year. You know, when we watch the state of the union it used to be the tradition that the president would say and the state of the union is strong. That may not be possible today at the federal level. The national endowment for arts is 52 years old. With the exception of our friend from grant high school and a few of the younger people here, many of the people in this audience have enjoyed public art funded by the federal government throughout their entire adult lives. We all have actually three of the four of us have. We're debating at the federal level whether we're going to continue to support arts and culture. Something that has been settled for 52 years. So the state of the arts federally there's a big question mark. The state of the arts locally is strong and it's I think largely because of Eloise's 30-year career of steadfast support for arts in our community. I'm going to save for the very end another remark about Eloise because we have a presentation. But I also want to acknowledge a couple of the leaders here that don't get enough recognition. The two chairs of the arts oversight committee are here. They have done yeoman's work with their committees to build public trust. Stan Penkin, would you please stand? The former chair -- [applause] and I saw Craig gibbons. He may be here or next door, but Craig is here. Give him a round of applause. [applause] we are losing one of the brightest lights in our community in the arts and I would be remiss since he's here if I didn't also say to my friends Steven mark boudoir, thank you for the great run at fame and god bless you in your new so Steven would you please stand? [applause] I would also like to thank the board members that are here today who serve with great purpose and conviction and who are going to be helping guide the search for Eloise's replacement. You do not replace Eloise Damrosch, but I suspect there will be tremendous interest nationally because of the reputation that racc has that she has burnished. We will look to the board to do the impossible task of lead ago process to find a replacement, and mike at some point we probably should post how people in the public can weigh in with you and the search committee along the way. Want to thank the staff at racc, and many of them are here today and they do fantastic work. We're very fortunate to have such a committed group of people so thank you. We're joined today by grant recipients, by champions for the arts, arts leaders, special guest from local schools including grant and Boise Elliott in the first grade. That was an inspired choice to start with the first graders. Pretty amazing, and a teacher funded by the arts tax. Next time someone says to you what does the arts tax buy, that's the answer. I want to acknowledge that Eloise was very modest in her comments about the things that have happened under her watch. The 1% becoming 2% for public art. The arts tax, which has survived five legal challenges and I think we all are reasonably confident the Oregon supreme court will have the final say so we can put that fight behind us. Advancing an equity conversation, which is not an easy conversation because when you have a fixed pot of money equity means allocating money differently. I think we have all

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had experience doing that. That often produces some push-back. So this is not just equity in words, this is equity in deeds and it's controversial. Thank you for leading that effort. Thank you for being a presence in our community and representing the organization and our city so wonderfully. There is no adequate way to thank Eloise for her service and we're not going to try to do that today. There will be other events where we can embarrass her. But Eloise, would you please come forward for a moment? On behalf of the city council we wanted to present you with this rather modest flower arrangement [laughter] we're cutting budgets this year but thank you for a wonderful run. We look forward to continuing to have your leadership of a you have relinquished the chair. [cheers and applause] finally I would like to thank Jamie Dunphy on my team for doing such great work as my liaison. It's with great pride I vote aye. Madam president?

Eudaly: I did remember what I forgot, a special request to please bring back the students every year because the chamber could really use some of that life. Wouldn't it be fun to follow them?

Fritz: I don't know commissioner Eudaly we've had some pretty spectacular performances here in council. I'm always wondering what they are going to do next year.

Saltzman: The opera singers.

Eudaly: The report is now accepted. Karla, could you read the next item?

Fish: Can we take a three-minute break?

Eudaly: Yes. We will take a three-minute break to allow people to exit and enter.

At 3:09 p.m. council recessed.

At 3:16 p.m. council reconvened.

Eudaly: We are now back in session; do we call the roll when we come back? Please call the next item. Let's read the next two together.

Item 453.

Item 454.

Eudaly: So, colleagues, it's my pleasure to introduce the east Portland action plan and civic engagement grant report. I was very pleased to be named epap's liaison as I have a tremendous amount of respect for their work as well as a shared concern about how we as a city prioritize and make equitable investments across our entire city. Epap is a model for how civic engagement among diverse populations can make meaningful, lasting impact on our communities. I want to give a special shout-out to lore wintergreen. [applause] who has been a tireless advocate for raising the voices of east Portland residents. I think her inclusive and accessible style in facilitating epap will be made clear during this presentation as there are at least 18 people here representing many different communities who will be participating in the presentation. Thank you for everything you do, lore. With that I would like to invite Joann hardesty. Sorry about that somebody is in trouble. It's all good. I would like to ask Karen Fischer gray to give the opening remarks and introduce the program.

Karen Fischer Gray: Thank you very much. It's my pleasure to be here. Year after year for the annual epap report to city council. Good afternoon, Portland city council. My name is dr. Karen Fischer gray. I have been the superintendent of the park rose school district for the last ten years. I am also the chair of the Oregon educator equity advisory council, whose role it is to attract and retain a diverse Oregon education work force. Thank you for allowing me the time to introduce this wonderful group of people to you today and to have the opportunity to tell you about the great work that the east Portland action plan is doing. I have had the privilege and pleasure of working with many people living in east Portland on epap as a community based social and economic equity project since it began. Epap began the year I came to Portland in 2007 with mayor potter and then county chair at the Ted wheeler. While my attendance at the monthly meetings has dropped I attend the

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quarterly technical assistance county-wide meetings with the city of Portland and remain committed to its work to further livability, economic equity in our part of Portland. As a five-year planning and sustainability commissioner from 2010 to 2015, I was an epap champion and will remain so forever. Epap's leadership and guidance is on how to strategically address community identified issues and allocate resources to improve livability and prevent displacement. This is our vision and this is our work. The 2017 strategic priorities shown in exhibit b are established annually by full consensus of the epap, and if you want to know what full consensus means, it means every single member of this giant committee, biggest you ever saw, one person can actually stop an action. So everyone has to agree or find a way to agree. It's really quite amazing. And interesting to watch. This year's strategic priorities will be addressed by the speakers as outlined in exhibit a, your agenda for today. Or strategic priorities range from civic engagement of a vast array of people of different races, cultures, ethnicities and gender expressions to economic development for east Portland, housing, parks, transportation, as well as how to be prevent involuntary displacement, a topic well discussed in both the comp plan and the Portland plan. Involuntary displacement prevention recommendations for east Portland were first developed by three epap subcommittees, civic engagement, economic development and housing over a nine-month study period. The subcommittee cross reviewed the recommendations and a draft was translated into eight different languages with community engagement liaisons identifying and reviewing recommendations with community stakeholders for the months before the community meeting review. 200 people were in attendance. 90% people of color or first language different than English. Based upon the community review the recommendations changed and the full general epap approved the document you now have as exhibit c. The speakers to follow will address exhibit d, six-month update of the 2017 strategic priorities and involuntary displacement prevention recommendations. In addition, they will call out what support we need from you, city council, in order to move forward on these issues. Very near and dear to us. Based upon the annual geographic budget mapping done the city budget office with the help of nick salve produced a six-year spinning analysis document, also exhibit e, that demonstrates progress and investments in east Portland park. Some transportation progress, an inability to meet fair share let alone equitable spending and severe underspending from the housing bureau. This continues to be a crucial issue for people living east of 82nd avenue. We really encourage you to review exhibit e, the six-year city spending analysis document, as it's been a big priority of epaps to obtain parity of spending across all of the city of Portland. The epap 2017 strategic priorities exhibit b asks that, a, the city set a goal that east Portland attain parity with other parts of the city in developing and maintaining public facilities and capital spending by encouraging prioritization of the projects in east Portland where they are sorely needed and have been sorely needed for a decade or more. This in my opinion is called equity. B, institutionalization of the geographic mapping of city spending that this information we actively reviewed and consider when establishing city budgets. This started with mayor Adams, a big champion of east Portland, and also of our schools. And we began on a good foot with this through the city auditor's office and I remember that first meeting where we had the city auditor come out to an epap meeting, put stuff up across the wall and show us where the money was spent and show us geographically by mapping where the services were across the city. It was quite eye-opening and great evidence of what we were looking for. There was an annual report showing geographic mapping of city spending and city services then it fell away. Very discouraging. Letter c, develop the equivalent of a quadrant plan for east Portland. As a planning and sustainability commissioner I was very aware of the central city quad rant plans. During my time on psc I asked many times, many times where is the quadrant plan

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for east Portland? I never got an answer. Millions and millions of dollars are involved in the four quadrant plans and I get why the development of the central city is important but I never see anything put in for east Portland in quite the same manner and I was told the quadrant plans go all the way to southeast 12th. I live on 132nd, so frankly southeast 12th does not go far enough. So where is the plan? Where do we get the funding for epap? At a bare minimum please fund the funding for epap. Letter d, please continue ongoing funding of the epap advocacy until an action plan is completely our action plan is completely implemented. The two or 200,000 or 300,000 the city gives is more than well spent because we leverage those dollars. It's never a one-to-one. It's always leveraged for many more dollars than what we get. Kind of like the school districts. You get your money's worth out of our fantastic advocate Lore Wintergreen without whom none of this would have happened. The funds are small but powerful and they give grants to the community, something you'll hear about later. It pays for translation into our many languages. It is teeny tiny money. Please recognize what your dollars are investing in and in my opinion stop making us have to beg for them every year. I just want to make sure that they get into the budget and maybe they are already in the budget but make sure they are in the budget and that they stay there so people don't have to keep apologizing for or making up reasons to keep it there.

