



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

**OFFICIAL
 MINUTES**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **17TH DAY OF MAY, 2017** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Eudaly left at 12:00 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney; and Elia Saolele and Roger Hediger, Sergeants at Arms.

Item Nos. 492, 497, 499 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		Disposition:
483	Request of Kim Smith to address Council regarding Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
484	Request of Alfredo Gonzalez to address Council regarding Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
485	Request of Ibrahim Ibrahim to address Council regarding Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
486	Request of Jocelyn Gary to address Council regarding Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
487	Request of Michael Jennings to address Council regarding Portland City Managers plan to force the closure of a world-famous art gallery (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		
488	TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Revise transportation fees, rates and charges for FY 2017-18 and fix an effective date (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM

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<p>489</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Appoint Andrés Oswill to the Planning and Sustainability Commission Youth Position for a term to expire May 31, 2019 (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 10 minutes requested Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>490</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:10 AM – Deconstruction Program Six-Month Status Report (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 45 minutes requested Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>491</p>	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:55 AM – Proclaim May 15 - May 21 to be 31st Annual Great Blue Heron Week in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 5 minutes requested</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p>		
<p>492</p>	<p>Authorize an agreement with TriMet for an estimated amount of \$20,080 to implement the Environmental Services project SW Yamhill/Morrison-SW 1st/13th Project No. E10886 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>493</p>	<p>Authorize contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for engineering services for the Columbia Blvd Wastewater Treatment Plant Waste Gas Burner Replacement Project No. E10649 for an estimated amount of \$293,939 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p>		
<p>Bureau of Planning & Sustainability</p>		
<p>*494</p>	<p>Amend the contract with Whole Building Solutions LLC, to provide an additional \$9,895 to continue work on the Cities LEAP Building Permit Review (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30005622) (Y-5)</p>	<p>188368</p>
<p>495</p>	<p>Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept an additional \$80,000 for administration of the City Master Recycler Program in FY 2017-19 (Second Reading Agenda 463; amend Contract No. 30003529) (Y-5)</p>	<p>188369</p>
<p>Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>*496</p>	<p>Authorize a grant agreement with City Repair Project to complete projects related to the KABOOM! Play Everywhere Challenge grant in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p>188370</p>

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*497	Extend agreement with the Oregon State Marine Board by three years to restrict night time use of Duckworth Dock except on certain days (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 50925) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)	188373
*498	Authorize Memorandum of Understanding to reimburse City of Seattle Department of Transportation for their response to Portland's snowstorm of January 12-15, 2017 in the amount of \$140,459 (Ordinance) (Y-5)	188371
*499	Grant revocable permits to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation to perform activities relating to Portland Rose Festival annual celebration from May 26, 2017 through June 11, 2017 (Ordinance) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)	188374
Fire & Rescue		
500	Accept a donation from the Friends of Portland Fire & Rescue Foundation in the amount of \$594 for the Portland Fire & Rescue marine program (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
Office of Management and Finance		
501	Extend term of right-of-way use agreement granted to Verizon Wireless LLC dba Verizon Wireless for mobile telecommunications services (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 180379)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
502	Extend term of a right-of-way use agreement granted to Sprint Spectrum, L.P. for mobile telecommunication services (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 185717)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
503	Extend term of a right-of-way use agreement granted to New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for mobile telecommunication services (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 185789)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
504	Extend term of a right-of-way use agreement granted to T-Mobile West Corporation, Inc. for mobile telecommunication services (Ordinance; amend Ordinance No. 185790)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
505	Increase contract with Miller Consulting Engineers, Inc. by \$150,000 to provide additional on-call engineering consultant services to the Spectator Venues Program (Second Reading Agenda 465; amend Contract No. 30005601) (Y-5)	188372
REGULAR AGENDA		
506	Proclaim the month of May to be Older Americans Month in Portland (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish) 10 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE

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<p>507</p>	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Citywide Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10562 for \$7,800,000 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>508</p>	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder for construction of the Tabor-Powell Sewer Rehabilitation Phase II Project No. E10382 for an estimated \$1,875,000 (Second Reading Agenda 469; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>	<p>188375</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Development Services</p> <p>509 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 (Findings; Previous Agenda 450; Introduced by Mayor Wheeler; LU 16-186417 CP ZC) Motion to adopt findings: Moved by Fish and seconded by Saltzman. (Y-3; Eudaly absent, Fish recused)</p>		<p>FINDINGS ADOPTED</p>
<p>510</p>	<p>Amend the Comprehensive Plan Map designation and amend the Zoning Map for property 2815 SW Barbur Blvd (Second Reading Agenda 451; LU 16-186417 CP ZC) (Y-3; Eudaly absent, Fish recused)</p>	<p>188376</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Environmental Services</p> <p>511 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 470) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept report: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>		<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>512 Vacate a portion of NE Couch St east of NE 3rd Ave subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance; VAC-10112) 10 minutes requested</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Office of Management and Finance</p> <p>*513 Grant a temporary, revocable permit to Portland General Electric Company dba World Trade Center Properties for electric vehicle charging station services (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-4; Eudaly absent)</p>		<p>188377</p>

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*514	Increase on-call contract with Scott Edwards Architecture, LLP by \$400,000 and add qualified subconsultants to provide owner's representative services for the Providence Park stadium expansion project (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30005604) (Y-4; Eudaly absent)	188378
515	Authorize revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to provide not more than \$20 million to finance space in a project to be located on SW 4th Ave and SW Montgomery St (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM

At 1:06 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY, 2017 AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish, Fritz and Saltzman, 5. Commissioner Eudaly left at 4:19 p.m., 4.

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:03 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.

The Portland City Council Budget Committee recessed at 4:12 p.m. and convened as PDC Budget Committee at 4:19 p.m.
The meeting recessed at 4:30 p.m. and convened as City Council at 4:30 p.m.

516 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Approval of the FY 2017-18 budget for the City of Portland (Mayor Wheeler convenes Council as Budget Committee) 1 hour requested Motions below.	Disposition: PLACED ON FILE AS AMENDED
517 TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM – Approve the Annual Budget of the Prosper Portland for FY 2017-18 (Mayor Wheeler convenes Council as Portland Development Budget Committee) 15 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE
518 TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM – Work Systems Inc. update on workforce development activities (Presentation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested	PLACED ON FILE

At 5:18 p.m., Council recessed.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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MOTIONS Item 516.

Item 516 Approval of the FY 2017-18 budget for the City of Portland

Motion to consider the changes to the Proposed Budget as presented in the memo filed with City Council, dated May 9, 2017, titled “Approval of the FY 2017-18 Budget for the City of Portland”. Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz.

1. **Motion to amend Attachment D, specifically the budget note “Build Portland”.** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz (Passed Y-5)

Build Portland

As part of the Build Portland initiative started in the FY 2017-18 Budget, the plan includes a schedule of periodic debt issuances for infrastructure repair, rehabilitation, and replacement ~~beginning in FY 2024-25~~. Council directs the City Budget Office to highlight for Council include in the General Fund forecast the future debt service costs as soon as the next proposed debt issuance falls within the five-year forecast timeframe and discuss with Council the costs and benefits of proceeding with the program. ~~The cost estimate will be based on input from the Build Portland oversight committee and the City’s Debt Manager.~~ Council expresses its intent to hold a work session during the Summer of 2017 to discuss Build Portland. In the fall of 2017, the Mayor will present to Council a binding resolution to formalize the City’s commitment to Build Portland.

2. **Motion to amend Attachment D, specifically to remove the budget note “Taxes Returned from Urban Renewal”.**

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fish (Passed Y-5)

Taxes Returned from Urban Renewal

~~Council directs the City Budget Office to work with the Portland Development Commission and the Office of Management and Finance to forecast and return to City Council with a plan to allocate a portion of the taxes returned from urban renewal beginning in 2021 to support citywide economic development activities managed by the Portland Development Commission. As part of that ongoing process, PDC will periodically review with Council how taxes returned supports PDC’s Long-Term Business Plan including planned economic development programing and outcomes.~~

3. **Motion to amend Attachment D, specifically to add the budget note “Achieve Full Cost Recovery for Police Secondary Employment”.** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. Passed (Y-5)

Achieve Full Cost Recovery for Police Secondary Employment

Council directs the Portland Police Bureau to implement a rate model that achieves full cost recovery for the secondary employment hours worked by police officers that provide private benefit to a specific business, property, or individual. The cost recovery model shall include both direct and indirect costs, and full cost recovery rates shall be completely phased in by FY 2020-21.

4. **Motion to increase funding to Open Signal (formerly Portland Community Media).** Moved by Fish and seconded by Eudaly. Passed (Y-5)

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Reverse the five percent reduction in the City's grant to Open Signal for community digital media and literacy services. Reversing this reduction will increase the City's FY 2017-18 grant to Open Signal by \$44,819, for a total grant amount of \$896,379. The funding source for this add will be a \$44,819 ongoing reduction to General Fund contingency. Amend attachments B, C, and E as necessary.

5. **Motion to amend Attachment D, specifically the budget note "Joint Office of Homeless Services Funding Conversation"**. Moved by Fish and seconded by Eudaly. Passed (Y-5)

Joint Office of Homeless Services Funding Conversation

Council directs the City Budget Office to coordinate a work session to discuss the City's role in supporting the efforts of the Joint Office of Homeless Services, which will include a discussion of current and future funding levels, including funding sustainability.

6. **Motion to update Attachment D to change the reporting from Parks & Recreation.** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. Passed (Y-5)

Long-Term Financial Plan

Council directs Portland Parks & Recreation to develop a long-term financial plan, which specifically outlines options to address SDC-funded system expansion and long-term major maintenance needs. This plan should outline alternative funding options and possible service tradeoffs if new resources for O&M and major maintenance needs are not available. ~~This plan should~~ A status report shall be submitted to Council along with the bureau's FY 2018-19 requested budget. The full long-term financial plan should be submitted to Council by December 2018.

7. **Motion to allocate a portion of proceeds from the tax on the sale of recreational marijuana to fund Vision Zero activities.** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Saltzman. Passed (Y-5)

Reduce the current ongoing Recreational Marijuana Tax fund allocation for the Service Coordination Team (SCT) by \$1,464,958, and reallocate to fund Vision Zero traffic safety work on an ongoing basis. Reduce one-time General Fund support for Vision Zero by \$1,464,958 and reallocate to the Portland Police Bureau to backfill the reduction in funding for the SCT on a one-time basis.

8. **Motion to amend Attachment D to add the following budget note.** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. Passed (Y-5)

The FY 2017-18 budget includes \$500,000 in Recreational Marijuana Tax revenue to be allocated via a Participatory Budgeting process, to be managed by the City Budget Office with guidance from Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz. The project managers will implement the process using the Participatory Budgeting Project's guidelines and shall report to Council by November 30th, 2017 on their progress.

Funding allocated through this process will go toward the following: support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses, including but not limited to business incubator programs, management

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training, and job training opportunities; and providing economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately-impacted by cannabis prohibition.

9. **Motion to add the following budget note on funding levels for the Commissioner office budgets:** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. Passed (Y -4, N-1 Saltzman)

Council directs the City Budget Office to evaluate funding levels for the Commissioner's office budgets relative to the Mayor's Office and make recommendations to adjust funding levels as appropriate. This may include but is not limited to establishing an appropriate ratio of Commissioner Office budgets to the Mayor's Office budget. This evaluation should be complete and submitted to Council for consideration by November 30th, 2017 in preparation of the FY 2018-19 budget.

10. **Motion to amend Attachment D, specifically the budget note "Funding for Youth Bus Pass":** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly, amended by Fish. Passed (Y-5)

Funding for Youth Bus Pass

~~The City is funding one third of the costs of the Youth Bus Pass for all Portland Public Schools (PPS) high school students again in FY 2017-18, even though providing transportation to high school students is not a core City function. Council declares its belief that the program should only be available to high school students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, and if the program continues it should be expanded to other school districts in Portland. Furthermore, Council directs PBOT to complete an independent, objective analysis of TriMet's actual costs associated with the program, either through increased expenses or foregone revenues.~~

Council is funding \$967,000 in transportation services to lower-income high school students who attend the Parkrose, David Douglas, and Portland Public School Districts. Council expresses its intent to hold a work session to determine the appropriate allocation of these resources, followed by action to appropriate those funds. Furthermore, Council directs PBOT to complete an independent, objective analysis of TriMet's actual costs associated with the program, either through increased expenses or foregone revenues.

11. **Motion to amend Attachment D to add the following budget note.** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. Passed (Y-5)

Open and Accountable Elections Program

The City's public matching campaign finance program is to be implemented in time for the 2020 election. Council directs the City Budget Office to conduct an analysis of the staffing and operational needs of the program and report back to Council with recommended funding levels for FY 2017-18 and beyond. CBO is also directed to make a recommendation as to the appropriate location of this function.

12. **Motion to amend Attachment D to add the following budget note.** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Fish. Passed (Y-5)

Office of Community Technology

The Office of Community Technology (OCT) is currently a division of the Bureau of

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Revenue and Financial Services. Council directs the City Budget Office to engage an external consultant that will evaluate options and make recommendations to Council on the optimal location and structure for OCT within the City's organizational framework.

13. **Motion to increase funding for Prosper Portland's Small Business Growth Program.** Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Fritz. Passed (Y-5).

Prosper Portland

Allocate \$87,500 of one-time General Fund resources to Prosper Portland to fund a second cohort of small business owners in Prosper Portland's Increase Project. The funding source for this add will be an \$87,500 one-time reduction to General Fund contingency.

14. **Motion to increase funding for Portland Parks Summer Free for All programming in Brooklyn Park.** Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fish. Failed (Y-1, N-4: Fish, Eudaly, Fritz, Wheeler)

Allocate \$10,000 of one-time General Fund resources to Portland Parks & Recreation to fund Summer Free for All Parks Program in Brooklyn Park. The funding source for this add will be \$10,000 one-time reduction to General Fund contingency.

15. **Motion to approve the budget adjustments in Attachments B, C, and D, of the memo as amended.** Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Fritz. Passed (Y-5)

Motion to approve the Budget as Amended. Passed (Y-5)

Motion to approve the tax levies: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Eudaly. Passed (Y-5)

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

Commissioner Saltzman arrived at 2:09 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Parsons, Acting Clerk of the Council; Jason Loos, Deputy City Attorney and Jim Wood, Sergeant at Arms.

519	TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Revise residential solid waste and recycling collection rates and charges, effective July 1, 2017 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Code Chapter 17.102) 2 hours requested for items 519-521	Disposition: PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
520	Authorize the rates and charges for water and water-related services during the FY beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 and fix an effective date (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM
521	Revise sewer and stormwater rates, charges and fees in accordance with the FY 2017-18 Sewer User Rate Study (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish)	PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 24, 2017 AT 9:30 AM

At 3:45 p.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Susan Parsons
Acting Clerk of the Council

For a discussion of agenda items, please consult the following Closed Caption File.

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Wheeler: Good morning everybody, this is the Wednesday May 17 am session of the Portland city council, Karla please call the roll.