Fritz: May I interrupt for a second? It is in the ongoing for this year and last year, no even mention of it in the early budget --

Fischer Gray: We are delighted. Check it off. We're going to say -- more, more. I'm very grateful. So thank you for letting us know that. That's what I have to say as far as introduction. The following people will speak to updates and next steps. I would like to introduce Nancy Arreola who will speak on civic engagement subcommittee work, and Kristin Ross and Katie Larsell who will speak about economic development.

Fish: Can I observe that we have a lot of school districts in the city of Portland. Some bigger than others. During my service on the council dating back to 2008, no superintendent has spent more time in this building educating city council about the needs of a school district than you have. I thank you for your leadership.

Fischer Gray: Thank you so much for saying so.

Natalie Arreola: I'm Natalie Arreola. I am a member of the civic engagement subcommittee. Some of the civic engagement subcommittee has been to engaged communities' and neighborhood activities, to provide overhead funding translation languages to remove barriers and improve messages and invitations. Some of the work we have been doing around that has been some of our members Andrea Govial, Emilia Laraga, and Natalya Sobolevskaya have represented epap in the city of Portland office of neighborhood involvement, budget advisory committees. With their active advocacy we have been able to have on to request funding for translation, interpretation and child care as add-on package in the on budget request for fiscal year 2017-18. We also had civic engagement subcommittee members have also met with the city of Portland equity and human rights office to advocate for and provide input into development of a program to be provided by the city with overhead funding. And we have also worked -- had committee members working with the operation committee members as well and have met with the mayor and with you all to advocate for overhead funding interpretation translation child care and transit assistance. Other strategic priorities we have been working around has been increasing funding for technical assistance for organizations that desire to establish are two new ethnicities or languages every two year to strengthen an existing ethnically base of community health workers. And to establish a racially and ethnically representative community oversight of community health worker programming. So epap's civic engagement subcommittee members have from various community racial and ethnic

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communities have actively supported the expansion of community health workers from including the expansion of Latino community health workers, african-americans, native Americans, Slavic Americans, Burmese, Chinese, Vietnamese and Tongan. Epap civic engagement subcommittee has had a series of meetings with Multnomah county health department as well. Multnomah county health department capacitation program, Oregon community health worker association, Oregon community health worker research and education consortium and Oregon public health institute. All of the above support the strategic priority, have been able to organize together epap operations committee members stress this priority when meeting with the Multnomah county chair Kafoury and commissioners smith, stegman and Vega-Peterson commissioner Smith requested more information and a specific proposal. The following was provided in response to the commissioner's question which was; what is the fiscal need to expand the community health worker program to address the following epap 2017 strategic priorities set by the epap civic engagement committee. We said \$100,000 provide one fte additional cost for ethnic/language specific curriculum development and two culturally-specific and language-specific 90 hour trainings for 25 people a year. This not only provides for a more inclusive dissemination of health information and service, but the training has a significant potential to lead to accreditation and living wage employment for those trained. The proposal was also shared with chair kafoury and commissioner stegman and Vega Peterson. The epap civic engagement committee encouraged the Oregon public health institute build a program to pursue the integration of community health workers in the project and to encourage the integration of committee health workers in the practice of their health industry partners. The build project has hired two community health workers to support the Powell Hurst/gilbert neighborhood base project. The community workers that were hired are bilingual with capacity to speak English, Spanish and Vietnamese so those were communities being served now in that area. The next steps were advocacy that we recommend is to encourage the council to provide overhead funding in this year's budget for interpretation, translation, child care and bus passes accommodation. In response to the office of neighborhood involvement for this funding as a bureau add-on package, the city budgeting office recommends accommodations be considered. Part of the outreach engagement cost and the bureaus should prioritize resource to achieve equitable outcomes. To the degree of the overall outreach and engagement outcomes are not meeting targets the bureaus should request additional engagement resources. Epap contends that the should means very little when allocation spending occurs. If bureaus have a percentage of their budgets allocated through overhead funding, it should incentivize them to take advantage of the resource. Epap spent \$20,000 of their budget on these items last year and if it's put into the overhead funding, it could keep this program going and serve the community. Our involuntary displacement recommendation is to continue having community involvement and decisions made around displacement as well.

Eudaly: I'd like to take a moment to say that we did get that add package for accommodations.

Lore Wintergreen, Office of Neighborhood Involvement: You got it for oni, but not overhead funding.

Eudaly: We should be able to help, at least?

Wintergreen: You can be advocating, being bureau-wide. Oni simply can't do all that work for the entire city.

Eudaly: Right. Okay.

Wintergreen: I apologize Nick kobel is not here and he was actually replacing Kristen, who moved to Montana so I'm going to try to step up and talk about economic development. I'm going to just present our progress and then Katie larsell will speak to

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what we need in support. So, on your strategic priorities, j is connect east Portland residents to family-wage employment. East Portland action plan members have worked actively with the Columbia corridor and advocating for north-south connectors to get our community to living-wage jobs. Given that we have the highest density of immigrant refugee communities, manufacturing jobs can provide family wage but there is no way for them to get to those manufacturing jobs and to get there in a timely fashion. So we've been doing a significant of advocacy with trimet and our partners at pbot to make it a priority to have these north-south connectors on 162nd was prioritized and 148th. And I must say, I honor division midway alliance, while 148th would serve their project. They, too, said 162nd has more density and is more important to start with. We do appreciate the work that has been done on 122nd, but even that work is not getting people all the way to the Columbia corridor. The next strategic priority is k, maximize east Portland's economic benefits from public projects. We worked very actively on community benefits agreements with the support of our allies, metropolitan alliance for workforce equity, we've had success with Portland parks. Two of the projects they're working with, we asked for integration of local hire, as well as dbe's and to see that people from east Portland are benefiting from projects in east Portland and we're developing living wages in the area. We have also been working with metro, talking about projects that they're bringing to the area and we did extensive review of the community equity inclusion plan by the office of equity and gave written input and tracked changes. Kem marks will be on the community advisory committee for the division bus rapid transit project and will advocate for local hiring and local business use so we continue to be advocates in those veins. L is promote catalyst work force development projects and partner with the neighborhood prosperities initiatives and other urban renewal economic development efforts. The east Portland economic development subcommittee has regular attendance from all the neighborhood prosperity members. One of the co-chairs at this point Mai Yung is with the jade district and Kate is with Parkrose co-chairing the committee. Epap has had representation on the gateway discovery park project, which includes mixed-use, income complex with retail on the ground floor and the contractor is requesting additional tax increment finance funds. Npi and main street have developed a unified advocacy strategy for elected officials. The strategy is designed to bring sustainability to our organizations and epap has been fully-supportive of that and using system development charge fees in developments, in the neighborhood prosperity initiative areas. Epap has continued to advocate for the need to stop remonstrance's and not reassert that. We know that sidewalks, while you can have transit, if you can't get people to safely walk to that transit, they're not going to use that transit. As well as if it is not frequent. You can't spend two hours to get to your job, both ways. How can you be an active member of your community and how can you support your family under those conditions? So, there has been, in the past, pbot, Portland bureau of transportation, has allowed for remonstrance's for new development saying well we don't want a half a block of sidewalk. When you're looking at funding from pbot to infill sidewalks, we've been successful getting sidewalk infill which means yes, that half a block will then mean you are just infilling. If you suddenly say, no you have to do all these miles of sidewalks, it gets put off because it is so expensive. What we're advocating is no, have all development in east Portland put in the sidewalks they're required to put in and we can face the issues of infill later. Oregon solutions is involved with the Lents jobs creation project linked to the Lents floodplain. N is establish the gateway economic development center. We did bring mayor wheeler to the east Portland action plan meeting in December. As he spoke of the work that he saw as upstream in terms of economic development, we realized and irco spoke to we have a solution, the gateway economic development center addressed every one of the issues that he raised in what was needed in an upstream

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action. It also was in the Portland plan and was to have been implemented within five years. The city hasn't stepped up on this. We're excited that the council, as it sits now, might be willing to pursue this more fully and we do have a committee and we will continue to talk about this, as we have in the past, when we meet with you individually and with the mayor. In terms of involuntary displacement, living-wage provisions, the jade advocates for \$15 an hour livable wage asks local businesses to do the same. Epap has advocated for \$13 an hour wage. Local hiring again we mentioned the community benefit agreements same with minority contracting. Commercial stabilization and commercial rent stabilization, rosewood initiative is doing an appreciative inquiry on the survey, electeds and community business members to assess what is a useful tool for stabilization. We are seeing, and have been seeing, for at least four years now, many of our ethnic businesses having to leave east Portland. We had a 13-year business in east Portland and the rents went up and they had to leave. We're seeing that more and more with our ethnically-based businesses and we think that is egregious and we want to see forms of stabilization. Let's see, community reinvestment act. We would love the city's support to actively pursue that those dollars that hospitals have and banks have be applied locally to east Portland where the need is the greatest. We are working with metro on transportation-oriented development. And, I will now pass to Katie.