Fish: Here **Saltzman:** Here **Eudaly:** Here **Fritz:** Here **Wheeler:** Here

Wheeler: Before we begin I just want to extend a couple of congratulations. First of all, I want to congratulate our city auditor Mary Hull Caballero and her team on a resounding and overwhelming victory last night on the independence effort that was referred by the Portland city council to the ballot last night, I want to thank the auditor and her team and I most certainly want to thank the voters of this community for supporting what I think is a very good and strong statement in support of government accountability. I also want to thank my colleague commissioner Nick Fish and the Portland city council who referred a tax fairness to the measure to the ballot, which also won by a landslide proportion. That was an attempt to tax fairness to make sure that out of state providers of overnight rental units were paying the same taxes as the bed and breakfast operator in St. John's might be paying, and the voters saw the wisdom in that, as well so again I want to thank commissioner Fish and I want to thank the city council and I want to thank the public for supporting what we all believe to be a very sound improvement and a big step towards tax fairness, so thank you all for that. Now before we jump into our usual testimony, I am compelled to read our statement on decorum. Some of you now know it by heart. 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 all endeavor to preserve the order and the decorum of these meetings. To make sure that the process is clear for everyone, I want to review some of the basic guidelines, which I hope will make everybody feel comfortable, welcomed, respected and safe at the meeting, and to also ensure that the decorum is maintained. There are two opportunities during the meeting for public participation. First we have an opportunity for people to sign up for communications, to briefly speak about any subject that they would like to address. These items must be scheduled in advance with the clerk's office, Karla is here today as our able clerk. Second people may sign up for public testimony on the first reading of the reports, resolutions and ordinances. If you do 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 full address. If you are a lobbyist, please disclose that. If you are here representing an organization, that would be helpful to know, as well. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left, the yellow light in front of you on the little box there, it's going to light up and there will be a beep, and then when your time is done the red light, lights up and there is a series of beeps. Conduct that disrupts the meeting, for example, shouting or interrupting other people's testimony or interrupting during the council deliberations is not allowed. Personal attacks and insults levied against the city and council staff, many of whom are required to testify is a condition of their employment, will not be tolerated. 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 subjected to ejection for the remainder of the meeting.

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Anyone who fails to leave the meeting after being rejected will be subject to arrest for trespasses, if people would like to show their support, thumbs up if you don't want to show your support that's fine, thumbs down. We just ask people not to be verbally expressive so we can keep things moving along. With that Karla please call the first communication.

Item 483.

Wheeler: Since all of you are speaking on the same subject you get three minutes but come up at the same time. That would be great.

Moore-Love: I will read the other two.

Item 484.

Item 485.

Wheeler: Jocelyn Gary, a no show today. Ok.

Kim Smith: Her grandfather is passing away suddenly.

Wheeler: I am sorry to hear that.

Smith: Thank you very much for having us. My name's Kim Smith, and I am the director of the greater Portland sustainability education network. We would like to share with you our work as well as give some updates on some projects that we have done over the last few years. We met with you in 2015 and with the commissioner, they wanted to give you an update. So understanding this itself, we are focused on collective impact and wanting to make sure that we support collaboration across sectors. In understanding the name, we are a network using sustainability communication to create a greater Portland. And so if you reference the annual report, you have that for 2016, I want to point out that we are an RCE which means a regional center of expertise on education for sustainability development, the greater Portland region has been recognized as an RCE by the United Nations. We have some fellows here from Finland who have also been recognized so that's nice to have international guests. Looking at the report we have done a lot of progress in developing education and research training opportunities, expanding our youth network and college networks, and as well as outreach and media efforts to increase our public awareness campaigns, and a variety of events. Trying to advance Portland's story around sustainability, as well as increasing opportunities for more folks to get engaged. So in looking through the report, as well as some future opportunities, we received a lot of focus from other countries and other cities around the U.S. And we are hoping that we can achieve more. We recognize there are limits and capacity, limits and funding, but we would love to have some greater support and some ideas on how to increase the cross sector collaboration to advance formal and community education, workforce training, and public awareness campaigns that address issues of sustainability development. One of the events that's coming up, and in the second handout, in the small handouts that I gave you are the focus on world environment, I don't know if you remember that Portland hosted world environment day in 2013, so we are going to be hosting a global fair so the other handout are the sustainability development goals, so if you have not been following agenda 2030, or the sustainability development goals this is an incredible effort for Portland to be highlighted, countries around the world are trying to achieve these goals, and our focus is to think about what can we do on a regional level and on a local level to help advance those efforts. So this event is happening we are going to be highlighting 17 groups focused on each of the goals that are being highlighted in the region so that's an invitation to attend but also just to think about how can we align Portland initiatives and reporting structures so that we can tell the story of the state, national, and international level around these 2017 goals. I look forward to working with you and hopefully we'll have opportunities to achieve the goals together. We really -- we are going to have Ibrahim Ibrahim next on the youth network.

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Ibrahim Ibrahim: Good morning. I am Ibrahim Ibrahim. My parents are immigrants from Sudan, and I am the coordinator for the high school gpsen youth and I am a junior at Oregon Islam academy. The role of youth and local sustainability is an important one. Although Portland does harvest several opportunities for the youth to get involved, those opportunities are not advertised to them. There is thousands of high school students in Portland public schools, but there are not that many getting involved in sustainability opportunities. And so what the gpsen youth network does strive for is to get those students who are not already involved, involved. And part of that means to communicate to Portland public schools what we're trying to do and for them to promote our initiatives to the students. Now beyond recruitment, what the youth network serves to do is promote sustainability education to the leadership of young people. We have accomplished a lot including sending me to a global r.c. conference in Indonesia to talk about the work here in Portland, and there is still a lot more that we can do. We plan on partnering with other youth groups, established under other organizations, we have started doing that already with the world affairs' council and model u.n. But we also want to get involved with local government. Trying to address local sustainability issues along with the local government as high school students, would serve as a method to incentivize other high school students who are not already involved to get involved. They feel their voices are being heard and they are going to be empowered and that they are important. The current members will field those that way and tell their friends to join the network and that's sort of the expansion of the network that leads to more youth involvement in the sustainability and beyond in Portland and hopefully across the united states. That's the goal, and this helps, like I said, with recruitment and the students getting involved in the local sustainability and that's all that I have to say. Thank you.

Fritz: I have a question, have you reached out to the Multnomah youth commission?

Ibrahim: I have been in contact with them and met with them a couple times, and hopefully in the near future we will be engaged in more conversations.

Fritz: Terrific, thank you.

Fish: Can I just ask a question were you at the met fundraiser on Saturday night?

Ibrahim: Yeah, we shook hands and exchanged some words.

Fish: I had a chance to say a few words and there were a lot of young people there and I encouraged the young people to go up to the adults in the room and get a card and ask someone to open a door or be a mentor and provide a path and as I was leaving one person came up to me, and it was this young man so I appreciate that you took advantage of that, and Asena Lawrence is in the process of setting something up.

Ibrahim: Thank you. Wonderful.

Alfredo Gonzalez Valenzuela: Good morning. I am Alfredo Gonzalez Valenzuela; I am originally from Peru. I am here representing the gpsen network but also work for the bureau of planning and sustainability. I am a recent psu graduate and I wanted to touch a bit on how the college network is an important piece of gpsen, and it's made up of higher educational institutions, happens to be Portland state, and Portland community college, and university of Portland, Lewis & Clark, among other universities, and the points that I really wanted to touch on is how we engage communities of color. I really appreciate mayor wheeler your enthusiasm to be able to reach these 100 renewable energy goals, and part of the reason why the cap -- the climate action plan was so successful is because we were able to engage communities of color in the planning process and how to reach these goals. So for me it's really important to engage these communities as we move forward through the goals that we seek, and so in order to engage those residents it's important to bring in an international component that acknowledges the roots of people. So that is one of the strategies that we're working with the college network is how we unify our

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strengths to accomplish the 17 goals. A second piece of that is how we support diverse students to get higher like myself into institutions and the environmental workforce in general and retain them and promote them as well, so for me it's important to have a space that I am able to meet people like Ibrahim and people at psu so we collaborate and share resources and mentor and support each other to move forward as a unit and that gets to the third piece is how do we do this work beyond Portland and the future of people like me can learn all these things about the sustainability that we really are not educated about in the underdeveloped world and how people like me can go on to go to different countries, back to Peru and move forward with the sustainability development goals because it's a mutual collaboration that has to happen globally. So thank you very much for your time and I look forward to more collaboration in this type of work.

Wheeler: We appreciate you coming in.

Fritz: I want to comment that I think you being hired as one of the missing pieces we've been hoping for, that we have had this presentation before in 2015, there was not that much connection with the city government so although I support your desire to go back to Peru I hope you will just visit and come back here because we really need you here and having young people under dr. Smith's guidance to further this work I know everyone on the council holds dear. So thank you very much for the work that you are doing.

Smith: You're welcome and alfredo is on our board of directors so we are having a lot of collaboration from across the regions and grateful for his support and thank you for that comment.

Wheeler: And congratulations on your success. We appreciate it.

Eudaly: How many students are involved with gpsen?

Smith: Across the region over 200 at least. There is a whole big listserv that they get – lots of different outreach and cross promotion so it's hard to kind of count who's actually attending. When we have events it's 30, 40 people.

Eudaly: Is it mostly high school students?

Smith: The college network -- the youth network is a different number but yeah. We have both the college network and then also a think tank so a lot of professionals doing research on that level so each has a different set of numbers. Sorry for not having that.

Eudaly: Just curious.

Ibrahim: We have seven members for the high school network, and everyone has their own circle of events so everyone would have 30 to 40 people.

Eudaly: I met with a fledging high school, a high school-based environmental group yesterday so I am just wondering if there is the opportunity there.

Smith: Yes, and we have a listserv and the connection and you will see on the -- both handouts the report and the card and it says to get involved just go to gpsen.org and feel free to send introductions and we'll connect them with the right people.

Fritz: I have one more suggestion to reach out to momentum alliance which is the the new diversity and civic leadership group within the office of neighborhood involvement, and they have a lot of young people, particularly people of color, that would be a great connection for you. Thank you.

Smith: Thank you.

Wheeler: That will teach you to come in and testify and we give you homework.

Smith: Of course we would love to have retirees and people of all ages and expertise involved. So glad to have our youth with us that want to also invite other students to participate.

Wheeler: Thank you very much for sharing this, this morning. We appreciate it very much. I understood that 486 is not here. Jocelyn Gary is not here, correct? Very good. Next item please, Karla. Thank you.

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Item 487.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Michael Jennings: Good morning. A Portland city contractor is planning an invasion to force the eviction and closing of an extremely successful world class block long art gallery that sells the work of over 900 artists. The gallery is a major attraction in guidebooks sold in foreign countries, for example. Forcing the art gallery to close would make downtown Portland less attractive to shoppers. Here is some details of the plans for renovation of the 10th and southwest Yamhill smart park parking structure where the gallery is located. Every year for nine years the city has threatened eviction of every tenant. Because of those threats businesses didn't improve operations that lowered the attractiveness of downtown Portland. The Portland department of transportation, the owner of the parking structure has lost \$2 million in lease fees, since eviction was planned in a few months, every year, there has been a lower month-to-month rental. Evicting businesses discourages investment, and the 10th and Yamhill parking structure needs renovations, but they must be planned and supervised by skilled Portland city managers concerned only with the best interests of the city. An unsupervised contractor may plan far more work than Necessary. Ffa architecture and interiors is the contractor. Ffa is being paid \$1.2 million to do the planning. During months of research I have seen no evidence that ffa has a necessary ability to design renovations. I have given you my eight-page review of one example of ffa's plans. Ffa's plans put racc, the regional arts and culture in charge. You can see two examples of management by racc at the bottom of page 2 of the review that I have given you. Ffa's website shows little evidence that the company has done more than make small changes to existing buildings. The website shows poor choices in my opinion. See ffaesign.com. Ffa's plans would cause 60 people to lose their jobs and over 900 artists to lose a place to sell their work. I am hoping that city managers will find a knowledgeable manager for the renovation, somebody that works for the city and has the best interest of the city at heart, and b make all plans public, and c find ways to do the renovation a little at time so no tenant is evicted, and I can provide more information. Thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Appreciate your testimony. It is my understanding that the consent agenda has been pulled, is that correct?

Moore-Love: No. 492, 497, and 499.

Wheeler: 492, 497, and 499. Can you please call the roll on the remainder of the consent agenda please?

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

Wheeler: Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. Give me one moment and let me look at the items that we pulled. Let's do this, let's go to item 488 first please.

Item 488.

Wheeler: Good morning. How are you today?

******:** Good morning.

Caitlin Reff, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Good morning, mayor and city commissioner, I am Caitlin Reff program development manager at pbot, I've been working with Christine Leon, the development permitting and transit group manager in our bureau budget advisory committee on a comprehensive look at our annual fee update. We are submitting pbots annual fee update ordinance, this ordinance is the annual update to transportation fees, rates and charges in accordance with the city policy. This concludes seven fee schedules, and a-g for parking, land use review, development and right-of-way construction and use. Temporary street is the regulatory and right-of-way use enforcement. This ordinance makes adjustments to fee rates and charges that will be effective July 1 of 2017. And the revenue from these fees and adjustments are included in

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the mayor's proposed budget for the bureau of transportation. I will focus on the development permitting and transit group fees on b, c, d, and g and with me is Dave Benson, parking and regulatory group manager, focus on a and f. The development review group of pbot relies on a cost recovery model to carry out requests from customers in reviewing and providing permits, and pbot considered how incremental adjustments could be made for fees currently below a full cost recovery without creating significant spikes to customers. Some rate increases include caps while others we have kept, below full cost recovery and are subsidized for example some community youth fees and permits and as well as development and early design assistance. Consistent with the year's past we remain committed to the vision zero and affordable housing objectives, and to provide better service, there are a couple of new fees for temporary street use and traffic control permitting. We are also very excited to take a look at permit compliance and permitted work in the right-of-way. To meet vision zero objectives, we have a new schedule for right-of-way use enforcement penalties and we will be conducting outreach and education prior to phased implementation later in 2017. So the impact statement that you have provides a summary of highlighted changes, which I am happy to elaborate on and Christine Leon as well as the dpt division managers are here today if there are any program-specific questions and I will let Dave Benson introduce the parking and regulatory schedules.

Dave Benson, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Good morning mayor and commissioner, I am Dave Benson the parking service is group manager at pbot and I will give you a high level view of the changes that we're recommending in schedule a. You will notice the meter districts; we're not recommending any meter rate changes for the metered district. I think that later this year we're likely going to come back to you and recommend some performance-based pricing approach to setting the meter rates, and in the smart park garages, smart park is as you know six garages, about 4,000 parking spaces, we're making some nominal adjustments based upon occupancy, at the 10th and Yamhill garage, we expect disruption during the construction projects so we're recommending we're going to lower the rate by \$1. Third and alder and 4th and Yamhill, we're raising \$1 these are the day rates, and O'bryant square raising the day rates, based upon occupancy and the reduced rate swing shift program, we implemented that last year. It provides parking for people of modest incomes that work in the afternoons, in downtown we sold only 40 passes as of march of this year so it's involvement or participation of that program has been modest.

Fritz: Could you do some outreach and see if you change the hours if that would make any difference?

Benson: The hours for the program are set partly due to occupancy, the garages Between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Are very full. The focus of all the smart parks is short-term parkers, so it would be hard to accommodate more parkers earlier if that's what we are getting at.

Fritz: If I am remembering correctly the lower rates starts at 3:00?

Benson: Yes.

Fritz: If it could start at 2:30, people who work 3:00 to 11:00 could use it.

Benson: We can look at that.

Eudaly: That's the standard swing shift.

Fritz: Right. You can't come late every day because of parking.

Benson: We'll be happy to look at that. The area parking permit program we charge cost recovery model \$60 to produce and area parking permit, we issued almost 40,000 parking permits last year. In future years we may want to approach it as a management tool and maybe coming back to council to request a rate increase but for now we are going to leave it in place, and on exhibit f the towing rate, these are only service fees returning to the city.

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These are not the rates that the towers charge. We are recommending implementing a \$9 derelict r.v. fee for all tows. The three commissioners that were with us last year, last November may recall that council gave us \$150,000 of general fund dollars to recycle derelict r.v.'s as you know every r.v. has virtually no scrap value, and in fact, it cost \$900 to recycle them. When we're pulling through the abandoned auto program derelict r.v.'s off the street we run them through a recycling program at city expense rather than coming back to council with, you know, continuing a request for general fund dollars we thought that we would recommend adding this derelict r.v. fee so we could continue the program going forward. I have also included some service fees. The number of tows that is we oversee is doubled. Just the abandoned auto tows and requests that we see has quadrupled in four years. We have one person that manages the towing program so we added some service fees in there for administrative cost so we could hire somebody else. That's all that I have for you. And I am happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Wheeler: I just had one question. It's really a timing question, so you are bringing these potential fee adjustments to us based on the proposed budget in anticipation of us actually approving the budget at the rates or given the levels of expenditure that we have proposed. What if things change? Do we have the opportunity between first and second reading to adjust that or what usually happens?