Fritz: May I just ask a quick question or two on the remonstrance's, on the sidewalks is that everywhere or the arterials? Cause we adopted something last year that said if you're not in a problem street, you could pay fee in lieu that the sidewalks would get done on the arterials?

Wintergreen: People living on that local street, if you're developing something, they have to walk down that local street to get to the arterial and the idea that the money is being saved to be used on the arterials has never manifested. They did remonstrance's before. It never manifested in actuality.

Fritz: I think we've only just started that program though so I think it's worth more conversation. Secondly, about community benefits agreements. There were some concerns about a preference for union jobs and that might be in conflict with small businesses in east Portland, who might not unionize because they're family businesses.

Wintergreen: And in terms of the community benefits agreements because there was municipal projects, again, it's a matter of saying, it will be a living wage as opposed to having a plan that says, well, we'll look at hiring locally and local hires getting paid minimum wage which will not support their families. The agreement stipulates you will pay and the unions are willing to work with the communities. Then of course the purchasing aspect of that, that you're going to purchase locally. If there are companies in east Portland that can provide that, again, that provides those small businesses with significant income.

Fritz: Thank you.

Fish: May I add a comment, too? I appreciate you calling out the Columbia corridor and all the jobs along the harbor. I think we would welcome a representative from epap on the super fund community outreach task for because that's a billion dollars coming through our community. It will be the largest environmental, regulatory and potential employment project. Think of it as a stimulus. Just like east Portland works in the harbor, let's try to capture as many of those jobs. I'll follow-up with you on that. The other thing, to the point of the conversation I had with my colleague, I want to acknowledge there is conversation percolating about how to bring down the cost for affordable housing and three ideas have been floated. One is going backwards on opportunity. So, not building in places that have existing infrastructure and opportunities. Which would be, I think, a disaster. Number two, backing off of our sustainability values. So, not making building green. But number three,

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and the one where you potentially have the biggest savings is backing off family-wage jobs. If we seek to build affordable housing for low income families, but we don't pay the workers living wage, that's a problem. Those are three ideas that when you hear about bringing down the cost of affordable housing, here's a little secret, it won't happen by reducing the time that you spend permitting the project. The savings come in changing existing policies and those are the three policies that have been raised by some.

Wintergreen: What I would say, as Karen mentioned earlier, the living-wage revision and such support came after review from our housing committee, saying, no, we need community benefits that pay living wage because it's intersectional. It must all happen. You have to provide wages for people to sustain living and support their families and then to move into other housing and make that affordable housing, affordable for the next family so we're in agreement.

Katie Larsell: Hello, commissioners, I'm Katie Larsell, as some of you know. I'm on the planning and sustainability commission, but I kind of cut my teeth on the east Portland action plan. I attend the economic development subcommittee, so I can -- so that it will inform my work on the planning and sustainability commission. And what I'm going to be doing is talking about what we're asking of you, in terms of the -- the -- the items that the economic development committee is working on, then we need you to work on some of them, too. And, in terms of the jade connect wage employment by removing barriers, we encourage the use of transportation demand management funds and city of Portland partnership influence. And transportation investment to secure frequent north-south transit service that connects Columbia corridor family-wage jobs, shift jobs to the people who want to fill those jobs and the promise service on 122nd has not been fully established on Columbia corridor and buses are needed on 162nd and on 148th. Now our k priority, maximize east Portland's economic benefits from public projects, we encourage the establishment of community benefit agreements and you've been asking questions about that. We want that on all city of Portland projects of \$1 million or more and these agreements would include local hire and purchase agreement when being built in east Portland and city-wide should prioritize areas of the city most employment and income deficit. And for L priority, promote catalyst workforce development projects for east Portland in partnership with east Portland neighborhood prosperity networks, urban renewal districts, and economic development efforts. Gateway is a 2040 regional center but it still undeveloped small manufacturing is an appropriate living wage response to east Portland residents. City staff needs to think first about east Portland when recruiting businesses to this city. Also, the city should continue, while as we talked about the remonstrance and it sounds like there is some conversation that needs to happen with that so I won't repeat that one. And then, for the M goal, establish the gateway education economic development center. Now, I was really going to be looking directly at ted wheeler when I talked about this one --

Fish: I think he knew that so he flew to California. [laughter]

Larsell: Since he's not here, do you guys have that policy, in some committees, where when the person is gone, everyone else assigns them that role? If that's the case, then I'd like you to put your heads together and do that. We ask that the city take a convening role in building the partnerships that will establish this much-needed integration of a first floor multi-cultural entrepreneurial incubator opportunity 9-12 public education training in the health industry, manufacturing and possibly construction. Evening, adult workforce training. Affordable housing and city of Portland bureau relocation or office space. To help fund the whole thing. This is the vision of the center. And this project is in the Portland plan and as a member of the planning and sustainability commission, I got an update of that plan and -- page after page, there's the progress of these different projects that the

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Portland plan committed the city to. There's a big, red goose egg on this one and the red goose egg means absolutely nothing has occurred on this project. And that's --

Fritz: To be fair we tried it just didn't come to fruition. I agree just because we didn't -- weren't successful with moving the parks bureau, I agree we need to look at particularly when the whole gateway transit area is developed.

Larsell: I'm so pleased you said that Amanda because it's a project that's been around for a long time, but it is still very much alive.

Fritz: Wait until the discovery park is done. People are going to want to go there. Is that lot available? I hope that's going to happen.

Larsell: So, metropolitan planning and development grants could be sought for this concept. It is perfect for steam funding and community reinvestment act funding, school districts and community partners remain supportive of the effort and it would change many lives if that was in place and it would change gateway. So, that's the one that's really close to my heart. The next item that I want to speak about is N, which is commercial stabilization and commercial rent stabilization which Lore mentioned. East Portland has been losing our small race, ethnic and cultural businesses due to rent and higher prices. We need the support of the city to assess and establish useful tools to support stabilization. Epap has suggested that venture Portland expand to include not just geographic, but business association members, much like the diversity and civic leadership partners to include race, ethnic and cultural specific business association members. Sounds like a good idea. So, that's -- we're done here for economic development and now I'd like to introduce three powerful women. Frieda Christopher, Linda Robinson and Arlene Kimura. Frieda will be talking about housing. Linda, parks. And Arlene, transportation. Thank you.

Frieda Christopher: I've never heard us called three powerful women before. [laughter] commissioners, thank you for having us here today. I'm Frieda Christopher and co-chair of the east Portland action plan housing plan subcommittee as well as serving on the David Douglas school board. I'd like to thank you for your focus on affordable housing and homeless issues and your advocacy at the state level in support of affordable housing and the tools for anti-displacements and tenant rights. The housing subcommittee has been very busy over the last year. We have met with city, county, metro and state elected officials to advocate for adequate affordable housing and anti-displacement tools, such as lifting the ban on rent control and the elimination of no-cause evictions which will help stabilize the housing for east Portland residents and balance the affordable and accessible housing supply throughout Portland. We also have joined with the partners of affordable homeownership to advocate for funding for expanding homeownership for moderate and low-income and people of color. When it comes to anti-displacement tools, we did advocate and support the inclusionary zoning program here at the city. We are currently advocating at the state level. In fact, just sent off a letter yesterday to the senate committee for the rent control and no-cause tenants' rights. One of our strategic priorities for the past two years has been the pilot project for the rehabilitation program in east Portland. In which \$1.5 million was proposed in the last two years of the housing budget. The committee's advocacy for this program was because we were seeing the housing crisis impacting east Portland. East Portland has a significant amount of privately-owned affordable housing, or should I say, we did have a significant amount. Rents are constantly going up. We felt, in the short-term, with this program, we could increase the amount of regulated affordable housing for 10 years, while efforts were made to construct additional affordable multi-family units. Unfortunately, in 2016, mayor's budget, it was reduced to less than \$500,000. The slow implementation of this program has been part of the issue. But we are disappointed that as we get ready to support the program, when it's presented for

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council's approval, again, in the 2017 budget, a significant cut has been made. In fact, it appears that the full funding of \$1.5 million has been redirected to other programs. As mentioned, Nick Sovie has talked about how each of the bureaus have spent their funds each year since 2012 and how much has been directed to east Portland when compared with the city average? Unfortunately, whereas parks and transportation has had significant increased investment in east Portland to reach since 2013, the housing bureau has declined its investment in east Portland. For the 2016 fiscal year, it had fallen to 49% of the average -- city average, from a high of 91% around 2013. The proposed rehabilitation program funding was a step to change the disinvestment in east Portland by the housing bureau. We understand the competing demands on the city's budget and within the housing bureau, the competing programs and hard decisions that need to be made. We just request that when making these hard decisions that equity for east Portland is part of the decision-making process. Funding in east Portland has been neglected for decades and now that 26% of the population is living in east Portland, the city council can no longer ignore the needs that are there, with a large portion of the residents being vulnerable. We continue to want to work collaboratively with the housing bureau and the city. We also want to stress that east Portland is starting to gentrify and we want to make sure investments are made in east Portland so displacement can be mitigated. It will be less costly to be proactive in providing long-term affordable housing now than to try to buy-back what is being done in north and northeast Portland. I would be negligent as a school board member if I didn't mention one of the most important factors of stabilizing housing. Research has proven that stable housing is an important factor for children's success in school they are most likely to reach benchmarking in 3rd grade and thus more likely to graduate on time. If we don't stop displacement in east Portland now, the next move for our residents is out of our city. As a housing committee, we will continue to advocate for equitable funding for additional affordable housing with a focus on ongoing funds and one-time funds and we will be asking for 26% of the housing bond funds to be spent in east Portland, equal to what the population percentage is. As a committee, we will also continue to work with the city and other local jurisdiction to advocate for legislative changes to make it possible for our local entities to have the anti-displacement tools they need to handle this housing crisis. Again, thank you for your time and your support on these important housing issues.

Linda Robinson: Good afternoon. First, my name's Linda Robinson, I'm with the east Portland parks coalition and a number of other things. So, I wanted to start by saying, what a pleasure it has been to work with east Portland action plan. As most of you know, I've been involved with civic engagement, public involvement for maybe 30 years or so and this is probably -- working with these folks has been the most productive, most satisfying of all those public engagements I've been involved in we're learning in east Portland how to do something more other than to just complain. We're learning how to be proactive and commissions and committees and testifying. It's really rewarding to be here with this group of people. So I represent parks, I'm a parks representative on the epap. It's not an epap committee because it existed before epap existed. Amanda helped us form it before she was elected so that group has existed for 15 years. We picked two strategic priorities to focus on this past year. One was to implement the existing park master plans. One is under construction and nearly finished now. That's -- which was called the beech property, now Luuwit view. We thank Amanda and the parks bureau for providing sdc funds of \$6 million so we could get started on the master plan for park lane. That work will get underway pretty soon and we're excited about that. We're still waiting and advocating for funds eventually for Clatsop butte as well. The second priority was to complete the design and planning work for gateway green park. Which is a subject dear to my heart and I wore

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my gateway green shirt, especially for today. But we appreciate -- that's a project that's been in the works for more than a decade. We are pleased to say that friends of gateway green, we were awarded a metro capital grant three years ago with the provision that we had to raise \$2 million of match to get the \$1 million of metro grant. We didn't quite make the \$2 million but parks stepped up and gave us some more and now we have enough to actually build the whole park. Construction started last October. The initial work is actually being done by friends of gateway green through a non-park use permit. We've hired nationally-known trail builders. Some bike trails are being built, bike jumps, pump tracks, bicycle skills area. These are under construction now and they will be finished in just a few weeks and I wanted to invite you to our big, opening event when the gates will be unlocked on June 24. We have an event from 11:00 to 4:00 on that day and it's going to have a lot of bicycle-oriented things cause that's the part that's finished now. We're going to have a lot of non-bicycle family-friendly things going on, as well. The friends of gateway green, we raised -- we raised cash of over \$1 million but we are spending on the construction of this part of the park. We've spent \$180,000 now. It will be about \$230,000 spent by the time we open on June 24.

Fritz: What time is the grand opening?

Robinson: From 11:00 to 4:00, and we're going to have a ceremony at 1:30 that day. So, construction is moving forward. We're really excited about opening. The park will actually be constructed over a period of four years. Once we finish this park we're using the crowd funding money and several grants we got from foundations to build the bicycle park. Starting in July, construction gets turned over to parks and they will construct the rest of it. So the final drawings and plans are under way right now. We thank you for assigning Russ Swanson as the project manager, he's been wonderful to work with. Having been at pbot, he's able to work with the other bureaus, as well. In terms of what we need, next, we need to continue advocating to get money to implement the other master plans. The other thing we need for gateway green is the continued support with a park bureau. But also, we're still working on some access issues that have really cost us a lot of money in this early part of the construction because we don't have very good access to bring in large construction vehicles and we have to pay railroad flaggers every time we want to bring something, at, like, \$800 to \$1,000 a day. We have some plans. It's been funded to bring in the t-hop and the under 205 crossing, which will help. There's also the bridge at the north end that's built by odot and controlled by the railroad. We have plans to put a new ramp off of that, that won't take us into the railroad right-of-way. We really need help to get that access point. When it's done, it will help connect the i-205 to the trails that go north. So pbot is interested odot is also interested so we need to have a joint project to get that access point resolved.

Fritz: On parks, if I can just give you some more things to think about and do. At your request, epaps request we did allocate money to leach botanical garden for their master plan.

Robinson: That wasn't one of our strategic priorities.

Fritz: When I was asked to give the sdc money, the fact that epap did say that, yes, we're supporting it --

Robinson: It is one of the items on our plan but we didn't know that we might be able to get money.

Fritz: But just to think about. You mentioned Clatsop, which we got the master plan it's not done yet. As you know we're doing three master plans, well four really, currently with the 150th and division, midland park and Wilkes. So as these master plans get done I will be looking to epap and the parks committee to -- is Clatsop butte still your first choice? Are some of these others a more urgency? Just be thinking about that, please.

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Robinson: That's a discussion with east Portland parks coalition. We try to make sure that everybody's aware that we need, as a group, to talk about and decide how these priorities will go.

Fritz: Sometimes it's due to opportunities. The friends of leech garden were willing to do a lot of fundraising so and as you mentioned the million dollars from metro. There's no way I'm leaving a million dollars on the table.

Robins: We did want to not get the \$1 million from metro.

Fish: Linda can I just add that it's your nature to deflect and thank everyone else for the work that you've been instrumental to do, but the truth is had you and Ted Gilbert not birth the idea and stuck with it we would not be celebrating these wins around gateway greens, so thank you.

Robinson: It actually came out of the gateway urban renewal process I mean that's how the discussion of what can we do started. And eventually we went gee, maybe we could have the park.

Fish: It wouldn't have gotten to first base without you and your tenacious leadership.

Robinson: Thank you.

Arlene Kimura: Good after councilors, commissioners. My name is Arlene Kimura and I live in east Portland and one of the transportation logs that populate that part of town. The epap strategic priorities include fully-funding the east Portland in motion. We have many projects in process and others in the planning stage. We have some ways to go on implementing the outer Powell concept design, but we are making progress. With a focus on vision zero, the red light camera's and the installation of the rapid flashing lights beckons as well as works on the bike way there has been progress on alternative transportation safety for community members. All of this has been with the efforts of pbot staff and we thank them for their very cooperative spirit that they have shown us. Sometimes, it takes a little bit of nudging, but they are really very helpful when pushed and I wanted to make sure that we thank the staff for doing that work. At the same time, we are working on the mou for the locally preferred alternate for the division street high-capacity transit. There are issues for all of our east Portland partners for a more holistic approach. In addition we are beginning work on the proposal of the possible trimet bond on the southwest corridor light rail to include addressing the orphan highways of east Portland, the north-south transit in east Portland and the housing displacement in east Portland. Next, I would like to reintroduce the idea of epaps municipal partnership process. The partnership model has been a tremendous success with community members and municipal agencies working together to execute a very specific program with funding from epap. The following speakers will be talking about how the municipal partnership has worked for their organization. Sergeant David Abrahamson from Portland police bureau, Kelly devlin and/or Linda vancil and a student for the David Douglas high school district on interpreter training. Thank you.