Benson: Generally, we come to council every year but council has the right to revisit this.

Wheeler: You mentioned vision zero for example, and I could see a scenario whereby a commissioner might say ok I like what's in the proposed vision but I would really like to see more go to vision zero, wouldn't that affect some of the fees that have been proposed around the supportive vision zero?

Reff: I think that we would have to look at it on a specific basis for each fee. There is quite a bit that's included in each schedule. We would be able to revisit before adoption.

Wheeler: I was curious having not gone through this process it struck me premature to settle in on this structure before we approved the budget, that makes sense, Caitlin thank you.

Fish: I have a question if I could. Could we turn to exhibit e for a second? A lot of documents here, and a lot of fees. So this is -- exhibit e is other transportation fees, and it includes film and video fees. You are not proposing any increases in those fees. Two questions, one is when you set those fees annually do you do that in concert with the film industry? Or how do we set these rates?

Reff: You picked a fee that's a bit more obscure.

Fish: I don't need an answer today; I would be happy with a follow-up. The second part of my question was the mayor proposed a budget note which we are going to approve that directs the city budget office to take a look at the office of film and to come up with some recommendations for how to put it on sustainability funding going forward. One of the things that we will be looking at are what fees are generated by that office and how might some of those fees support the work of the office. So two questions, I am happy to get an email. One is how do we set these fees, and number two is what do these fees bring in annually? And if I could see like over the last three years the amount that these fees come in, and these are the fees that we charge when a film wants to shoot and they need to park their vehicles at a site, and I am told by people that do film here that it is one of our competitive advantages and we provide this concierge services and they are complimentary of the services they get from pbob and the police bureau but if I could get a follow-up response in writing. Thank you.

Reff: Thank you.

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Fritz: I am always interested in the daily maximums and given we just had some testimony under citizen communications about the 10th and Yamhill garage. It looks like this is the only one going down from daily maximum from 13 to 12. All the other three are staying the same or going up \$1. Why is that change happening?

Benson: The 10th and Yamhill garage, the occupancy based upon the six-month average data is running 78%, our target is 85%. We know that when occupancy is a bit lower we can adjust occupancy with pricing. I will also offer the downtown retail council our partners in this and thinks that the rates are too low, and would have argued that we should just hold the line on the rates at 10th and Yamhill but because of the occupancy and we are looking at construction over the next year, we thought that we would lower them a dollar a day to see if we can move occupancy up a bit.

Fritz: What's going to happens when they are doing the construction? Will the whole garage be closed?

Benson: No. There will be some floors closed at various times but the goal is to keep as much parking available as we can to -- not to have -- to limit the disruption.

Fritz: You might want to reconsider that particular one because it's right next to the target and very much in the heart of the retail core, and so again if we could get the low income parking starting at 2:30 or 2:45 that might take care of the occupancy problem so something to consider please.

Benson: Thank you.

Eudaly: I also have a question. Exhibit a, area of parking programs, can you tell me where zone g and m are?

Benson: Central east side.

Eudaly: It is and that's a significant increase, 60% increase? Are we concerned at all about low income residents not being able to afford the permits?

Benson: The area of parking permit program has two components. It is a community driven program. There is an underlying charge of \$60 that I mentioned. It's our administrative cost to produce a permit. The surcharges are actually recommended by the community. The neighborhood community and they use those surcharges, what we call surcharge dollars, or the access dollars for transportation, safety projects, in their area, and for instance, they use them to reduce the cost of transit passes on the central east side there, they are looking at providing streetcar passes with the dollars. So yes, it is a significant rate increase. I don't want to speak for them but I know that their goal is to have permits more reflect the value of the actual parking. I mean when we are talking about 200 to 300, that's for an entire year. So that's a relatively inexpensive cost and that's their -- been their goal.

Eudaly: What body is making these recommendations?

Benson: They have a central east side, has a neighborhood committee, and they make these recommendations about adjusting the surcharges. The same one that northwest, you may have heard about, about they want to charge \$180, again, our underlying charge is \$60. The additional over that, the community actually directs for the transportation demand management.

Eudaly: Is there any accommodation or recourse for low income residents? They can set up monthly payments? Or they can get a discounted path?

Benson: Yes, I know in northwest they addressed this issue. And they worked on this. I can't speak to central east side but I can provide information about that.

Eudaly: I appreciate that. I don't want to set up low income residents for not being able to afford the pass and being penalized for parking without the pass, and I don't want to exacerbate the ongoing displacement of our residents in The central east side.

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Moore-Love: We have three people signed up.

Wheeler: If you could cool your heels for a bit.

Joe Walsh: Good morning, my name is Joe Walsh and I represent individuals for justice. Any time one of your staff come here with a report and they don't have the information that they should have you just stop everything. The other thing that we object to is the ongoing fines against disabled people. We would like to know how many disabled people have been forced into court in their wheelchairs, in their crutches because they have gotten a ticket for over-parking because at one time not too long ago they could park for free but you took that away because you are so damn interested in money. It's all money about you millionaires up there. With anybody that's not a millionaire up there raise their hand? I didn't think so. I know you are. What's the other one? I'm not sure about commissioner Fish.

Wheeler: Mr. Walsh, please keep your testimony on point.

Walsh: You have one of your staff sit here and say \$300 bucks is not so much. It's over a year's period. He makes \$100,000 a year: And you are millionaires. It makes no difference to you. You just screw the citizens. Over and over and over again until they run you out of office. That's what's happening. You don't understand what's happening. You will Saltzman, you will Fish, check on employment its not very high.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Robert West: I guess I will speak now. My name is Robert West with police 9-1-1. I am really concerned about your fees because I am alternative media. I am also on disability. To go get a media pass it cost over \$540, and that's only in the short period of time, and I don't have that kind of money usually. I don't get a media pass. I also got arthritis in my back and I am classified as disabled. You guys took away the downtown parking so now I need to park across the river and walk across the bridge. The other thing that I am concerned about, there is not too much disabled parking along the waterfront area. People that are disabled and the people that work over there park in the hour, two-hour spots and leave the zone g spots wide open. If someone that's disabled wants to go to omsi when they get back there is a ticket on their car but someone working over there, there is no tickets on the cars. That's wrong. You guys need to -- you need to fix what you have, either give the disabled people free parking like you did before, and now you have got paid parking up by the hospital. I think that's ridiculous to put paid parking where people are going to go in and see their loved ones. They cannot park in the garage because there was a for patient and workers only, and they charge a huge fee to park in the garage so we have to -- somewhere along the way the city council has to stop with their thing of being so greedy and say we have got to do something for the public. Ok. Pull the meters, pull the paid parking by the hospital, over by the hospital. The other thing is allow the disabled to park downtown without worrying about a ticket. Also reduce the media pass for disabled people and people that are not channel 6, channel 6 can afford those media passes like you can afford a candy bar. But disabled and low income people can't afford those media passes, and they are getting tickets. And that's wrong. It's wrong to watch someone in a wheelchair or disabled go in because they have got a parking ticket and because someone working wants to park in front of their business. Or their cars are too long in a certain spot and they are on crutches and can't get to their car in time. That stuff needs to be worked out before you say ok we'll grant all these fees and stuff like that. These fees affect people. They affect low income people and they affect residents. What are you going to do? Sit there, they are already starting to put them in the residential neighborhoods. Are you going to tell people they cannot park in front of their house without paying a fee? That's ridiculous, not the way that the taxpayers want it or our founding fathers founded this country. It's all about the big buck. How can the city make the money

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off the people? That is wrong. You are trying to push the low income out of the city of Portland.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Good morning.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good morning commissioners. For the record Charles bridge crane Johnson. Commissioner Fritz talked about the swing shift people. Last night I was at a business closing in. People who are not making \$15 an hour working in the service industry here, they are, their wage gets lower when they have to pay an hour's wage to park for their seven-hour shift, people with 30 hours spread over six days a week, something that we still have a ways to go as a society. The other thing that you all get used to is it would be impossible to discuss the not so smart park structure between Yamhill and Morrison at 10th without remembering that we killed Karen batts. The garage has a really cool shop with a lot of minorities. I never thought of it as a world class gallery but I am not really in the crowd. But the one thing that I think that you can take away from what you heard from the other two testifiers is that perhaps we're not interfacing well enough with our own structures. Last week we had the talk about advisory boards and committees. And there's been a lot of mention of disabled people but there is nothing in here that -- where pcod has had a chance to voice themselves. Maybe when commissioner novick was here and we changed the way we do disabled parking downtown, maybe they feel they had adequate voice input but I don't think that we're getting real equity here and part of that is just a screwed up Americanism. Our fees, fines and stuff, we punish people that make \$11 an hour, the same as we punish people who bill \$1100 an hour, and the city needs to move towards structures that really take that into consideration. The fines that are income-based rather than simply straight strict fee fines. I hope that, during the next three years of your administration mayor wheeler we can have progress towards that. Thank you.

Fritz: The commission on disability supported the changes on disabled parking and we have not heard that it's not working out from them. So I would let them speak for themselves if they need to.

Johnson: Thank you.

Wheeler: I think that I would also add to that, I think since it has been about six months to a year since the changes were made, it would be appropriate from time to time to review that policy and see how it's working out. I appreciate that.

Wheeler: Come on up. Good morning.

Richard White: Good morning. I appreciate the time. I wanted to just read an issue.

Fish: Put your name in the for the record.

White: I'm sorry, Richard white. I wanted to raise a quick issue regarding a fee that was mentioned in some of the exhibits. I believe it was exhibit c but not changed or specifically addressed today. That fee is land use transportation infrastructure charge or the Itic, it applies in a broad manner throughout the city of Portland. It directly targets individuals looking to develop property, build a home, maybe enhance their home, and what it does is the application of the fee can be prohibitive in any development by someone who is an individual looking to build or improve their home. It's one thing when you are a large developer and having to pay the infrastructure charges that are coming in. It is another thing when you are one person trying to just build your home in an affordable way. Again while we did not get into the specifics of it today, 600 a square foot for road frontage can be prohibitive when you are talking about the outskirts of the city of Portland. It's one thing when you are in the grid and you have a limited road frontage, and another thing when you are in a more rural area with much more expansive road frontage so I would just wanted to raise this to your attention now, and hopefully we can continue the dialogue and continue looking at how we want to address this. Another particularly cumbersome point in this is

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that there is no appeals process to it. There's no waivers. So it's either, if the fee applies to you, you are paying the whole thing regardless of the situation circumstance or anything else. And when you are talking about a fee before any sort of permitting fee, that's directly to the development that you are trying to put in, again you are kind of getting hit both ways before you can start focusing on the cost of the home itself.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, we appreciate it. Thank you. Any further board comments or discussion? Hearing none this is a non-emergency, first reading. Moves to second reading. Next item please.

Item 489.

Wheeler: Colleagues a month ago we reappointed five members to the planning and sustainability commission to new four-year terms. And today we have the opportunity to appoint for the youth position on the commission which is a two-year term. Andres oswill is my recommendation for this position. If confirmed, he will be the second youth commissioner to serve on the planning and sustainability commission. For further introduction I will turn it over to Susan. Good morning.

Susan Anderson, Director, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning mayor. Susan Anderson director of the bureau of planning and sustainability and we are excited to have Andres join the commission as our next youth commissioner. The youth position is a two-year term. So we rotate that every two years instead of four. And it's for someone who is between the ages of 8-25. Andres, there was quite a number of students and people from the community between the ages of 18-25 that applied for this. And Andres has a bachelor's degree in politics and next month will complete his master's degree in urban and regional planning at Portland state. He's been very active in the community working in the St. John's neighborhood. He worked to some degree with the housing bureau for a while and working mobilizing low income people and others in Vancouver looking at the planning process. As many of you know the planning and sustainability commission is a group of 11 individuals. They volunteer literally hundreds of hours each year. And unlike traditional planning commissions from around the country, our commission has people on it that have more than development experience. Many of them have experience and knowledge of public health, environmental issues, and climate change, and housing transportation and other issues and we did that years ago to broaden the scope so that we are not just looking at the Development but looking at the impacts on people. So the position that Andres fills brings a perspective on youth, some of you have met Maggie Tallmadge, our youth commissioner over the past few years she grew into an individual with much experience and a lot of depth and we are really excited to have Andres join us on the commission and I know that you will enjoy working with him.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Andres Oswill: Good morning.

Wheeler: And welcome. Good to see you again.

Oswill: Thank you. Nice to see you. I am grateful for this opportunity. Having the opportunity to do work in planning and what's currently happening in Portland is amazing for me, but it's really motivated to the commission to further the work the city is doing around equity, to look at how we can work towards making sure that the plans that we create are implemented and the accountability is present but I think that more than anything what I am really interested in is as I have learned more about it, finding ways to bring in a transition from just community outreach to having the community ownership of plans and to empowering and building the capacity of people so we are not just asking people for input but seeing how we can work with them so that can have a voice that's heard at the table.

Wheeler: We appreciate your willingness to step up. I have a question.

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Fish: So is Margaret Tallmadge now, has been reappointed in another capacity or is she moving off the commission?

Anderson: She's moved off the commission now, and to have time for her regular job finally.

Fish: Thank you. Very good call. Any other comments before we move to the testimony? Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: This is a voting position, right?

Anderson: Yeah.

Fritz: I know with the school board there was a youth person that voted, but didn't count, but this one is included, with the two, right? We have two petitions? I thought that we said we have two youth groups?

Anderson: It's for a two-year term instead of four years to give more people an opportunity to be in this position, it's really a great way for youth who are predominantly in college to be able to take the next step into the kinds of things that they want to work on.

Wheeler: I created that confusion because Andres is the second youth commissioner that we have had. The first is now moving off and he's coming on.

Fritz: You might want to think about having more than one, I know when I was appointed to the planning commission as one of the only activist it felt lonely so having two or three folks advocating for a particular point of view, might be more comfortable. I think in addition to the work that commissioner Fish is doing on transparency and accountability I am going to be working on how do we help and support new members of boards and commissions, and one way is to make sure that they are not the only new person or the only one of any particular groups. Just something to think about.

Fish: Can I ask one other question? I just concluded service on the search committee for the new director of the Hatfield school so I got to be reacquainted with some of the folks, the college of public affairs, and in the write-up it says you are completing your master's degree in urban and regional planning at psu. What has been your particular interest?

Oswill: I came in to do equity planning and being in Portland kind of ended up being housing so my formal specialization has been land use but really looking at how we can bring the equity to the land uses and most recently focusing on housing specifically housing policy and how policy can be used to address housing needs of the community.

Fish: Terrific, thank you.

Wheeler: Is there any public testimony on this item?

Wheeler: Good morning.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good morning commissioners. For the record Charles bridge crane Johnson. Commissioner Amanda Fritz seized my idea and something that I think that needs more discussion. Planning and sustainability other than education you cannot have a more youth-based issue. I think you know in a global context we should draw parallels to, in my personal opinion, the idiocy of the Brexit where the people that made the passing margin for the Brexit vote will be dead, dead from old age when the Brexit is actually implemented. So planning and sustainability even though we have entrenched the institution and procedures, the more youthful people with more life lady of them that we can put on the citizen committees the better that we'll be able to adapt to a fast-paced changing world and have youth advocate for situations because they are going to be living in a climate stressed world. They are going to be dealing with not so much flooding but we don't know how -- what trees, for example, are going to be dead and unstainable here because of climate changes so as you recruit, thank you for the selection mayor but also think about the whole structure as we go through there. It's more, in commissioner Fritz's basket of the scope of who is serving rather than was commissioner Fritz will be working on as far as knowing who we have got serving now but definitely this

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is an impressive move. Someone has to say murp, masters of urban and regional so he's going to get a murp.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Joe Walsh: Good morning, my name is Joe Walsh, I represent individuals for justice. We would like to --

Moore-Love: Please turn that on. Thank you.