Kelly Devlin: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Kelly devlin. I'm the director of esl, English as a second language in the David Douglas school district. We are so grateful to share with you the goals and objectives of our student interpreters training class at David Douglas high school. Since October, we have been piloting this project. Our interpreting class meets after school, twice a week. Our class is open to high school students who have demonstrated strong language proficiency skills in both their native language and English. This pilot project is dependent on a strong partnership with support from both epap and catholic charities. Catholic charities has been our side-by-side partner in planning the logistics and providing the instructors for our afterschool class. One of our instructors, Selena Hoy, is in the audience today supporting us. Our goals and objectives this year was, one, to establish an opportunity to highlight our student's native language

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skills as an asset. In David Douglas, we are striving to create a culture where student's bilingual skills are appreciated, valued and treasured. The second one is to provide our student's with the opportunity to explore a potential pathway in to our community workforce and, three, to teach and expose our students to the beginning features and techniques that professional interpreters use. Our hopes in year one were simple. One we wanted to know if students were interested in taking the class. Two, we wanted students to have an opportunity to work with community partners and experts and we were able to do that. And, three, we wanted our students to have informal opportunities to practice these skills by serving as student bilingual ambassadors in our schools. Our hopes, we're starting to brainstorm and imagine and like anything it's a clean slate. So we start thinking about all the things that we can do at our high school, some of the things are, will we be able to turn this after school class into a school day class? How would we do that? We want to be able to have a certified staff member, possibly take some cte certification and interpreting training so that we could offer it during the school day and that way, our second language students have more accessibility to achieving some cte credit for graduation. We are trying to make sure that they stay connected to people in the community and in the field and, two, we are looking to figure out what other kinds of supports this class might need. So we're exploring some of these classes in other regions. There is one we are studying in Seattle, where they have been very successful and received some national publication exposure. I'd like to introduce Quan lee, who is a senior at David Douglas high school. She is a member of our interpreting class and joined our David Douglas family as a freshman and now she's a senior, several weeks away from graduating and she's here to share a little bit on the student perspective of the class.

Quan Lee: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name is Quan Lee I'm a current member of the interpreting class and I am really grateful for the opportunity to participate to the class because as a student who has an international background, like me, I am -- I have been doing interpreting for my family and for my friends and community. Plus, I didn't know that to be a trend, interpreter. Is this hard? [laughter] because I always confident about my interpreting skills before taking the class, but I didn't know that I have to be very professional and have to know more and the skills to be able to interpret for the community and for my family, also. Before taking the class, I had a misconception that people who speak two languages or more are able to interpret already. But actually, when I told myself to a video and I tried to do simultaneous interpreting for my mom and that was a hard and difficult to be able to interpret and to follow the flow, the voice of the people. As a student, I think I really like the idea to put the class in to regular school because most students can only stay in the school -- instead of after school and it would be kind of really inconvenient for the students. As a -- as a person who has been using interpreters for family and for both medical appointments or legal appointments, I have been -- I have seen a lot of interpreters who are both professional or not really professional. So, I think that is a good opportunity for the young generation can study more about this field. And this class is important, not only for students who are bilingual, but also for the older students because in the future, they may have seen and communicate and work with people who need to use interpreter for communicating so it is a good experience for many people. Thank you.

Fritz: Thank you. Congratulations. [applause] I've always wondered how people do the simultaneous translation can do it it's such a skill. I wonder what are you going to do after graduating from high school?

Lee: I will be going to Portland state university to study accounting while developing my interpreting skill because I will need the skill to help the community.

Fritz: Fabulous, I'm happy to hear you're staying in Portland.

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Eudaly: I appreciate hearing about this program. I served on the district involvement committee several years ago and a big focus of ours was outreach to families for whom English was not their native language and as we know, we struggle to serve those students and to include their families and I always found it really perplexing because we have these foreign language immersion schools, which are wildly successful and I just couldn't understand why we couldn't kind of just reverse that or utilize the resources. So, I loved that you called that a resource because it really is and what a great way to tap into it.

David Abrahamson, Portland Police Bureau: I'm David Abrahamson, I'm a sergeant at traffic division, I oversee the crash team. Let's see if we can get this up there where people can see it. Approximately two and a half, three-years ago, we saw an increase of crashes in east Portland where the non-English speaking community and immigrants were over represented. Through doing some inquiry and investigation, we found out there's no driver training available besides English available to anybody. If you're under 18, Oregon subsidy will qualify for you, but classes are in English. As far as material there is no driver education manual in print besides English and Spanish. Immigrants are coming in with their context from their own cultures a majority of them not driving I think 95% of our students, of the women, have never sat in the driver's seat of a vehicle before. We saw that the underserved communities here have been overrepresented in the last three years to six years in our fatal crashes. We've seen that increase significantly. Approximately 15% of our hit-and-run suspects are immigrants, refugees or new Portlanders that's what irnp stands for in Multnomah county in 2013, 8,100 requests for interpreter services were here at Multnomah county at the court house. A majority of those are for traffic related offenses. This is from the ojd the 2012 u.s. Census, 14% to 24% in Portland metro actively speak a foreign language on a daily basis in their home. 17% were foreign-born that has gone up to 20% now nearly a quarter of our populous is foreign-born.

Fritz: The 15% is about what you'd expect, on the previous slide?

Abrahamson: That's just from and again without getting into a lot of details Oregon crash report, you cannot track or trap ethnicity. This is hit-and-run suspects as far as victims we're seeing about a 30% of victims are not equipped to safely operate or maneuver whether its driving a vehicle or if it's a vulnerable user on a bicycle. So about 30% victims. And again, due to transportation needs, it's not feasible a lot of times for immigrants coming in to use mass transit. To seek their occupations and livelihood. We approached east Portland action plan, and again I cannot say enough in the last two years of obtaining grants both years I have been so impressed. I grew up in east county and went to David Douglas I lived there in east county until two years ago. To see the proactive investment of the community, I have been impressed. I truly have been. So epap graciously granted us with funds for the first class last year, we had 170 students last year from 24 different countries 23 languages to come in and receive hands-on driver education training two full days of hands on driving education at our training facility. And two full days of classroom training with Portland police officers from the traffic division, from Oregon driving education center, driving instructors, from Oregon impact with impairment panels. We brought in Oregon department of transportation, Portland bureau of transportation Sharon White has been exceptional to work with. So we've tried to leverage resources and also here in our minority communities, they have introduced me to 20 different heads of communities that I have had the privilege to meet with and we've drawn them in and built relationships and this has been phenomenal. This really has been a process where we have several different rotations of hands on driver training. It takes place again at the training facility on 10 acres. Oregon driver's education brings in 10 instructors each weekend. We get to partake in that to really break down the pretense of the uniform. They are taught how to park, how to -- every single kind of concept you can think of in driver education, as far as

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keeping their eyes up, the fundamentals, vision, the concepts. To see them come in nervous and walk away empowered has been such a gift. As least 80% of all our students are women. If you talk about equipping the public and being a sanctuary city and providing equity across the board this has been an amazing opportunity investment.

Fritz: Was that because more women applied? Or was there a special outreach?

Abrahamson: In different cultures, it's not the norm for them to have the privilege to drive and even from this program we found out there's a lot of other resources we're able to introduce. Where domestic violence increases when they come here, if they're a victim overseas, the abuse increases here. The ability for them to learn skills to be able to drive is also needed for them and their families. Again, this is broken down barriers between the police and the community. We have about 70 students every month that go through this program. The need is huge. We have about 8,000 students over the age of 18 that attend esl programs either at pcc in east county or mount hood community college and the demand is overwhelming right now. We truly need to have permanent funding for this course or it will die on the vine. This is our second to the last year to be provided funding. From this last we're also from last year qualified for a micro grant for the city of Portland we used that to leverage other resources. We have 19 languages that Portland police officers speak. We've translated into seven languages our diversion class into seven languages now. We are working with Portland state's flagship program through the Russian department to translate the dmv manual because we have 180,000 Russian-speaking citizens here within the metro Politian area. We're using these resources and relationships that have been created through this program, to really try to advocate on the behalf of those that are underserved.

Fritz: How much does it cost, per year?

Abrahamson: It costs -- frankly, to do this right, right now, we've been seeking out grants and have been putting the bandages, about \$55,000 to \$70,000 if we're going to put on three to four classes a year. The demand is huge. It just is. And I mean, I can get into further discussion that we've had with Oregon department of transportation and department of motor vehicles outside of this venue. But the need is there and I believe that it will fall on our shoulders. So the hope --

Saltzman: You are getting funding from the east Portland action grant?

Abrahamson: We have. Permanent funding needs to come from the city it needs to be earmarked every single year outside the east Portland action plan. We use some of the funds from micro grant to broaden the scope outside the east community this last year and we have 1,000 students that want to take this class right now. We just don't have resources. Our hope is that a ripple effect will occur within these communities that the training that takes place at these classes, that will be taken back to their families and the communities and they'll be equipped to safely operate on our roadway system. With that said, I would ask one last thing. Again, as a sanctuary city, I would ask that permanent funding be allotted and slated for this program. It is needed. I can provide you with a list of immigrants, within the last five years, who have died in fatal crashes here in our Portland streets and the majority in east Portland. These victims no longer have a voice. I'm asking you to specifically speak on their behalf and on their community's behalf and provide funding for this so they can be equipped. Lastly, without providing funding for this, and equitable resources to the underserved communities, how can we expect to realistically obtain and embrace vision zero objectives here in our community? To educate, to empower, to equip, to bring down barriers of police, to reduce significant crashes and ultimately save lives. Without this being funded, I don't see how we obtain that. I want to thank east Portland action plan. Lastly, I would like to invite each of you to this May class, come see what we're doing, please. Thank you. [applause]

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Saltzman: Have you ever talked with the vision zero implementation team about funding this through vision zero funding?

Abrahamson: You know, funding was not available when we started this. Before I went over to the crash team three years ago, I saw the increase in crashes, I went to odot and applied for a grant. There was no funding. It wasn't until I went to the crash team, engaged in relationships and was pointed in the right direction of Lore Wintergreen, that I obtained funding and funding is outside of government funding. This is an interesting topic.

Saltzman: I will pledge to take a look at this and see if we can fund it through our vision zero monies. [applause]

*****: Commissioners, it's my honor to introduce the next two members. JoAnn Hardesty and deo bustola.

JoAnn Hardesty: Good afternoon. I am JoAnn hardesty and I have the pleasure of serving as the co-chair of the grant committee for the east Portland action plan. I'm here to discuss with you the grants committee and the process that the grant committee uses to make its funding decisions. Before I go there, I just want to say, first, reiterate why the east Portland action plan even exists. It exists because those of us who live east of 82nd got tired of not being considered when the city was making budget decisions and we, as a community, we've got community members, we've got government, we've got non-profits all coming together monthly to talk collectively about how we can improve the lives of community members, who live in east Portland. I know commissioner Fritz has visited us a few times. Others have come once or twice. We meet every month and all of you are invited because what you see is democracy at work. What you see are community members, who didn't wait for government to come in and start fixing their problems that we had. What you see is a community that came together and collectively developed a shared governance structure and with support of mayor Sam Adams and commissioner Amanda Fritz and the entire city council, what you see are dedicated community members who are willing to volunteer their time to make their community better and so, let me tell you about the grants committee. The grants committee is made up of volunteers who are not applying for grant money, who come together and read anywhere between 25 and 50 proposals, each grant cycle. And then we score them and as a committee, we come together and we decide what our priorities are. Based on the priority list that we have already agreed to, as the epap committee. And then, we prioritize what we're going to fund. And then, we have to debate because as you can imagine with 12 people making a decision about funding, there are 12 different opinions about what we should fund, with limited funding. And so we appreciate the fact that the city has allowed us to use a participatory budgeting model to actually prioritize the desires of the community in east Portland. And so, the -- and so the -- for example, we used to have two grant cycles. We had a civic engagement grant and then we had a general grant. The civic engagement grant was very specifically around culturally-specific programming to insure we were engaging people who English isn't their first language or there were other barriers to them engaging with their government. These are not multi-cultural projects. These are projects that are culturally-specific, to specific communities. In addition, they are either racially or ethnically-specific, which means language interpretation and other resources are used to support the civic engagement grants and I have privilege of sitting here with one of our 2016 grant recipients that will tell you about that project and then I'll tell you what grants we're proposing to fund.

Deo Bastola: So, my name is Deo I am from the Bhutanese community so we are running the esl and citizens class every Sunday in the midway alliance and so in the beginning, we have 32 students and out of the 32 students we had two students sitting in the back right now holding the sign. So, even I use the sign language for them and so they are able to

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have whole U.S citizenship. Out of 32 students only nine students so far got citizenship because of esl. So in the beginning, we divided the classes between two groups. A+ and b. The a+ means those are able to make a few sentences, a few words for example like a dog bag etcetera, but the b groups, they are not able to know what is uppercase and lowercase. So we struggle really, really hard for them to know which one is uppercase and lowercase. We have students between the ages, from 27 to 80 years old. And so, 80 years old is my dad, who would be a u.s. Citizen three months ago right now. He is sitting in the back. [applause] and so he is really, really proud to be the u.s. Citizen because of esl. So, it's not only the one. There are some other students of 74, 72 and 68, they already be the u.s. Citizens because of esl. So, we are holding the class every Sunday for two hours, the first one hour is for esl and the second hour is for citizenship. So, in the beginning, it's very, very hard for me and our teachers and everybody else. Who have to hold their hands, the support in the elbow and to write their alphabet. The hands -- because some small problems. We add finally to get a u.s. Citizenship 9 students out of 32. We are working with that one because we want to reach our 100%. Still, we are working with that one. So -- and so, esl is really, really important for all the immigrants, not only for the committee, it is really, really esl is important worldwide. English is our second language. Whenever we stop in the store or school or medical, we have translators so I'm bring that up side by side from a couple of years ago after I finished my cna and so -- but I guess, without esl, there's no life for all the immigrants. Esl able to get citizens, so citizens really important for all the immigration because I'm a refugee, we all are refugees so I've been here for u.s. For nine years so I got a u.s. Citizen already. Before that, when I can't find a better job, they ask me, are you a u.s. Citizen or not? I said no. It takes me awhile to get a u.s. Citizen. So after I be a u.s. Citizen, I hold a nursing license, too. And I have a better job now and esl and the citizens is really important for all the immigrants. And so I want -- we want ours to be continued for the next for esl and the citizenship. [applause]

Fritz: I just have to note one of the signs that says, now I have it because of esl. Now I have a job and I paid taxes because I remember the first year I was employed here and I paid taxes, it was such a thrill to fill out the form.

Bastola: Those are all signs they wrote by themselves because in the beginning, they don't know what is alphabet. Some of them didn't know how to make a couple of words so then they do two classes and that's all their job.

Fish: Can I add one thing? JoAnn Hardesty brought us back to the history. And it's important we go back to our history. I want to acknowledge a few other people that I think deserve to be recognized. One is senator Jeff Merkley. It was in fact Merkley who was part of the convening committee, along with Tom Potter who was a mayor who walked the talk on this. I want to acknowledge Mayor Potter and Jeff Merkley, who lives in east Portland. I also want to acknowledge that it was one of the proudest votes that Dan and Amanda and I have passed was the establish of EPA in 2009 and thanks to the advocacy of the people in this room, the ability to convert the funding to ongoing funding. Commissioner Leonard was very passionate about this enterprise and fought for it while he served. So, there were a lot of folks, particularly from east Portland and including people here and neighbors who fought for this. We hear you loud and clear about the fact that you've changed the debate is evidence today because you're here positively advocating for changes to the budget and changes to the policy and I'm old enough to remember, Linda, when the conversation was not that way. It's created a structure and framework for us as colleagues and neighbors and friends to have these discussions and I'm extremely grateful for this process.

Saltzman: I have to excuse myself. I have the fire chief waiting for me. It's been a great report and I fully support the grants and everything you're doing.

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Hardesty: Thank you, commissioners. And madam president, so wonderful to say that, madam president. And commissioner Fish, I want to say thank you for the remembrance of that history. We see ourselves as partners, so we don't see ourselves as weaklings coming to city hall begging for crumbs, we see ourselves as powerful community members who know what our community needs and we're coming here to say ok time for you to step up. So, thank you for that.

Fritz: That's a really important point because a lot of the journalists want to write about, oh, poor east Portland. I always say, go visit the east Portland action plan and look at what they've accomplished.