Walsh: I am Joe Walsh and I represent individuals for justice. I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate the appointee. We love volunteers. We like the idea of volunteers coming here so that the people of Portland can learn a bit about them. We don't like it when you appoint volunteers and nobody knows who is on the commission, and we suspect that the commissions are rubber stamps for you guys. So when you say that the commission, or the committee has endorsed this thing it means almost nothing to us. When you bring them in and introduce them and we go to know them, maybe we'll change our minds which would be a good thing. So once again we would like to congratulate the volunteer. We don't like the system that's -- what's going on now, unless you continue bringing in the volunteers, and introduce us. Take a few minutes, and let them be honored and we like volunteers. We almost never go after volunteers. And if you are elected we go out. If you volunteer your time, we think that whatever your beliefs are even if they are different than mine or our organization you deserve credit. That's being the citizen that you come and you look at your politicians and say I like what you are doing. Or in our case most of the time you don't like what you are doing. Either way. It's important that we get to know each other and the volunteers even though they, they are giving their time and their effort to go to these meetings in the beginning should come here. You should give their resume and like we learned about the young man this morning, and which is impressive going after his master's degree. I like that. So again congratulations on this one. Please continue it when you appoint and all of you leaders in your own right, in your own little bureaus, please do that. If you appoint somebody bring them in and introduce them. Maybe we'll buy them a mocha.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: Mr. Walsh I will speak from myself, I ask the volunteers would they like to take time off work and be recognized and if the answer is yes we have it on the regular agenda if the answer is I am sorry I can't be there we put it on consent with the information you requested.

Walsh: Would you speak -- say that again Amanda. I didn't get it.

Fritz: My policy is when we are appointing somebody to a board of commission that I am in charge of, we ask the volunteer, would you like to come in to counselor and can you take time off work to do that. If the answer is yes, I put it on the regular agenda. If it's no we put it on the consent and have the information about that person in the documents filed for council.

Walsh: That's reasonable. We can be reasonable and disagree. But in this case we are reasonable and we agree. If the volunteer doesn't want to come in and you want to give some kind of information about the volunteer, that's cool. I think that the citizens of Portland have a right to understand who is on these committees. So when you say to me oh, the committee said it's ok. I have some understanding of who is on that committee. If I don't know who is on the committee that means nothing.

Wheeler: Appreciate it, I will entertain a motion.

Fish: Move the report.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish moves and commissioner Fritz seconds and please call the roll.

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Fish: Thank you for your willingness to serve and we look forward to working with you as we move forward. Aye.

Saltzman: Well thank you Andres for your willingness to serve but I also want to give a shout out to Maggie Tallmadge who did an exceptional role, and in fact, I am surprised to hear that she was a youth commissioner because she's so sophisticated and mature. She did a great job on the planning commission and we thank her and I appreciate her untiring advocacy for adopting the inclusionary housing policy this council adopted so thank you Maggie and welcome Andres. Aye.

Eudaly: Congratulations Andres. Aye.

Fritz: Well Mr. Oswill since three of my colleagues have voted yes I will say thank you commissioner Oswill for your willingness to serve. Aye.

Wheeler: I think that this is a fantastic appointment, Andres you heard what people said. They are thrilled to have you and you have exceptional skills and we are delighted to have you onboard the commission and I think that we would absolutely entertain any comments that you have about the composition of the commission as well as you go forward and you learn a bit more and you have a chance to evaluate it for yourself. I would appreciate that feedback. So thank you and congratulations and I vote aye and the appointment is approved. Let's do -- let's move to 490 and then mike do you have a few minutes? How is your schedule?

Wheeler: Let's go ahead and move to 490 please.

Item 490.

Wheeler: Bps is here to report on the deconstruction program required by the deconstruction ordinance put in place by the city council last October. Two years ago the bureau of planning and sustainability convened an advisory group that included amongst others neighborhood activists, home builders, historic preservationists, deconstructors and salvage retailers. The group was put together to recommend ways to advance the deconstruction and the material to use as an alternative to material demolition and then, of course, shipping everything off to the landfill. After providing incentives and technical assistance for several years, the city began to require deconstruction for homes over 100 years old that were slated for demolition. What started as a small grant program has evolved substantially into a first in the nation requirement. It is a requirement that is having a very positive impact on the community. This deconstruction requirement is an important part of Portland's leadership on reducing the carbon emissions and landfill waste. It's also helping to inspire other jurisdictions in the country to consider similar approaches to the one that we have adopted here, and in fact, Portland was selected to host a national deconstruction and reuse conference this fall due to the ground-breaking policies and the people who helped to provide the leadership behind them. So we're going to hear from bps leadership today, and then it's my understanding that we have four people testifying following your presentation. Is that correct?

*****: Correct, yep.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you and welcome.

Alisa Kane, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Thank you mayor and good morning commissioners. I am Alisa Kane, the green building manager and joined with my colleague Shawn Wood from the bureau of planning and sustainability. Last October Portland became the first city in the nation to require deconstruction instead of mechanical demolition for select projects. The policies helping us to reduce waste and keep Portland's history out of the landfill, cut carbon emissions and mitigate health hazards and spur economic development. Being first in the nation means that we had a big puzzle to put together, and we wanted to be able to come back here six months into it and share all of

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our successes to date. The report that you have in front of you goes into much greater detail but we're going to provide the highlights today.

Shawn Wood, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good morning mayor wheeler and commissioners, I am Shawn wood, the construction waste specialist for the bureau. I also administer of the deconstruction program. Just as a refresher the deconstruction ordinance requires that houses or duplexes built in 1916 or earlier or designated historic regardless of age must be deconstructed when they come in for a demolition permit. The year 1916 was chosen primarily because in the years leading up to the ordinance it represented one-third of demolitions so that was a significant amount of house demolitions but chosen as the right threshold that we could both advance the industry but at the same time not overwhelming them. The last time we used the term bold, but balanced and that's the reason we struck a good chord. Since the ordinance went into effect in October we have had 34 demolition permits that have been subject to the destruction requirements. Two of those bps determined were exempt so we have exemptions for hazardous structures or ones that represent very limited reuse. So we had one that suffered from pretty extensive fire damage so that one was determined exempt. And as I said in the past 1916 or earlier the year built threshold has represented 33% of the demolitions. To date it represents 21%. Part of that may just be we're not through a full annual cycle with the permits. There could be some market reaction to that. It's unknown to us, but it is down 21% for that sector of demolitions. We have had 11 projects completed so far, the rest of those, or the remainder are in the permit pipeline but 11 have physically come down and to date just adding up all of the lumber that has been salvaged from those projections alone equates to 6.5 miles of lumber and for equivalency that's the distance from city hall to the airport. So imagine two by fours or two by sixes, flooring, all stacked end-to-end. We salvaged that much material already. There's also some noteworthy advances in the industry. To date when the ordinance got passed in July of last year we knew that we would have to have additional folks on the ground to do this work since we would be having more deconstruction projects. We held a deconstruction contractor training later in July after the ordinance passed. That particular training was a hands-on three-day training at a live deconstruction site. We had 16 participants at that contractor training representing 12 different companies. Ten of those companies were minority women owned and emerging small business, mwesb certified firms that participate in the city's prime contractor development program. When we kicked off the ordinance in October we had seven certified deconstruction contractors so again as a reminder any of these projects subjected to the permits have to be taken down by a certified contractor. So we had seven when we first kicked off the ordinance to date we have 12 certified deconstruction contractors, and there is a 13th in the wings to be certified here within the next month. Two of the companies that ended up getting certified, became companies because of this ordinance. So they are brand new companies and they are competing in the marketplace and succeeding but it's because of this ordinance that they are even here. There has also been a number of salvage retail facilities that have opened up over the last year. Even one of the new contractors is opening up a facility to compliment their work so exciting advances so far.

Kane: So insuring that there were enough firms to do the work was critical but also important was that there was enough workforce to serve those firms. And in march we hosted a 12.5-day training for workforce development specifically, and it was at four active destruction sites. With sponsorship from metro and deq, bps partnered with earth advantage and local pre-apprentice programs and nonprofits to recruit the candidates. And our goal as stated in the original ordinance was to move to prioritize the participation by women and people of color and other groups disadvantaged in the construction industry,

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and the result of this training was admirable and we had a very diverse crew and with the help of Oregon trades-women we had more than half of women. You will hear from a few of them today actually.

Wood: With council's acceptance of this report, bps recommends that we monitor the program and assuming continued success we would return to council in the fall with an ordinance to raise the threshold from 1916 to 1926. That would essentially cover about half of all the house demolitions so again in the past it's been 33%. Currently it's 21%, and if we went for 1926 it would be 55%, and that would be effective January 1 of 2018 so looking at starting this off on a calendar year I think just administratively that will be easier.

Eudaly: I have a question. I understand part of the decision to set that 100-year mark was a matter of capacity, to the existing industry to take down the homes. And I also understand the closer we get to world war ii I think the less valuable the materials become, but the ten-year advance, approximately six months from now seems small. Could you speak to that like why, why not be a little more aggressive on the dates and the time lines.

Wood: Sure. I like analogies and sometimes I get them right and sometimes I don't but right now we are at 21% so I don't think that we have seen the full impact of the ordinance so I kind of liken it to turning on a hot water tap and you have to wait for the hot water to show up. I think we may be waiting for that. Coming back in the fall, we'll have a better idea about the full impact of this first step. I am confident in our workforce to take down the buildings and be more aggressive. The question mark going back to the fact that only 11 of these have physically come down, we don't know the impact on the marketplace. So the risk in moving faster is we could take them down in a timely manner but is there the infrastructure to accept that material and sell it. Is there enough demand? So there is no right answer.

Eudaly: That was my second piece of the question because I have heard from rebuilding centers that pushing it out to consumers is a challenge and I have also received a request or a suggestion that we come up with some kind of one-stop drops for these materials to be kind of redistributed out.

Wood: From where I sit the demand remains strong for the materials, the fact that we have had new stores opening and habitat is opening another new store here in the next year, and The -- we have not seen the full impact of this first step. That's where we are at right now.

Eudaly: Ok.

Kane: The executive director will be speaking next, so we can answer that.

Fritz: I would like to support commissioner eudaly's point, when we talked about this before the great depression was the cut-off when the lovely things were not put into the buildings any more. So even if it was another five years, that would be something that would be helpful. Just thinking about it.

Wood: We have a goal of getting to 1941 by 2019, so we do see these as a series of steps working to 1941 and reevaluate and go from there.

Wheeler: Very good. And did you have a particular order for the testimony from your invited guests?

Kane: If you would like to start with Stephen and the order from there.

Wheeler: Emily and savannah, very good. Thank you. And your analogy landed fine, well done. Steven, good morning.

Stephen Reichard: Good morning mayor and commissioner, I am Stephen Reichard, I serve as the executive director of the rebuilding center. I have had the opportunity to meet with a number of you to give you an update on the destruction ordinance. As many of you know six months in, we consider it to be a positive and while we generated a few more proposals this year Than we had at this time last year we are seeing more requests for

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house destructions. And we are currently booked out at two months, and while this may seem a long time for some contractors who are new to the destruction opportunity, at this time of year it's normal and frankly when it gets less than a month, we begin to worry about the possibility of having to do layoffs in the future. So we're just about where we want to be. We have two active crews and we have hired two new destructionists and we hope to add a third which will allow us to add a third crew. There continues to be demand for materials and April was our strongest retail month since October of 2014. Last February when the city council approved the ordinance initially, we promised the ordinance would reduce the materials to the landfill and reduce the amount of hazardous materials in the atmosphere, and hire with an equity lens in mind and we are accomplishing all these. We are pleased to be involved in recruiting the trainees in march, and at our suggestion the city and metro provided stipend to the trainees which we believe to be the best practice. In the event of the 15 trainees who participated in the training, every single one was from a priority population, a woman, a person of color, or someone who is formally incarcerated, and we hired two of these trainees and hope to hire one more and indeed as part of our work with a new coalition called the green workforce initiative, that includes sei, the blueprint foundation and eco-trust, and we are tentatively scheduled to conduct a two-week destruction training at grant high school as part of the remodeling of grant high school so pretty exciting stuff. The ordinance has put Portland on the map of the reuse world and we will be hosting the biannual meeting of the business materials reuse association in September. The rebuilding center will be presenting on how reuse can be used to build equitable and sustainable community, it's a great opportunity for our city to showcase just how great weird can be. In conclusion we believe the implementation has been successful, and we are ready and able to take another bite of the apple, and 1926 seems like a good compromise, and with your support we are confident that we can continue to bring these houses down in a timely manner, further reducing waste, and hazardous waste while creating meaningful living wage jobs for marginalized communities, thank you.

Fish: Commissioner Eudaly alluded to a one stop drop-off place. We sold our house last year, and we have really dramatically reduced our footprint, and so a lot of the stuff we had we wanted to donate, and under the system you look at the reuse Portland family and you decide where you want to give things. And the community warehouse is a family favorite so you arrange to have furniture and things like that and we have books and Garden equipment and all kinds of things. My sense is that it's stressful enough to buy a home, and if there is a way to create a unified system for people it will cut down on unnecessary vehicle trips of scheduling different people to do pickups and deliveries and I don't know Stephen in the short-term whether it's finding a place where you could take everything or maybe coordinating the pickup in a way in that you could do one call and someone could pick up lots of things and sort it. I think the more we rationalize that the more the system will work, and it wasn't until we did that work a number of years ago around reuse pdx and other things until I understood the breadth of the related industries, and a number on mlk and a number of them in other places, clusters. But having gone through the experience of closing down a home and relocating, the more convenient we make it we'll have served a number of goals, more participation and less vehicle traveled miles so I am interested in this concept that Chloe talked about, about a one-stop place to drop stuff but in the short-term I would welcome one pickup that allows you to have -- that's, that sorts out all the stuff and helps you to do that. I look forward -- I look forward to working with you both on that.

Wheeler: If you want to come up together there is plenty of room. Good morning.

Wheeler: Good morning. I don't know who wants to go First. Please go ahead.

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Emily Christensen: I will go first, good morning mayor wheeler and commissioners, I am Emily Christensen, I am speaking on behalf of Goodwood deconstruction and salvage. We are one of the businesses that responded to the ordinance. We actually were driving home from doing a deconstruction in Hillsboro and heard it on the radio and we were just doing a personal deconstruction to salvage the material for a backyard studio. We are enjoying the process so much that our ears were attuned to the information and we were so excited that here was an opportunity to participate in an industry that otherwise would be so foreign, so beyond us, so we formed a crew and became certified and now we are on our fourth house since November, and we are a thriving business.

Wheeler: That's great news, thank you. Good morning.

Ryan Haralson: Good morning mayor wheeler and commissioners. My name is Ryan Haralson I'm here representing northwest deconstruction specialists. I guess my take on the whole deal as far as experience goes, everything has been popular. To sum it up in one word, it's really positive. Originally from Kansas city, Missouri, and bible belt, we have a lot of buildings coming down consistently, and there is a lot of work there, so when I heard about this program similar to you my ears being attuned to a person, always has to be resourceful most likely about materials and usage of the space, and it really clicked so I had a great time, met a lot of cool people there was a really diverse crew of folks that I got to meet and work with, and from there I received plenty of job offers, which was great. Valuable. I would say it was really a valuable opportunity for me and continues to be so. All of the job opportunities really is difficult to decide where, you know, to work because it was just quality opportunities being offered. For me I know that I have the ability, I am a college graduate, and I have a lot of skills and worked with a lot of people and it always seems to come down to this unknown of what's the real possibilities here. And I think that for a lot of people, like myself women, minorities, and people formally incarcerated, I think that, you know, the sky is the limit for offering genuine opportunities for these people. Still I enjoy myself. I worked today and will be going back to work, deconstructing a home in northeast, and I don't see myself stopping any time soon. So as far as to sum that up, I say positive, positive, positive, and it's really going back to another wave that makes more sense. You can't be throwing valuable things in the trash, you know, just not smart. So I agree fully and look forward to continuing.

Wheeler: Thanks, Ryan, we appreciate it.

Haralson: Thank you.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Savannah Stigen: Good morning. I am prepared, I prepared something, and I am a little nervous. Good morning mayor wheeler and commissioners, my name is Savannah Stigen with Lovett deconstruction I recently attended the deconstruction workforce training put on by the city, I heard about it through Oregon tradeswomen incorporated. And I attended Oregon tradeswomen winter pre-apprenticeship program where it has an opportunity to work with deconstruction services on a full house deconstruction. I loved the work and went home and did some research. I loved what I read, and especially the sustainability, the craft offers. The idea of reusing repurposing and recycling building materials with lessening the impact on the landfills spoke to me. I enjoyed manual labor, problem solving and learning the most efficient way to do things so I thought deconstruction might be the right fit for me. Oregon tradeswomen told me about the deconstruction workforce training to be put on right after graduation. I signed up and was accepted. In the interim I contacted joy Lovett with Lovett deconstruction and told him of my interest in working for him after I graduated in the pre-apprenticeship program and after I finished deconstruction training. He hired me before I was through with both, but I didn't start work with him until after. The deconstruction training taught me more than I could have imagine and had prepared me

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for the work ahead of me. Thanks to the training I was familiar with the processes, materials and tools. There is a world of knowledge yet to acquire but I feel the deconstruction training helped to solidify my choice to go into deconstruction as well as give me confidence and know how before stepping onto my first job site. Before this I worked in a warehouse part-time and before that I was a pet sitter barely scraping by. Now I work full-time and make more money than before, I see deconstruction as a career path and am excited for the future. I would like to add that deconstruction workforce training instructors Dave and Sarah were incredibly knowledgeable and supportive and helpful, and a lot of my success is thanks to them and I am so grateful for my experience and with the training and would like to thank everyone else involved. I think that deconstruction is a foot in the right direction as our city grows, training people with the skills to deconstruct our old homes seems like a viable and necessary endeavor, and I hope that others might have the same opportunity that I've been so fortunate to have been given. Thank you.

Fritz: What kind of wages does this pay?

Christensen: I am happy to speak on that. It's definitely like I said we are a new business and we believe strongly in paying a living wage. We pay between, if you want specifics, between \$15 and \$25. And upward towards \$45 for our crew leader. And if I just may take a side step and thank Shawn wood and specifically Jordan Jordan from earth advantage as we have formed our Business and progressed along the support from the city has been essential and the interests in the city to limit the number of deconstructors to a certified deconstructor amount of 12, and now 13 has been essential. If it was an open playing field my belief is that the demolition companies would -- that have the existing relationships with the developers would have stepped in to perform that task and would not have -- that would not have provided the opportunity for a new industry to step into the space that it was created with the ordinance.

Fritz: That's really helpful, so if somebody is looking at a home and wants to get involved, how do they go about it?

Christensen: Can you repeat the question?

Fritz: Is in an is thinking about how to make a living wage, and if this is something that they want to do how would they get involved in this business?

Christensen: As far as getting involved with our company, we recently opened up a salvage yard, a warehouse and I think that you guys have done the same. So that has been an interesting sort of um we didn't necessarily foresee that coming as next part of our business it's a two part business now so we have a deconstruction and then we have a salvage yard to sell the materials and so having those two revenue streams we are now looking at employees for the salvage yard and so in terms of your looking to build a beautiful home you can visit anyone of the facilities that now have an abundance of gorgeous material to choose from that wasn't available before.

Fritz: Thank you very much this is very exciting appreciate you coming to tell us about it.

Eudaly: How about if someone just wanted to be a guest deconstructor for a day because you guys are making it seem really fun and I could use a break.

Wheeler: Good thank you so much for your testimony we appreciate you taking the time to come here and share your stories and give us this update. Is there any public testimony on this item?

Parker: Good morning. I'm Terry parker a fourth generation Portlander living in northeast Portland and I am also on the united neighborhoods for reform steering committee. Do you want Portland to be a sustainable city? If so expanding this program and putting a halt to mechanical demolition of homes utilizing diesel particulate belching excavators cannot come soon enough. The mechanical demolition of homes built prior to 1978 spreads contaminated lead paint dust directly into the air of residential neighborhoods where kids

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play, families barbecue and people enjoy the outdoors of the green yards around their homes. Deconstruction is about sustainability and preservation. The reuse of building materials lessens the need for new raw materials including lumber from growing trees and preserves historical artifacts such as period window frames, interior moldings, trim and other materials of character that otherwise could not be replaced. In the 1920's Portland was in the midst of a new home building boom built with high quality construction using old growth lumber. There's a vibrant marketplace for restoration and repurposing uses of these products. It's a crime not to preserve the irreplaceable lumber from these homes. As compared to mechanical demolition deconstruction also creates significantly more jobs including entry level jobs that can lead to higher paying jobs. Finally, if the city does not slim down the inside overlay zones identified with the residential infill project and/or if hb2007 passes through the legislature without significant changes whereby the bill addresses affordable housing instead of giving developers create blank by preempting local zoning there will be a significant escalation of starter, first time buyer and affordable homes being torn down. For a city that prides itself by promoting reuse and recycling. It's only common sense to include homes built between 1916 and 1978. I have attached my view of h.b.2007 to the written testimony. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Mr. Parker.

John Sandie: Good morning. Mayor wheeler, commissioners, I'm john sandie, a resident of northeast Portland. I guess my message taken off of Shawn's comments I would like to be more bolder and not so cautious with this program. For the last two and a half years or so I and many others have come before the council presenting evidence of the significant potential health risk by not using best practices when removing a structure in an urban environment. Last October the city council finally acted with accountability to their primary responsibility of protecting residents and took a concrete action by implementing deconstruction ordinance. Real applause to the boldness of last year. I want to continue that boldness a little bit. While I do have empathy for the developers' churns on timing and costs associated with newer development, they should not have the final word on what is acceptable risk to their actions. The council must also hear the fear and angst in the voices of mothers with children. These are the individuals who bear the potential consequences. Within bps report it was mentioned that hb 871 is presently moving through the legislature and supporting verification of proper asbestos abatement and best practices with dealing with lead paint during demolition. There's no doubt the effective abatement and full manual deconstruction represents the best practice to minimize spread of hazardous materials while removing a structure. Allowing the market to dictate timing of the use of best practices is morally suspect in my mind especially in light of the fact a house a day is demolished in Portland. I urge the council to fulfill their responsibilities and aggressively push implementation of deconstruction to include all houses built prior to 1978. While I'm confident the clear direction from this body the market could effectively react and demonstrate deconstruction capacity within the next six to 12 months. That should not be the driving factor. Doing what is right and proven to reduce exposure and associated risks to residents should not be held hostage by the assumed stress it may place on the developmental market nor the reuse market. So my final thing is be bold. This is a great program. You've heard the positives for the sustainability. Don't forget the health impacts. That's where the boldness should come from. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate your testimony. All three of you. I apologize. Thank you. Good morning.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Charles bridge crane Johnson. The bridge crane can pick up a whole different posy of five middle aged white men to talk to you today. I've been glad to see the attentiveness from council on this issue from the two prior presenters.

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These houses and all the houses being demolished contain toxins and in the sake of letting developers chase a quick buck we have releasing poison into our neighborhoods and not paying attention which we should have been paying attention as we learned from the glass companies. Not only is this green on just the basic principles of reuse, not filling the landfill, it's also a because we have limited it to the 1916 houses now only expanding it to houses 1926 and before it's a tiny but not adequate step to protecting quality of life for our neighbors. If you don't go -- as these gentlemen have suggested, up to 1978 or at least to the world war ii homes you're essentially saying, well, so those developers can create some ugly three-story boxes of multi-family houses they don't have any affordable units we'll let some toxins, lead paint, whatever, get knocked around into the atmosphere where half the time it's even a person spraying a hose to keep the dust down let alone taking proper precautions. Another to back it up so far we'll see what comes up with the next test fires. None of the poor, distressed, suffering developers have made it in here to tell you how burdensome and horrible this is. As ladies and gentlemen have said be bold. Hopefully we have some women coming behind me to say the same thing.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Next three, please.

Kaimona LoBue: I am also one of the students that went through the program and I just want to say ditto what Ryan and savannah said. Phenomenal, Dave Bennett, he should be teaching the classes. Also want to say thank you to earth advantage and the city of Portland for providing the tools which I would not have been able to do it if not. Now for me because I also applied for welding school, which was a similar opportunity started two days after it ended so I have not been able to do any jobs since then, however, I'm excited more about starting a business and especially after hearing the other good works, that's what I'm excited about. I think this is an amazing opportunity. I think that we need to train more people. I think that all houses need to be deconstructed for a lot of the reasons that the gentlemen that spoke prior to me, and one of the main reasons besides toxins and those things and things that we did learn about hopefully people are getting permits, not just throwing everything into the rubbish now. Hopefully most of the companies are doing it a lot better and what we learned about the whole process of asbestos and lead and those things. But for me, it's the wood. I just think about it like when he told me that about the six miles, I get a little clamped. Also too is some of this wood prior to that was over 500 years old. Now it's 105 years old, 650 years old, whatever, and that's old wood they don't have that kind of wood anymore. It's stronger. Amazing, you can do more things with it. They can't even get wood like that anymore. I believe that as the community that something is just we need to do it. Like I said, I think all houses, I don't think we should stop. I think every house should. I want to say thank you again and thank everybody who is part of this. The city, Shawn wood, Alicia, Lisa, everyone has been phenomenal. Farah also, Daly. So much information. I feel like we're hiring you, you, you, you, just come on down. I want to start my business and I'm going to need some help. We'll train you and we're excited to do that.

Fritz: Say your name for the record again.

LoBue: Kaimona LoBue also I just want to say northwest deconstruction specialists, they are doing a great job. Everybody is phenomenal. I'm excited and proud to be a part of this. Thank you. I feel bad, but I have been waiting for a long time, my meter is going to run out. I need to take off and I gotta go back to school.

Wheeler: Good luck with the welding program.

Barbara Kerr: Good morning. I'm Barbara Kerr. I represent united neighborhoods for reform on the deconstruction advisory group or dag and unr is pleased that the timeline for the ordinance requiring deconstruction. If the house has to be demolished has been moved up to 1926 starting January 1 however we feel this is still much too slow and ask

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that the year built date be moved to 1978, the year the use of lead paint was discontinued. How often do you have an ordinance that address so many of the urgent issues on your plate? We obviously know that the ordinance was started to save trees, use less energy, increase our sustainability, and we have heard the wonderful reports on the entry level jobs with growth potential for so many parts of our community that don't have that opportunity. Also think about the better quality of lower cost materials that enable repairing rather than replacing house parts, making our affordable homes truly affordable. The ones that already exist more affordable to maintain. That creating small businesses that do not require college degrees or large capital, saving the urban tree canopy. A big machine comes in, you lose your trees. Eliminating a widespread source of pollution affecting public health in all the neighborhoods, not just focused on hot spots, eliminating a cause of learning and behavior disorders that greatly affect children for the rest of their lives, not just providing programs to ameliorate their disabilities which cost a lot of money, but stopping them from occurring in the first place. All this in a single ordinance with negligible cost. An ordinance whose only stated downside is the building industry is having to quickly adapt to a somewhat different way of operating that they knew was coming and have already begun to embrace, one that is nothing more than being responsible for the impact of the neighbors and their role in the waste stream. We can no longer ignore hazardous pollution from demolishing buildings. Deconstruction is the best practice and needs to be the way all buildings are demolished. We talk about the challenge and abundance of more deconstruction. The challenge of abundance of good quality salvaged materials and job and business opportunities which you've heard today are popping up already. From that creation and sales of reuse products which we haven't talked about today. We have put our toe in the water in the first phase of the ordinance. There's some trepidation even though the results have been good. We have been somewhat bold but are still holding back. We need to trust businesses to rise to the occasion. We need to remember that deconstruction just makes sense. It will work. Instead of worrying that it might fail, let's put our energy into building on what we have started, training, certification, networking. Please weigh any short term challenges against all the benefits that will be lost and damage done in even a year if with limit the requirement for deconstruction to 1926. The waste in the landfills, the loss of good quality materials for maintaining low income homes, the lost income from new jobs, pollution of the neighborhood children. Please set the bar at least 1978 so we can celebrate all that we have accomplished by doing so.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Margaret Davis: I'm Margaret Davis. I'm a northeast Portland resident and I work with united neighbors for reform which is a grass roots group whose anti-demolition and responsible growth effort has been endorsed by 43 neighborhoods city-wide. Props to Shawn wood and the advisory group for this and for helping protect public safety with the ordinance. It's a step forward for Portland, a city known for sustainable solutions. The problem here is demolition. Not only does demolition remove a usually viable, affordable home from the landscape forever it also often leaves amid clouds of toxic dust exposing anyone within 400 feet to hazardous materials such as lead and asbestos. Before 1978 a gallon of paint had 15 pounds of lead in it. Now imagine how many gallons would go on a house before it was demolished? Also the centers for disease control says there's no safe lead in children. This is not a new problem. Wouldn't it be great if we could put it firmly in our past? Deconstruction is a slam dunk for Portland. If our city must lose a house and we debate whether this is necessary given our copious vacant land available, at least the house should be recycled. I'm betting you all recycle, that you don't litter, yet tear-down builders think it's okay to dust thousands of residents and properties with hazardous materials that carry a lifetime of ills for anyone or thing in fallout zones. Demolitions litter,

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sometimes legally. You may hear the reuse industry may be swamped or not enough labor can be found but if that were true by the same token we should cool unabated building boom occurring now with its insatiable demand for materials and labor. How can it be such a problem to recycle and so easy to demolish and landfill those homes? If we're not recycling, we really are throwing it away. Developers might complain the expense of deconstruction usually just a few thousand dollars more than mechanical means is unaffordable to them but that's nothing compared to the cost of addressing lifelong health problems or learning disabilities. Please extend the requirement for deconstruction to apply to homes built before 1978 when lead paint was outlawed for residential use. Portland in the past has dared to be different and bold and proactively progressive. We stand ready to help the city make positive headlines again. To send the message that the greenest home is the one left standing, if not it must be recycled. It's what we do. With the demolition heavy residential infill project and house build 2007 looming the decision you consider today has great ramifications. As an activist I know Portland leaders must step up to protect public health and safety. As a mom I wonder if my kid can't pay attention in class because there were seven demolitions on my block. As a Portland resident I hope you'll take your public safety charge seriously and make mechanical demolition a hazard of the past and deconstruction the only way a pre-1978 house leaves our landscape. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate that very much. I want to make clear we're not adopting any new policies; we're accepting a report from the committee. We're hearing loudly and clearly from a number of people testifying that they would like us to consider an expansion of that timeline. Just so you know, we're accepting the report and getting feedback.

Davis: When do you expect you'll make a decision?

Wheeler: That's up to the will of the council and the committee. We're get back to you. We're hearing it I think it makes sense providing we can absorb it. As a strategy I agree with it. But that's -- I want to be clear we're not taking a vote today to extend it, just accepting the report.

Davis: All right.

Fritz: The report does say they're going to come back in six months with a goal of expanding it by January 1 next year.