Hardesty: If you want to engage your community, come to a epap meeting. You will notice several things happen at every epap meeting, food is served, childcare is provided, translation is provided and every voice is heard. It's a great model for anyone who wants to do governance.

Fish: As valuable as it is for us to go to those meetings, what I have been impressed with is the ability of people in this room to come to city hall and lobby city commissioners around the things they care about and many of the wins that are being documented are a result of that advocacy and relationships that have been built through this process and I think that, that's a powerful lesson.

Hardesty: Thank you. And so I have only a couple more things to say. So, I told you about the civic engagement grant. I told you, we used to have a general grant. But the epap members decided last year that we would combine our grants. A, because we were killing our staff person, who is making lots of copies, preparing us to be able to conduct these two grants, once every six months. And what I think is remarkable is as a committee, to every person, we voted not only would we combine the grants into one, but we would prioritize making sure that civic engagement, engaging communities that English isn't their first language, new Portlanders, immigrants, refugees people of color that we would prioritize them in our one grant cycle per year. We were very clear, we wanted to make sure that everyone around the table understood what we were prioritizing and I am pleased to say we had unanimous support for making this change. It shows the quality of the people we're working within east Portland. And so I don't want to take too much more time, but I do want to let you know what grants we are asking you to affirm this year, for the 2017 civic engagement someone mentioned that every grant is leveraged. It is leveraged with people power or additional financial resources. And so I will quickly go through this list. It's exhibit A in your packet. As you can see, we're recommending funding for east African literacy and education project, we will be funding them at \$9,450. They were able to leverage an additional \$5,766. Weatherization, lead prevention workshop for Russian-speaking communities, they will be funded at \$7,623 and leverage \$15,500. We are Slavic people it is our culture; they were funded at \$13,828. And are able to leverage an additional \$70,500. New American initiative, east Portland. They will receive \$6,000 and were able to double that to \$12,050 needs assessment of underserved older adults they asked for \$5,720 of funding. They were able to leverage another \$2,500 to make that project happen this year. In addition, families -- healthy families, I can't say that, I'm not a Spanish speaker. So, help me, people. We funded \$14,000. They were able to leverage \$40,400. Peer court and family empowerment project will be awarded \$12,535 and were able to leverage an additional \$19,485. And last but certainly not least, Jim pepper fest, the fifth annual Jim pepper fest native arts festival was funded at \$4,840 and were able to leverage an additional \$26,620. That is our list of recommended grants for our civic engagement for 2017. Impressive list. Any questions? We have more speakers coming, sorry. I was so thrilled.

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Fish: Can I ask you a time frame I have to actually go to the rose cdc event to raise money for them. How many more speakers?

Hardesty: Just three more and less than 10-15 minutes, max? I'm sure we could shorten it because we certainly don't want to lose a quorum.

Fish: There's going to be no drama about the vote, too. We do want to hear --

Hardesty: We're going to move --

Fish: We've asked a lot of questions, so it's on us.

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Hardesty: If the next three will come up while I'm introducing you, Jamal Dar, saara hirsi and shelly stratton. Thank you very much.

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Hardesty: My bad, thank you.

Jamal Dar: Commissioners, thank you for your tireless and patient work. It is not easy to sit in front of so many people, all day, and listen to all of us whining. But I think it is a part of the deal, a part of the job that you sign it and I think you guys are doing a great job and I appreciate that.

Fish: It is a pleasure to have you in the audience. We've had some visitors that aren't as constructive in the way they engage us so thank you.

Dar: I'm Jamal Dar. I'm representing east African literacy and education project. I want to recognize Amanda Fritz; she came into our fundraising in 2011 at Jackson middle school thank you for that. Since 2009, this organization has been a champion to help immigrants. Especially in the east African population. We have started by developed youth development program to Portland metro area and we now have more than over 648 kids in our program. We receive -- we will be willing to utilize that funding from epap. Epap are the bridge between the city, between the government, between the state and the community that we represent. So, I would definitely advice you to keep that connection and I would not be here today without the epap. So that is how important they are and we want to keep them forever. The literacy is for not only for the youth, but also parents. We did, in January of 2015, we sponsor somalin leaders, over 45 members of our communities to understand and bridge the gap of lack of education, especially the graduation rate in Somali community it was 58%. So, from that, the community formed a task force that was specifically for the Somali community. The task force then implements a plan where not only necessarily we have for the youth, but also to close that gap between the children who are accepting this different society, different culture, different behavior and those who do not speak English. In doing that it kind of benefits both aisle. So the two parents and the children can understand one another. So, with that, we increase the education rate tremendously for -- at least 10% or more within six months. And, because of this funding, we were able to reach people with disability programs and have -- definitely appreciate madam president, I was part of a new Portlanders commissioners a couple Saturdays ago and I definitely felt that it is important, not only for the leaders of our society, you, but also in our community to help individuals who are disabled. The Somali population has come with two package. One is ignorance, second is a civil war on issues and on top of that, those individuals will come to the United States have at least one or two members in disability, intellectually or delayed members. It is very important for us to engage and educate those individuals and not only the community that we represent, but also into society and help them to get a job. So, I want to thank you. Everything that you guys do and I appreciate all the hard work that epap did. So, thank you.

Natalya Sobolevskay: Good evening my name is Natalya Sobolevskaya I am bilingual in Bachocha and English and Russian. Since I came to Portland in 2000, I have working for non-profits. Now I'm [audio not understandable]. Thank you for the opportunity to receive

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the epap civic engagement grant and lead prevention workshops for Russian-speaking communities. I have a great deal of experience working as a liaison to the Russian-speaking community. I have been an active member of epap since its beginning. I am a 2009 graduate of pilot program in leadership for the center of inter cultural, I co-founded the russian speaking network. I started the crime prevention workshop program, with a grant from epap. Work with teens and parents to reduce crime within the Slavic community. I'm a member of the new borders and policy commission. Also, I teach Russian to children at my church. Through all my experience, a passion to reach out to Russian-speaking community members, I will serve as a primary person for these grant project. I know there is a great need for community project services in the Russian community. Especially low-income homeowners in east Portland. Working in the community to educate I insure all participants receive visitation and lead workshops in Russian and then instructions will be culturally-specific. As a result of the workshop the participants will be empowered to make their homes more energy-efficient, safe and comfortable and even save money on their monthly energy bills. Participants will learn about lead poisoning and prevention and ways to safely deal with lead. I will introduce participants to epap and its programs and committee to encourage to become involved in epap communities. This project will address epap's strategy plan of improving the appearance, quality and safety on their homes and explaining the numbers of households taken advantage of home repair assistance programs, in east Portland. Community project is highly removing barriers to reach increasingly underserved groups, such as new immigrant population and other people of color. These groups often experience language barriers and can be distrustful of government and government related agencies. Cp is in the 1% of the Slavic community in 2015 and 16, striving to reach more. This grant will help tremendously in our efforts. Workshop program started in underserved Portland populations. Low-income families, minorities in other historically marginalized groups. About 17% of the clients are extremely low-income. Leaving 30% of the family median income \$20,000 for a family of four. Coming into the project will offer 5 workshops dedicated to Russian-speaking communities. Russian-speaking communities include immigrants, not just from Russia, but from Ukraine, Armenia, and other former regions that lead their own culture and languages. Up to 15 participants will be able to be in each class totaling 75 participants. Each is hands-on education about visitation and lead prevention. Classes teach to multiple learning styles and are really interactive with hands-on demonstrations. They encourage participants to ask questions and make sure board is being presented is understood. Community education project has offered its service to Portland community for nearly 40 years. Now working with more than 20 partners to bring the workshops to epap has made the neighborhood associate, gateway. Thank you for funding epap civic engagement grant and we ask the council to continue to support them as these grants allow many immigrant low income community members the opportunity to receive assistance with their basic needs.

Kim Harvey-Trigoso: Good afternoon, I'm Kim Harvey-Trigoso, I'm with northwest family services. We are a nonprofit organization serving the Portland metro area we've been doing this for over 30 years. Our mission is to equip people with vital skills for a life time in support of child wellbeing and stability. We are excited to propose the peer court and family empowerment workshops and those will be in Spanish. We are partnering with David Douglas high school and the project will serve students and parents and families in east Portland and those in David Douglas. We're going to have a focus on the Latino community and the peer court program addresses a strategy, L2 of the epap, which is to increase availability of useful programs, as well as epap action item L3.2, develop connections between high school students and higher education and workforce

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development. Peer court is a justice program that engages high school students to gain experience in law and criminal justice professions and provides a valuable service to the community by holding peers with first-time misdemeanor offenses accountable without involvement in the juvenile justice system. The family empowerment workshops address eapap's strategy L4, which is to increase the academic success of east Portland. K-12 students and L7, increase parental involvement and access to public k-12 schools. It's a two-hour multi-family workshop that can be a launching point for parents and teens to develop understanding and empathy to understand one another's experiences. They gain a greater knowledge about the developing teen brain, how to support their teen during this time of growth and change, the negative effects of drug and alcohol and the long-term effects of truancy. Parents and their teens practice communication skills and create a sense of shared values. So, why fund this project? Peer court provides important skills for college and workforce development, like public speaking skills, increased confidence, professionalism, experiencing criminal justice field and leadership opportunities that can simulate into higher education. It promotes family communication, prevention education on drugs and alcohol, adolescent development and parent involvement in school, which can lead to improved academic success of students. Our deliverables are to recruit 25 to 30 east Portland high school students who will be recruited and train to become peer attorneys, jurors and bailiffs in our teen court hearings. So, the trainings will happen at David Douglas high school and the court hearings happen at the east county courthouse. They look very real. [laughter] they're simulated court trials. And, the students will receive training for licensed attorneys and judges and they get a five-hour training a year with additional coaching throughout the year. We will have up to 30 peer attorneys who will put their training into practice and do monthly training and will participate in peer court hearings. For family empowerment, we will recruit up to 75 Latina youth and parents to attend the workshops to be held in Spanish at David Douglas and those workshops will be available monthly during the school year. Latina parents will be recruited to co-facilitate and co-lead small discussions, as well as to help with additional follow-up training opportunities for parents, parent skills training for parents who have students with attendance issues. And, this project would involve a lot of participating and working together with parents and students for peer court. We utilize students to reach out to other students and our youth attorneys get to train those younger students who are starting in the program and it's a really great mentoring experience and for parents, there will also be co-facilitating with us on some of the workshops. That's it.

Eudaly: We have one more speaker, Mustafah Finney.

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Eudaly: Does that mean Mustafah can say whatever he wants after we're done and we have to do it? [laughter] it's been a long day. So, should we --

Fritz: Move to adopt the report or accept the report?

Fish: Second.

Eudaly: Okay, please take the roll.

[roll call]

Fish: Well, I want to thank everybody for another outstanding report and there were some things in the report that frankly troubled me greatly and the trend line on affordable housing investments in east Portland, I'd like to go back and look at those numbers. That concerns me. I don't have a good answer as to why we don't do mapping anymore at budget time.

And --

Fritz: Commissioner, we actually do. I was going to cover that.

Fish: I don't have a good answer of why we don't have a discussion about the maps because it's not part of any presentation and therefore, there's no community dialogue and

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I thought we were making progress in thinking about how to do mapping. It's still an imperfect science and I'm an example because I lead the public utilities and we had a stretch where we were working in two buttes and Mount Tabor so the numbers were very skewed in terms of the eastern part of our city. Our focus is Willamette river crossing and the reservoirs in Washington park. It still benefits the whole city but our capital spending will look fundamentally different. It's not because we're being oblivious to the equity lens it's the sequence of doing major capital work. Nonetheless -- I'll defer to commissioner Fritz to this. I thought mapping was an interesting exercise. I also have heard some strong arguments for continued investments in things which I think we ought to invest in and I'm going to go back, just in closing, to something someone said. In 2004, when I first had conversations with people in east Portland, what I often heard was, no one cares what we think in city hall and for small businesses, I heard, we're moving to Clackamas. Today, it's a partnership. In terms of a community planning exercise, epap has done more to create not just a space for these conversations, but a deepening of relationships. And, I know we have a lot of catching up, but I don't want the historical deficit to obscure the progress we're making on a whole host of fronts and it's because of relationships and a framework and epap has had a lot to do with it. When I say epap I mean the citizen volunteers who have given their time to making this thing come alive. So, I'm very proud of this and I think commissioner Fritz, as I look back to the votes you and I have cast as we've had overlapping service, this would have to be one of the handful I'm most proud of, helping to launch it, helping to fund it and helping to put that funding out of harm's way. Thank you for your continued work educating us. I've taken copious notes about things we're falling short it's a work in progress, but I'm very pleased to accept the report. Aye.

Fritz: Well, thank you, everybody who was here. The budget mapping is institutionalized. The budget office does it and it's up on their website. During the presentation, I looked up city of Portland budget mapping and you get right to it. As commissioner Fish pointed out the problem is that we haven't had a discussion about it. So that part, we did -- potentially mayor Wheeler wasn't aware of it because he plans the budget hearings and work sessions. Agreed and commissioner Fish said earlier, that one's on us. I want to add to commissioner Fish's list of people to credit. With support one would be Charlie Hales who was one that said at the beginning of his term, epap, tell us how -- what's your plan for a glide to not existing anymore and over time came to understand that not only is that not happening, but there's a need for ongoing funding and made that happen and that, again, was due to the community doing the work and making it really clear to Mayor Hales that this is what you get and we will continue to upgrade. It was unfortunate that in the auditor's audit in the neighborhood audit, she didn't look at the east Portland action plan as part of the work that is being supported through partnerships and I think that's, for me, one of the most exciting things that I've seen over the eight years I've been on the council, there's so many increasing back and forth with the east Portland neighborhood office, the epap and really working together and the best of each coming to help the others. So, I'm really happy about that. The piece you didn't bring up this year, but last year, coordination between the bureaus and coordination between council offices. And the request last year was let's have a person within city hall or within here who would be responsible for tracking all of the epap action and whether they were done or not. At the time I said it would be better to coordinate between council offices and offered to do that. My bureau assignment was a heavy load over the last year and now that I have an assignment that has more capacity for myself and my staff, I will put that on my to-do list to figure out how can we do that better so that it's not all on you to do the reporting so it's more of a partnership. As commissioner Fish said I've also made copious notes about things that I'm

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going to follow-up on and get back to you on and I'm very grateful for the work going on in the community, that we are partnering. Thank you. Aye.

Eudaly: Well, thank you, everyone, for your hard work on this presentation. And, I have candy bars for those of you who made it to the very end. [laughter] that wasn't planned. I think my staff is trying to kill me with candy. You're doing incredibly vital work in east Portland. I've been to a couple of epap meetings and I tell the story often. When I received the agenda in advance for my first epap meeting, I thought, oh, lord, how many days is this going to take? I was so impressed with how the meeting was run and how -- just how efficient and -- and organized everyone was and it was a great experience. Lore, I would love to follow-up with you on the accommodations piece, I'm particularly interested in that, as well as seeing if we could find some more funding for those civic engagement grants, in the future, because as JoAnn hardesty illustrated, the grantees are leveraging an incredible amount of community resources and really making the most of those grants and I also obviously have a particular interest in your housing issues, as well as achieving some of those vision zero goals out in east Portland because of recent tragic events. I'm done now. Aye.

Fish: So, I apologize, madam present, that I have to go. It doesn't preclude taking testimony. We just can't act. Had we had another member, there would probably be a motion to slap an emergency clause. I don't think there's drama supporting recommendations for the grant.

Fritz: We could add one next week.

Eudaly: We'll be accepting it after mustafah?

Fritz: We accepted it now.

Eudaly: It's accepted.

Fritz: Thank you for your patience.

Mustafah Finney: I had a longer presentation, but with time, I'm going to cut it short. My name is mustafah Finney and I'm the new co-chair of epap. Well, I'd written that honestly, I would love to hear what you all think of epap, but you gave me a nice piece of your mind so I can cut that piece out. You know, I sit on a lot of different committees and meeting circles and some groups, as you know, you sit there and wish you were somewhere else because you know after all the talking, nothing's going to happen. In this essence, just meeting to meet. This group is not like that. These fine older folks were able to sway my young spirit and bring me onboard because I felt moved and motivated and I felt hope. I saw a group of passionates gathered in a group and we should be thankful for groups like epap, when we lose sight of what's important and forget the faces of those at the bottom, they are here to remind us. You know, they are here to bring those small voices to the forefront and empower them to make change, as well. All of these efforts, all of these groups, all of these committees that you've heard today working and engaging in east Portland in a way that is slowly and steadily changes the mind and actions of those it touches, changing the behavior of the communities enveloped in its embrace. Advocating for the quiet voices not heard over the roar of popular anthropology. You've seen us and what we can do and now it's your turn. We need you and the position you hold to fight for these people, these families and these communities that depends on you. Thank you. [applause]

Fritz: That was a lovely way to finish it's very appropriate that the community has the last word. Thank you.

Eudaly: Congratulations on your new co-chair position. Our meeting is adjourned.

At 5:09 p.m. Council adjourned.