Fish: I move the report.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Any further discussion before we take the roll? Please call the roll. Thank you for your testimony.

Fish: Well, thanks for the report and all the good news. Thanks to the folks who took time out of their busy days to tell us their success stories. We wish you abundant success, obviously. I appreciate, mayor, the testimony about some of the household hazards. There are three ways this council can address the issue of household hazards generally and we know we're talking about lead and asbestos in particular but not limited to. That number one we can be ensure that a buyer of a home knows what the risk factors are in that house. We have started to take steps to expand disclosure. We now require disclosure about an energy score which is important but the right to know principle needs to be strengthened so there's an area we could do good work. The second we can work with the community to strengthen state law. State law currently is woefully inadequate and they don't have resources to enforce the law about asbestos removal, for example, before demolition, things of that nature, so we need to strengthen those laws and the oversight. The third I think almost the most important for me is we have to find ways of creating cost-effective mechanisms for people to get these hazards out of their homes. We shouldn't have to wait until you sell your home to make it safe. For a lot of cost-burdened households it's very difficult to get this out without help. We provide some measure of help

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to do energy efficiency upgrades. We have figured out ways to do that. I think we need to be thinking creatively over time of how we can get lead out of people's pipes and get asbestos out of the walls and lead paint out of the walls because as long as that's there it's a risk to the homeowner and that is separate and apart from the risk that happens through the demolition. I think these issues have been framed for us and the question is between notice and state law and cost effective ways to do remedial work we have work that we can do as council. Thank everyone for very illuminating presentation. Aye.

Saltzman: Well, I'll start off by acknowledging former mayor Charlie Hales for his leadership on this effort that we're bestowing accolades on today. It's rare when city council actually gets it right and comes up with a policy that really is a win for the environment, actually creates jobs, and creates new small businesses. It's really rare when we get that right. I think we have really -- hit the nail squarely on the head here. We have a solid policy that helps our environment, helps neighbors around demolitions, but also as we have seen created jobs and businesses. It's heartfelt overjoyed to hear this. I just had my bathroom deconstructed by Lovett. Don't know if you were on the job or not, can't recognize people in hard hats, but I was really pleased. I think this is something that more and more people are going to be warm to. I think it's right to look at this policy and to do it in the right way that will continue to get as many materials reused as possible but also make sure we don't overwhelm the market, which could then have a negative impact on the businesses that are relying on this market to grow and prosper. So we need to get it right, continue to get it right. Pleased to vote aye.

Eudaly: Thank you for your report and thank you to the community members for your testimony. I do not believe that we should be giving developers or anyone else the choice to pollute our environment and unnecessarily burden our landfill. I fully support accelerating the timeline of the deconstruction requirement to at least 1941, and as well as putting some extra protections in place for those homes that fall between '41 and '78. Maybe just right up to now to abate lead and asbestos and deal with other issues. So we are anxiously awaiting the state's decision around those issues and my office will be working on creating more stringent rules for Portland specifically around lead and asbestos abatement. I also look forward to working with commissioner Fritz through the parks and through bds on strengthening our tree code to better protect our urban canopy. So I gave testimony in support of this ordinance. It was one of the first times I had testified at city council last year, and I'm really pleased to get to continue to play some kind of role. Aye.

Fritz: Commissioner Saltzman I think you were modest when you said this is one of the few times we got things right. I think a number of the things you led in the office of sustainable development particularly renovation to recycling programs and such, would also come under that category again in partnership with Susan Anderson the director. I also go further back and laud mayor Adams for his vision in putting the bureau of planning and officer of sustainable development together and Susan Anderson's leadership. And really put our plan into action that's now working. I'm very excited that this has worked. I think we were a bit nervous. The three of us that were here last year, whether it would pan out the way we wanted it to. It was nice folks who took time to be here today to compliment staff and the training they got. That's a full parcel of stuff, not just doing a policy. That's one of the advantages of the commission form of government. We make policy and are responsible for implementing them and making sure people have the resources they need for the policy to be successful. I do appreciate mayor Hales now mayor Wheeler for continuing to carry the baton on that level. Aye.

Wheeler: Great work, everybody. Thanks to those of you who came to testify. You're all eager to get back on to the job site. I'll just go big on this and say this is further proof that improving the environment around us can be done in a way that is socially just, creates

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economic prosperity for people who are often left out of the equation when it comes to new opportunities around business development, higher wages, job training and economic opportunity so this is one more data point disproving the theory that being environmentally conscientious is bad for business. Just the opposite is true. Your testimony today is living proof that that is the case. So thank you all. Obviously I'm very happy to support this. I look forward to the report coming back from the committee in six months having weighed the pros and cons of extending the timeline. Sounds like there's consensus to do that so I would eagerly await expanding this program in a judicious manner. I vote aye. The reports accepted.

Fish: Mayor, we have a time certain proclamation and we have some folks here for that. We also have a regular agenda item proclamation. We have some folks that are also with us. So I'm hoping we can hear those two proclamations back to back and pull up the consent stuff.

Wheeler: That makes good sense. First let's go to item 491.

Item 491.

Wheeler: I will read the proclamation then pass it on to commissioner Fish to introduce our speakers and one very large bird. Whereas the great blue heron is the majestic symbol of the city of Portland's efforts to restore, protect and sustain ecologically healthy habitats for fish and wildlife and for the enjoyment of citizens in Portland and throughout the region. Whereas the great blue heron week represents an opportunity for the city of Portland to recommit its efforts to the natural environment by celebrating past successes and future challenges. And whereas the city of Portland continues to work the intertwine alliance and its 160 partners including the Audubon society of Portland, Willamette river keepers, and urban green spaces institute to expand, restore and manage the interline. The Portland-Vancouver region systems of parks, trails and natural areas and whereas the city of Portland accepted donation of 45 acres of ross island from ross island sand and gravel, which is managed by the Portland bureau of parks and recreation. Whereas Portland parks and recreation has continued to improve the ecological health of the natural areas by removing invasive species, planting native trees and shrubs, monitoring birds and other species and working with the community to steward the property. Whereas the bureau of environmental services has adopted the great blue heron as its logo and works in partnership with the Oregon health authority and the Oregon department of environmental quality to keep the Willamette river safe from harmful aglow blooms and supports restoration of river habitats including ross island and oak bottom wildlife refuge as models of healthy urban fish and wildlife habitat. And whereas it is the city of Portland's commitment to continue restoration and management of ross island in nearby 160 acre oaks bottom wildlife refuge as a refuge for great blue herons and myriad other wildlife and to provide access to nature for Portlanders and whereas the city of Portland will continue to monitor and be actively engaged with ross island sand and gravel in the restoration of ross island, the ross island lagoon and great blue heron colony and bald eagles' nests on ross island. Therefore, I, ted wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim May 15 through May 21 to be 31st annual great blue heron week in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this week. Commissioner Fish.

Fish: The hour is late so I will simply invite our three honored guests forward. Mike Houck, director of urban green spaces institute. Travis Williams, director of Willamette river keeper, the third is bob Sallinger, conservation director of the Audubon society of Portland. Welcome.

Mike Houck: Mayor, I'm mike Houck. I'm here today representing urban green spaces institute. For your information this all started with bud Clark, who was then mayor gave a speech at the Hilton hotel and mentioned great blue heron numerous times. I took the

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advantage of immediately contacting the mayor afterwards suggesting we have a city bird great blue heron. Two weeks later we had a proclamation. May sound trivial but what it does is allow us to come to you each time and your staff and talk about what we have done and what we will continue to do to ensure that herons share the environment with us. Normally we have lots of field trips all over the region. This year because ross island sand and gravel just submitted their report on the restoration activities, we thought it was appropriate to focus strictly on ross island this year. To that end tomorrow we're meeting with local, state and federal agencies to discuss that progress and when we can expect full restoration of ross island by ross island sand and gravel. Sunday we'll be doing our usual ross island regatta, paddle around ross island. I think commissioner Eudaly will be coming with some of her staff. I'm not sure if the rest of you will join us or not but you're certainly invited. Each year we take this opportunity to kind of put aside the monetization of herons and wildlife and green spaces. In other words, what they mean to us, and celebrate them for their intrinsic and spiritual values. That's what this is about today. In that spirit we ask then Oregon poet laureate William Stafford to write a poem to commemorate the establishment of the great blue heron and I think it really speaks to the inherent values and spirituality of sharing heron's in our environment. It's very brief I will read it spirit of place. Out of their loneliness for each other, two reads or maybe two shadows lurch forward and become suddenly a life lifted from the dawn to the rain. It's a wilderness come back again, a lagoon with our city reflected in its eye. We live by faith in such presences. It is a test for us that thin but real undulating figure that promises if you keep the faith I will exist at the edge where your vision joins the sunlight and the rain. Heads in the light, feet that go down in the mud, where the truth is. Pass it on to Travis. Director of Willamette river keepers. He's done a huge amount of work with the city and registration on ross island.

Travis Williams: Thanks, mike. Inherent value? I want to say thank you to the city of Portland for you specifically for the proclamation that really says a lot. As well as the city's continued investment in ross island, which was reflected in the proclamation and in mike's remarks. There's still a lot of great work to do out there. Our three organizations as well as others are working hard to do work parties related to habitat restoration as well as simply just to get folks out to see it and experience it because even though it's really in the middle of the city of Portland, if you hear the traffic in the distance, when you get out there, you're able to connect with nature and everything that that river environment provides on that front. It's a surprising amount of solitude when you're able to paddle down the Holgate channel the back channel. I also want to thank specifically this guy for all the work he's done over the decades on this issue and certainly many others but mike has really led the charge on ross island over a long period of time and certainly this gentleman here as well. So thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Bob Sallinger: Travis as well. Bob Sallinger, conservation director for the Audubon society of Portland. We appreciate your designating us the 31st annual great blue heron week. It speaks to how long we have been at it as a city trying to protect and restore this site. Trying to protect natural resources in the city as a whole. I do want to take it up a level I know our focus is on ross island but I think we have to think about it in the greater context of the river. This is a pivotal year moving forward. First we need to redouble our efforts on ross island, think about what the future will bring and how we bring it into more complete public ownership and what that looks like. Number two we have incredible opportunity in front of us this year with the Willamette river superfund process. We have moved beyond the record decision. Now is the time to move forward with implementation. The progress we're making is exciting. It's a divisive process but people are coming together interesting in making our river healthy for people and wildlife. Number three I wanted to flag the

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central city plan coming before you this summer. A lot of work has gone into that plan. It has some really new innovative cutting edge policies around the environment including the river. It's been a while since we adopted some new innovative policies around the natural resources in Portland. It's been several years since we have seen steps forward like we used to take. It's in front of us again with the central city plan. That's exciting. Hopefully we'll move that forward and keep the environmental policies intact in the draft that's coming to you. Thanks, hope to see you out on the river Sunday or some other time. Look forward to working with you on the other issues as well.

Houck: I would say we would be more than happy to take you out another time if you can't make it out on Sunday. Just get in touch.

Wheeler: Great. Thank you.

Eudaly: What are we paddling? Kayaks, canoes?

Houck: Well, we have a safety boat. You're welcome to come along on the safety boat or paddle your own kayak or canoe.

Fish: It's a safety barge.

Fritz: I'll wave to you from the esponde cause I'll be on the national alliance of mental illness walk. I also wanted to note in the past year port of Portland gave Portland parks and recreation the most northern most tip of ross island, so that is gradually assuming control of the entire island.

Fish: My quick question just for an update progress on the no wake bill?

Houck: Thankfully, we did get a major portion of the no wake zone we sought from the marine board from basically the Oregon yacht club upstream to the mouth of the ross island lagoon and the lagoon itself but not downstream for the mouth of the lagoon. We are hopeful one day we'll have the whole Holgate channel.

Fish: Have we had success working with our partners at Multnomah county in enforcing the law?

Houck: For the most part. I actually think most people are observing the slow no wake zone. The problem being that the signage is not really adequate. It disappears during a portion of the year. I would say for the most part it's been fairly successful but we could ramp it up a bit.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: We sure appreciate it. Let's move to 506, please.

Item 506.

Fish: Mayor, let's invite up our guests. George Hocker from the office of Loretta smith, Barbara Bernstein, elders in action and Erin grahek, Multnomah county aging and disabilities services. We have three honored guests. Welcome. The mayor will read the proclamation.

Wheeler: Whereas the city of Portland -- sorry, did you read the item? Very good. Whereas the city of Portland and its community partners at Multnomah county age friendly Portland, elders in action, Portland state university and aarp are committed to a shared vision of Portland that is welcoming and inclusive to people of all ages and abilities. Whereas the city of Portland supports livable communities for people of all ages and abilities through such actions is funding age-friendly Portland's work, expanding choices for public restrooms, improving pedestrian safety, funding programs in our community centers, and implementing policies to keep Portland's neighborhoods welcoming and accessible and whereas communities flourish when people of all ages and abilities contribute their experience, their time and their perspective, and whereas older adults contribute their time and experience to help redefine what it means to age by serving as mentors, starting businesses, volunteering in their neighborhoods and in schools, and challenging our concepts of the aging process. Whereas we celebrate the many

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contributions of older adults in our community who deserve our respect and appreciation and now therefore I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the City of Roses, hereby proclaim the month of May to be Older Americans Month in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you for being here. We appreciate it very much.

Barbara, would you kick us off?

Barbara Bernstein: Sure. Happy to. I'm Barbara Bernstein, executive director of Elders in Action. I want to thank Mayor Wheeler for that proclamation and for this opportunity to speak. The Administration for Community Living has a theme every year to celebrate and to bring attention to older issues. This year it's Live Out Loud. I can't think of a better city in which to live out loud, speak out loud, live out loud. Sorry. Live out loud.

Wheeler: Can you please let her continue her testimony? Excuse me. You're interrupting the testimony. Please continue.

Bernstein: Thank you. Civic engagement is built into the City of Portland's DNA. There are so many opportunities to be civically involved through ONI, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, civic and diversity leadership programs, neighborhood programs, bureaus have advisory councils. We have boards that we participate in. The Net Program. Older adults and Portland residents have an opportunity to really be engaged in their city. Elders in Action is another portal for civic engagement and our volunteers are amplifying the voices of those who cannot be heard. I wanted to give you an example of the kinds of calls that we're getting from older adults who are more vulnerable. We had a call from a woman whose rent was being increased, this is a very common call that we get in the last year about 50% of the 300 calls we get are from older adults experiencing housing insecurity. This woman said that essentially she didn't think the property management knew who they were raising rents on. All she wanted was a witness to communicating to them how she couldn't afford the rent increase and where was she to go. Through the help of our advocate the management company agreed to let her stay even though she couldn't afford the rent increase until she found another place to stay. That is, I think an example of how we can be more responsive to the challenges of the housing emergency that we're experiencing. Another woman called, her daughter called us because her mother, her 82-year-old mother's house had been sold out from under her. She was partially blind. This is a case you may have read about in the Oregonian last year. Legal aid was able to take her case to court. Really we thought there was no positive outcome to that, but through our relationship with legal aid we were able to work with them so that they were able to take her case. So again these are our volunteers working in partnership with older adults to help them through a problem. Generally, we have about four to five restraining orders that we help older adults fill out against their caretakers. While Portland is an amazing city in which to age we do have a responsibility to also care for those who are more vulnerable. Older adults engages vital older adults in service of more vulnerable older adults. How we age is largely determined by the culture and environment we live in and we are very lucky to have an amazing transportation system and to have livable, walkable communities and I ask that the Council be really vigilant of those things as rents increase and our older adults are pushed out from the center. They are further away from the resources that they need to age well. We don't want this community to just be for the privileged. I would like to thank you, Mayor Wheeler, for your commitment to vital aging, your commitment to retirement security, Elders in Action looks forward to being your partner in making Portland a more age friendly community. Commissioner Fish, thank you for being our liaison and always being an advocate of older adult issues at every opportunity. Commissioner Fritz, we would like to thank you for your work with ONI, the Parks right now. We're looking forward to working more closely with them and their senior programs. Commissioner Eudaly, we're honored to be a part of the visioning process with ONI right now, linking our age friendly

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work with the opportunity to expanding our community's resiliency work. I think there's a really nice connection there. So thank you to all of you for your public service as much as and your commitment to older adults which we all hope to be one day.

Fish: Thank you for your testimony. I want to you left off one thing that elders in action does that has been invaluable for the city. You've helped us learn how to better learn how to communicate with some of our most important stakeholders. It's my intention over the next year to take some of those lessons that we learned in working with elders in action and codify it at the city so every time we do a publication or communication we're making sure that it's accessible to older adults and your work in that has really been important. So thank you. George hocker was the public advocate for a number of years. Now he's doing great work on the other side of the river but really representing our whom community. George welcome.

George Hocker: Thank you. Good morning, mayor, commissioners. I'm George hocker, the public advocate for commissioner Loretta Smith on the Multnomah county board of commissioners. Thank you commissioner Fish for the invitation to be here this morning. I am especially pleased because as an older adult this is my month. Mr. Mayor, we met for the first time in the first few months of 2009 when I staffed commissioner Fish for the kickoff briefing facilitated by jay bloom of your task force report everyone matters a practical guide to building a community for all ages. The work of the task force and subsequently the work of age friendly Portland and age friendly Multnomah county, the aarp, and other older adults focused organization have made the Portland metropolitan area a leader nationally and internationally in addressing older Americans' issues and I can't think personally of a city that I would rather be growing older in than this one. I have been in 53 countries and lived in five. So this is a place for older adults. Older Americans have been for the past several years and will continue to be the fastest growing demographic we face. In line with this year's theme, age out loud, or live out loud -- [laughter] live out loud, I want to share some recent information. According to news wire yesterday, local organizations experience increased demands with fewer resources. Older Americans are stepping up to fill in the gaps. Their service is more important than ever, said Aaron McGrath, acting director of senior corps. Older adults are transforming society and addressing some of the toughest problems facing our nation by closing the mentorship gap, reducing crime, reviving cities, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors remain independent in their homes, and just for a moment I had my mother in a nursing home in silver spring, Maryland, for six years from 1997 to 2003, at 6,000 plus dollars a month. Four years ago I had my only living aunt in a nursing home in Maryland and it was over \$8,000 a month. It means that most adults end up using up all of their resources and then having Medicare take over. If we lose Medicare it will be even worse, a major drain on this already \$1.6 billion budget deficit that the state has. The more we can do to keep our older adults in their homes the better it's going to be for everyone in the state. Also rebuilding communities following disasters and more than 21 million Americans age 55 or older contributed more than \$3.3 billion hours of service in their communities. Older Americans provide services valued at \$78 billion to the US economy. They are a national treasure. Finally, I would like to mention that commissioner smith invites any senior citizens to the pancake breakfast at 8:30 at the urban league's multi-cultural center at martin luther king boulevard. We feed quarterly between 75 and 90 seniors. I will be cooking along with other members of the staff. On Friday I will go out to restaurant depot and purchase 40 pounds of sausage, 40 pounds of bacon, 30 dozen eggs, 20 pounds of pancake mix, about 12 gallons of orange juice, 400 individual pats of butter and we'll be cooking first thing Saturday morning, so please come. Finally, commissioner smith will be holding town hall forums on elder abuse and fraud with some other partners, elders in action and others,

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May 24 at naya, June 7 at the Hollywood senior center, June 9th at east county advsd, June 12th at impact northwest and June 14th at the Urban league multicultural center, thank you for having me this morning. Thank you for your as much as and everything you do for not only older Americans but everybody in this area.

Wheeler: We sure appreciate your testimony. Thank you.

Eric Grehek: Good morning, mayor wheeler, commissioners. I'm Erin grehek, I'm the community services manager with Multnomah county aging disability and veteran's services. We are here today in celebration of older Americans month. The theme for 2017 is age out loud. What it means to age has changed and older Americans month is a perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older looks like today. More than ever before older people are working longer, trying new things and engaging in their communities. They are taking charge, striving for wellness, focusing on independence, and advocating for themselves and others. We know that a person's ability to achieve wellness, maintain dignity and choice, and to have the wherewithal and freedom to advocate is influenced by the broader society and its institutions, programs and policies. Aging disability and veteran services is proud to be an institution that promotes the independence, dignity and choice in the lives of older adults, people with disabilities and veterans. We are grateful for our partnership in the age-friendly network with the city of Portland, with nonprofit partners like elders in actions and academic institutions like Portland state university and we're thankful to be present today to celebrate this proclamation.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. We'll continue the journey.

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Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: May I ask a question? Thank you, commissioner Fish for that wonderful presentation. We're not currently convened as the budget committee. Am I correct in assuming you're going to raise the issue of funding for the age friendly cities this afternoon? Or somebody is?

Fish: That's to be determined. Yeah. We have been trying to get information about what is and is not being funded currently.

Fritz: I would just say right now that I'm committed to continuing the age friendly cities progress and hope that we will continue to work together in old and new ways.

Fish: Thank you all very much. Mayor, we have a staff person available to do 492.

Wheeler: Let's go back to the items pulled. 492, 497 and 499, Karla, is that correct?

Moore-Love: Yes.

Wheeler: Item 492, please.

Item 492.

Wheeler: Karla, how much testimony do we have on issue this?

Moore-Love: This was pulled from consent. Mimi German requested it.

Fish: I'll tee this up. The bureau of environmental services is planning to replace the pipes under the max line. Bes must enter into a licensed agreement with trimet to do so. This license costs about \$20,000. This covers indemnity, special use provisions and warranties. This cost does not include the actual cost to replace the pipes only the agreement with trimet and bill Ryan is here to give us a one-minute overview.

Bill Ryan, Bureau of Environmental Services: Mayor, commissioners, as commissioner Fish said, this agreement with trimet is just to pay for services. I have with me here Susan Hjorten who is the project manager for that project. She can answer any further questions that you may have.

Wheeler: Great. Thank you. Public testimony? You can be seated. Thank you. This was pulled by a citizen so we're not sure what the issue is.

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Fish: This is a license agreement to do work that intersects with max lines.

Wheeler: Correct. Good morning.

Mimi German: Hi, I pulled this today because I have concerns about trimet and as long as trimet is acting as one unit, one organization, I feel my testimony is valid.

Fish: This is a license agreement.

Wheeler: Unfortunately, that's not correct. As I stated at the very beginning of the meeting, the issue has to be relevant to the issue at hand.

German: This is specific to licensing. Specific to the rest -- I'm going to start off by reading a poem. The skin of snakes lying on this crumbling soil fingers spread, searching for air or a prayer, I receive that I am dirt clinging to my teeth. I am sweat, water, carrying salt. Those starlight falters there is breath in the shallows. A tide recedes as do city council members, swallowed, crawling throw the outer skin of snakes. I'm the last beginning. I don't have all that much to bring to the table regarding this except for a bit of common sense and I wish that the city council would understand that when trimet regardless of this license or any other license kills somebody that that money that they are owed by the city should go for funeral rights for those whom they kill. This just happens with Terrell Johnson. I think that money instead of being used for this should go to the family for whatever they would like regarding his death by trimet. If not, then the city council could take that \$20,000 not pay trimet punish trimet and create a memorial for all of the people killed by cops in our city. That is my testimony.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good morning, commissioners. Charles bridge crane Johnson. No relationship to Mr. Terrell Johnson, killed on trimet property. With the trimet max closed I'm concerned about over a couple weeks ago commissioner Fish made an aside to commissioner Fritz about ultraviolet the ultraviolet pipe carrying and there's been equipment on the max so there's something already going on there so I don't know exactly where this is happening. The other thing is I think citizens who have seen huge headlines in all the media that trimet has money to build a jail and now we can't fix our sewer pipes unless they get licensing fees from us seems a little bit absurd. I don't know if you know this but we have a governor named Kate brown who is goes to privatize trimet. That also creates a question. Actually privatizing trimet has been raised by the governor in the past days in the Willamette week. Not the best timing to -- the small amount of money the city can lose it and not suffer except as Ms. German pointed out it's the funeral cost of Terrell brown. Regardless of if you are persuaded this is time to give \$10,000 away so we can fix our sewers to trimet under some questionable legal scheme, the city metro and the county need to move quickly to bring trimet under a local elected board. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Star Stauffer: Good morning Star Stauffer. I have to concur with Mimi here in regards to these licensing fees from trimet. I happen to utilize trimet as a mode of major transportation for myself, and quite frankly find them to be extraordinarily expensive. First of all, why they need \$20,000, 10,000, even a dollar from us extra at this point is absurd considering they are allocated money from the department of homeland security to give to the Portland police who utilize those funds to police their max tracks and trains and their buses and as we have learned and has been confirmed through Terrell Johnson's killing they use it to kill black people. You could be allocating this money back to the families of people who have lost loved ones due to exposure on these tracks and on these trains from houselessness. You need to be giving this money back to families who have lost their children due to police murders like Terrell Johnson, Quanice Hayes. You need to invest this money to make trimet overall safer for women in general especially women of color. Bus stops are ridiculously insecure and have poor lighting most of the time. I'm not really

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sure why they are asking for \$20,000 for a license when they charge extraordinary fee's to utilize their service. What are they doing with the money? I want to see what they have been doing the money they get from tickets from people and not only that money from people who are issued tickets for not having fare on their systems. What's going on with that money? Why do we need to pay more money to this extraordinarily expensive transportation system that is working in conjunction with cops that kill black people? This is just disgusting. Yet again you'll do nothing because that's what you do because this has to do with black people and has to do with trimet and with the police and this is just another white extremist circle jerk.

Wheeler: Thank you is there any other public testimony? Before I move this to second reading, this is a nonemergency first reading, I want to be very clear that the reason we are paying trimet \$20,000 is we're asking them to shut down the electricity so that we can fix the sewer system without electrocuting our public employees. I think it's a very good use of resources. It's a nonemergency issue. Moving it to second reading. The next item was 497. Read the item, please.

Item 497.

Wheeler: Do we have -- okay, sorry. It's taken care of. Thank you. Next -- we need to call the roll on that because we pulled it already.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 499, I believe.

Item 499.

Wheeler: Who pulled that lightning?

Moore-Love: Lightning.

Wheeler: He's not here. Had she pulled it?

Moore-Love: Lightning pulled it first.

Moore-Love: You did accidentally. 499 is pulled.

Wheeler: Do we have somebody here to talk about it from staff? Thank you. Sorry.

Wheeler: Good morning. Just a brief description would be sufficient.

Allison Madsen, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Alison Madsen, pbot, special event coordinator. This is my 10th year with this ordinance, which is basically the housekeeping that allows us to issue permits for the parade, waterfront village and some of the closures for the formation disband areas.

Fritz: I'm very glad it got pulled, thank you for your work on it, it's a very complicated permit system and I appreciate your work.

Wheeler: Thank you. Public testimony.

Moore-Love: I don't have a signup sheet for this. It was pulled.

Mimi German: I'm Mimi German. As I voiced a few weeks ago regarding the rose festival my issues are with the rose festival funding of fleet week, which is all part of the same thing. I'm speaking specifically today to these permits. The city used its right to pull the permit on may day against the May day protest, which is I believe what went down, and what I would like to say in testimony is that I hope that come fleet week day when we do protest warships coming into our waters that the city considers revoking the permit for fleet week on that day as well. So really that is what I have to say. I feel that the houseless community is completely discriminated against with the rose festival, especially blatantly regarding the rights that rose festival has to camp in the streets, to get tents, the stores help them out, everybody gets to crash on the streets, no cops. You know, the whole thing. It's a blatant disregard to how houseless people actually live and get swept off the streets while the rose festival people enjoying themselves get to hang out on the streets in tents. So that's one issue. My main issue is fleet week. There will be protests, and I do hope that the city does what it does unfortunately what it did on may day, that it does in the right way

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on fleet week and pulls that permit for these warships. I'm asking you to consider pulling that permit since you have the right to do so for those warships.

Fish: Thank you for your testimony. Just to be clear this particular ordinance pertains to things like a permit to hold the junior rose festival parade, starlight parade. It doesn't have anything to do with fleet week. This has to do with some of the other public events.

Wheeler: These are parks and transportation.

Fish: I understand your testimony relates to something else. This particular one involves a very limited range of activities.

German: Okay.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Star Stauffer: Good morning. Quite frankly I'm afraid that my testimony is going to sound like it mirrors Mimi's in some ways, but my particular issue with these permits, these have nothing to do with fleet week. Everything to do with the police that will be escorting the parade and also is it a case that the police will have their own float in either of the parades? Do we know? Is that the case?

Fish: Has nothing to do with this matter.

Stauffer: My concern about that is I'm concerned about people's safety participating in this parade. Portland police have displayed through recent may day actions that they have no regard for permits and they have no regard for people who are vulnerable within these marches or parades and I'm concerned that at any moment during this either one of these parades the police will decide to lose their minds and attack people and revoke this permit and then what happens to all that money? All those people when they have nowhere to turn because it's the cops that are attacking them. We're going to have people of color here, immigrants, disabled. We're going to have children. We're going to have elderly, people who cannot just drop and run as we have seen on may day. The cops have shown time and again that they don't care if there's a permit. They don't care if there's not a permit. They will attack and like they did on may day there will be barely any warning if there's a warning at all. So I urge you to consider whether or not you need to have the police out there where they can attack these people who will essentially be sitting ducks thinking they are safe and protected under their extraordinarily expensive permit meanwhile police could be plotting against them, putting on riot gear while they are marching with them, embedding themselves within the march then launching bullets and teargas, boxing in other marginalized community members who can't escape, creating a serious dangerous situation in the streets that where panic and fear and injuries are going to be a thing. Are we going to have first responders there to respond if the police do decide to go crazy and attack people during this parade? I really urge you to consider the safety of the people that are going to be in this parade permit or no. These police are dangerous. You have killer cops out there and they are all just outrageously aggressive and over the top and you need to do something about that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Charles Bridge Crane Johnson: Good morning. Charles bridge crane. I think the answer to my question is maybe fuzzily in here. When the united states navy and maybe a couple of warships show up with their -- huge united states defense budget it seems like we give them free fencing and we isolate our cherry trees from our neighbors so that we can have this security thing. I don't know if that's the community village. A staffer mentioned community village. Right now what we have homeless people sleeping under steel bridge and the access ramps for the bridge there's no port-a-potty there, but when the billions of dollars of defense industry equipment wheel up in north, south upstream from the steel bridge there will be a port-a-potty, there will be fencing, and in a few years, five, six years ago we were tremendously concerned that some of our neighbors destroyed the parks

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right across the street with their occupy thing. So I just think it's ironic that it looks like based on the additional revenue in the community from the rose festival we could eat the cost of fences ourselves off from our own cherry trees so that these multimillion-dollar warships can be additionally secured by some fencing that the city of Portland will pay for and create a buffer zone between us and our brave service members who need a buffer zone between us.

Wheeler: Thank you. Further discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 507 is next.

Item 507.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Thank you, mayor. It's late but we have a number of items to get through. We'll be as brief as possible. This project will rehabilitate and repair the worst of the worst. About 20,000 feet of combined sewer pipe manholes service laterals and other infrastructure in severely debt crated condition and at risk of structural failure. The project area includes more than 30 locations in neighborhoods and business districts throughout the city. These improvements will protect public health and our environment by preventing structural failures. This is bill Ryan to kick things off.

Bill Ryan, Bureau of Environmental Services: Thank you. Commissioners, mayor, with me is Susan Hjorten, the project manager also for this project. I'll let her tell you about city-wide sewer repair.

Susan Hjorten, Bureau of Environmental Services: As bill mentioned I'm Susan Hjorten I'm a senior engineering associate in environmental services. We're here today asking for authorization to approve an ordinance to advertise \$8 million rehabilitation project contract. This project is a part of phase 3 of the large scale sewer rehabilitation program which was approved in our current capital improvement budget. The large scale sewer rehabilitation program, we're wrapping up phase 2, getting into phase 3. Phase 2 designed over 53 miles of pipe. It's to be replaced or rehabilitated. 30 of those miles have actually been completed through construction. Phase 3 to date has 18 miles that have been designed. There's three projects in pre-design, a couple in planning so their scope of work has not been added to the total miles yet. So the project overview for the city-wide sewer rehab includes 62 segments of pipe located in about 30 different areas of the city. The diameter range from eight inches to 30 inches. The age of the pipe is 50 to 130 years old. We're going to replace over 11,000 feet of pipe, rehabilitate 9,000 feet of pipe. Also included that's not shown here is 5,000 feet of new sewer service laterals will be replaced and about 900 feet of inlet leads and approximately 45 new manholes. So as you can see the projects kind of scattered throughout the area. Black dots represent the location of the work. The statistics are there. 55% in local residential streets, about 31% in busier arterial streets, 14% in easements. The construction methods will be open trench pipe replacement to replace pipelining, pipe bursting and some pipes are spot repairs. To determine which pipe go in the project typically our city maintenance crews can repair some of this pipe but if it gets too deep, over 16 feet, they ask it be done by a contract larger diameter pipe the same way or in heavy traffic areas. Then our phase 2 and phase 3 boundaries these pipe fell out of those areas. We're kind of grabbing all the pipe that need immediate attention. This project posed some challenges. On the west side many of the runs of pipe are located in challenging terrain, narrow, windy roads, some sewers are located in wooded areas where the terrain and the pipe slopes are 20%, 40% up to 67% grade. Typically, when we install on the east side flat areas 2%. So these houses are not only located -- one sewer that's located understand a house, some are in backyards or wooded areas. There's manholes that can't be accessed by vehicles so crews have to

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carry, pack in the equipment and materials to get to the work. Our public involvement staff has contacted over 19,000 property owners, tenants, business owners and operators in 30 different locations including 37 neighborhood associations, various business groups, p.i. has been very interactive in the design process to keep the team informed of local schools, street fairs, churches, farmers markets, basically any community gatherings that the project may impact. So I just want to give a shout out to them because they not only take the wood out to the neighborhoods they also bring it back into the team and help us determine best methods for going about the work. We work closely with pbob to try to minimize traffic impacts, they help us with traffic control plans. So if we need to try to determine a different construction method or staging areas to help the traffic flow they are at the table helping us with that. One other thing I would like to point out, all of our projects communicate with the utility companies a lot, natural gas, telephone, fiber optics, electrical. So in this photo here in the upper left corner, the black square is the bottom of the utility pole. So its inserted it broke the pipe. We were trying to figure out the best way to go about it. The utility company agreed to support the pole, the contractor will be there just do small spot repair versus having utility company go ahead of our work, relocate the pole, cause interruption to their services in the neighborhood area, traffic control, instead we narrowed it down to just a couple of days of work and minimal interruption to the neighborhood. The engineer's estimate is almost \$7.8 million. We hope to advertise next month and begin construction in October.

Ryan: It may not be obvious from Susan's presentation, but she's really to be congratulated on completing this project because this is all the difficult stuff that was taken out of other projects because it was so difficult that it was bogging down progress on getting the projects designed. So I think Susan would probably use a different word than difficult, but it was a long row to hoe and we really are proud to have Susan have completed this project.

Wheeler: Thank you both.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Is there any public testimony?

Moore-Love: Yes. Two people.

Wheeler: Given that we have a lot of items backed up and a lot of staff I want to respect them for being here I'm going to limit testimony to one minute 30 seconds. If you could try very hard to limit your testimony I would appreciate it. Thank you for your patience, Mary.

Mary Sipe: Thank you. Shoot. I wanted to bring up a website for you.

Wheeler: Why don't we start with star.

Sipe: Yes.

Fish: It's very difficult to do that.

Sipe: It's already queued up.

Star Stauffer: Mostly I just clarifying questions. Are the crews working on these projects already chosen at this point? As far as -- is it a bid situation or are these city employees? I'm just trying to clarify.

Fish: Complicated question. A lot of the work is done by city employees. Some of the work by state law gets competitively bid and comes back. So it's a combination.

Stauffer: And have those bids already occurred for this particular phase of the project?

Fish: This particular ordinance authorizes a competitive solicitation.

Stauffer: Okay. So I mean part of that solicitation of these crews are I hate the word diversity because it's such a back door racist term in my opinion, is diversity a qualifying factor? Is that something that we're looking for in these crews?

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Fish: In all of our public contracting we have aspirational goals to have opportunities for people who have historically been shut out from this kind of contracting. We have a bunch of rules and guidelines and we report back to council on our success.

Stauffer: Because mostly what I just want to make sure we're doing is giving the priority to businesses that are owned and run by people of color, families of color. Making sure that especially where we're working in neighborhoods of color that we have people working that represent that community so that those members feel safe and feel like their neighborhood is going to be actually taken care of in the way that the city is telling them it will. That's the only things that I'm concerned about that we continue to make sure that we continue to do.

Sipe: Mary Sipe. I completely support this and all the work going on around the city on our infrastructure. Unfortunately, what I don't support is all of the nighttime work that's going on. I brought up the noise control officer website and I'll see if I can minimize it enough so that you can get an idea. This shows you all of the noise variance permits throughout the city and if you go through their website you will see like probably close to 100 noise variance permits that are for sewer repair work, cipp work being done by the city being permitted to be done between 6:00 p.m. And 7:00 a.m. In the morning all over the city. I testified to this several months ago on another project asking you to please ask the city to give consideration to how they are doing this work. This morning was a perfect example of something that we're experiencing. I was woke up at 4:00 this morning by what sounded like a jet flying over. It stopped, then started up again. Finally, about 4:30 I went outside and it was city of Portland crew working to install the big, wide white stripes to install a crosswalk on the corner of 11th and Northrop. They said they had to do it because of the streetcar. The interesting thing that is the whole time they were doing this work, at 4:00 in the morning, they had one lane open. As soon as they laid something down they would let a car drive over it. There was no reason to have to stop traffic. The most ludicrous part is they did this work the day after the streetcar started running down that street after it had been shut down on that street for two solid weeks. We need to really take a look at what we're doing to the people living in our community who are trying to sleep at night. Quite frankly, this pretty much ruined my day for me. I called the police department and the police officer proceeded to tell me how the city workers are not subject to the laws and regulations that we have in the city. They did not have a noise variance permit and she refused to doing in anything. The police department can tell them to stop working when they don't have a permit.

Fish: Can I respond? I apologize. This sounds like a pbot issue, not throwing them under the bus, but we're all responsible. We need to do a better job coordinating. Pbot transportation bureau and the utilities are doing a better job coordinating so we do one stop, we don't come back and do it three times. I share your concerns about the noise that disrupts people's sleep. I think people have a right to sleep until 6:00 or 7:00 without interruption. If you can give us some additional information after the hearing, we'll look into it. We take seriously this issue about when we don't work but I will tell you, though, that because of traffic and because of other concerns it is sometimes the only option we have - - because sometimes it's emergency work our only option sometimes is to do evening work and that doesn't mean that we can't do a better job of minimizing the sound level. We take your concerns very seriously.

Sipe: Thank you. When you have a moment if you go to this website and scroll down you will see how many of these sewer repair projects are being done overnight throughout the city.

Fish: I'll ask for a briefing next week.

Sipe: I did file a complaint with the noise control office and I'll be meeting with them this afternoon.

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Wheeler: This was certainly illustrated a few weeks ago. [speaking simultaneously] we had the variance hearing on a similar issue. So thank you for being there then and thank you for your clarifications today. Is there any further public testimony? Any further board discussion? This is a nonemergency first reading. Moves to second reading. Next item is 508, if you could read the item.

508.

Item 508.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is 509.

Item 509.

Wheeler: This is a final vote and adoption of the findings.

Fish: Mayor, I was unable to attend the hearing and have not familiarized myself with the record so I will not be voting.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Moore-Love: Do we need a specific motion first?

Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney: There was a tentative vote so I think that --

Moore-Love: We didn't vote last time.

Fritz: I move to accept the findings.

Saltzman: Second.

Wheeler: Motion from commissioner Fritz, second from commissioner Saltzman to accept the findings. Please call the roll.

Saltzman: Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The findings are adopted. Next item, please.

Item 510.

Wheeler: Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Saltzman: Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

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

Item 511.

Wheeler: Why don't we continue this item, commissioner Fish? Just kidding [laughter]

Fish: I think this will win an award someday for the most postponed report in history. I beg your indulgence. It's been a long day and will be a longer afternoon but this is a very important update and bill Ryan has been prepared now on several council sessions to present it. If we could give him the indulgence, I would appreciate it.

Wheeler: I expect it to be a phenomenal presentation. Thank you for your patience.

Bill Ryan, Bureau of Environmental Services: Thank you. I'm sure I will not be able to comply with the excellent presentation. We're talking about a status report for the Columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant lagoon reconstruction phase 3 and 4. The triangle lagoon is a very important part of the treatment process at Columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant. Digested solids from the treatment process are stored in the lagoon until they can be dried and trucked to eastern Oregon where they are used as fertilizer to improve the dry land grasses used for feeding cattle. The lagoons have been in service for over 40 years. We're rehabilitating the lagoon and installing a new polyethylene liner system to ensure 40 more years of continuous service. To put you in context of where we are located, at the top of the slide are smith and bybee lakes. They lie to the west of the site. At the bottom of the slide is heron lakes golf club lying to the east of the site. On the left side of the slide is the Columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant and that lies south of the lagoon site. We are reconstructing the lagoon in phases. This has been going on for several years. Starting in 2002. It's necessary to do it in phases to keep at least a portion of the lagoon available at all times and in continuous operation. The current phase

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is the lining of the north lagoon which is about 15 acres of the total 39-acre site. The south lagoon which at this point you can see has no water in it was completed in 2014, one thing that we learned when completing this lagoon in phase 2 was that there was extreme variability in both the volume and the consistency of the bio solids within the lagoon.

Fish: That is the most sanitized version of that statement I ever heard.

Ryan: Well it gets worse, here are several pictures showing the difference in consistency and you can see that the bio solids vary from a fluid consistency to that of a dried cake that you could almost walk on. The volume were also very considerably and that is because the lagoons are in continuance operation, we're constantly pumping bio solids into the lagoon and then dredging bio solids back out of the lagoon in order to further dry it and place it in trucks for trucking out to eastern Oregon. The presentation for authorizing the ordinance for this contract was given to council in June of 2015 Scott Gibson described the likely hood of the wide variation in cost that was associated with that variation we expected in both consistency and volume of bio solids. Scott described that he expected the cost of this work would vary from \$9.3 million to as much as \$13.6 million. So here we are more than a year into the construction project and have completed the work to further assess the amount of variability or the actual variability. We made adjustments to the contract to reflect what we have discovered in that year. To put it in context, here's a comparison, on the left-hand side you see the engineer's estimate, this is a projected estimate based on our current what we have learned about the volume of the materials and the lagoon. The second bar from the left is our current contract, including the changes that we're talking about here, that have already occurred. Increasing the contract by \$1.5 million. The third bar from the left is our projection of the second bidders, bid from back in 2015. To the very far right is our projection of what it would cost had we decided to rebid the project rather than work with the contractor on this. So there are still unknown conditions that exist. We will still be pumping into. And out of the lagoon. We have 2.5 to three more years of work out there so there is still some risk. One of the risks we're concerned about is the sub grade, how so soft the soils are down to the bottom of the lagoon. The last thing we have to do before we can start using the lagoon again is to put in that polyethylene plastic liner. So we are taking steps to try and minimize the amount of variation that we have before the end of the contract. We are making continual estimates, reestimates of the volume of the bio solids ahead of us. We are looking at different options for where the bio solids are disposed of. We are looking at alternative methods for treating the bottom of the lagoon if we get there and it's too soft to construct the liner on.

Fritz: We are getting too technical for my answer but what are the amounts of bio solid variable?

Ryan: As I said we are constantly pumping into it and dredging out of it. The bio solids, if you think of what happens if you were to pump a bunch of semi fluid material into a pond, what you have is several feet of almost clear water, and then there is -- it gets considerably stiffer and thicker with depth. So where they are dredging, what portion of the pond they are dredging in, and are they taking out thin stuff or taking out thick stuff.

Fritz: Thank you.

Fish: That presentation got better with time. So thank you, thank you for your patience.

Wheeler: Thank you for your patience and hard work. Is there any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: You had signed up weeks ago, did you still want to?

Wheeler: Very good.

Wheeler: Colleagues any further discussion? We have a motion and we have a second. Please call the roll.

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Fish: Thank you for that outstanding presentation. And I think that you have made it crystal clear that this is an area of our work where we can make best guesstimates about certain of the variables? But because of the conditions, it's very difficult for us to know really what we're dealing with until we are in, essentially, in the area and we're doing the excavation, and I appreciate also the chart that showed the various alternative approaches, and making clear that the approach that we have taken is still a cost effective one so thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Fritz: I hope you won't be offended if I say that was surprisingly interesting. Good job on both the presentation and on explaining it so carefully. Aye.

Wheeler: Thank you. Aye. The ordinance is adopted or the report is accepted. Next item please.

Item 512.

Wheeler: Good morning.

*******:** Good afternoon.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Wheeler: Are you ok if we go until 1:00? Thank you.

Karl Arruda, Portland Bureau of Transportation: I am Karl Arruda a right-of-way agent with the bureau of Transportation. This ordinance is for a street vacation of two small pieces of northeast couch street just east of northeast 3rd avenue. Near the Burnside couch couplet. When the couplet was created for couch and Burnside, this is a stub of couch street that connects to 3rd avenue. And this proposal was initiated in 2015 by one of the adjacent property owners, block 75, llc, which owns the property just north of couch. Comments from the street vacation were solicited from the usual city bureaus, other government agencies, and utilities, and neighborhood associations, and the local business association. There were no objections that were received. Last august, there was a change that was made in connection with the street vacation with the city council authorized pbot to limit this little piece of couch to only bicycles and pedestrians closing this small portion to vehicle traffic. And so as a result of that approval the street stub was redesigned and modified so the street vacation was expanded to vacate slightly more land on either side of the newly designed bike and ped area. And then in February of this year the planning and sustainability commission gave their recommendation for approval of the street vacation. And so based on the ownership of the area, the north piece being vacated will most likely become the property of the adjacent owner, block 75, llc, and the small piece on the south side will most likely revert to the property owner just south of couch, block 76, llc.

Fish: You had a couple of my colleagues ask very good questions last time this thing came up. I just want to make two observations. One is that I remain a couplet skeptic in terms of what we have tried to do. We have -- this is an audacious plan in which we are, we reengineered an entire set of traffic patterns, and I will let this ripen a little more before we make our judgments. But the one concern that I do have is that as you are heading west on couch, and you are now going into a very dense area because there are now three buildings where there were once four, and we are putting traffic, pedestrians, and bikes into a very congested area and I have already noticed bad behavior as people navigate that turn. It is an unusual turn. It's two very significant turns, one left and one right. And I appreciate we created a dedicated bike area by elevating the street. But I worry that in our zeal to re-engineer this whole thing we have created a vulnerable place here. It does not necessarily relate to the street vacation because I understand the logic of that and I think that if traffic on couch thought that they could go through this street I think it would create more problems. But I do think that this is going to become a reasonably

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dangerous intersection, and we also have a new building that's going up, which is -- seems to be built right to the street line. I mean, the setback on that building is unusually modest, so I want to just state a reservation.

Arruda: I think some of those concerns was why m bought made the proposal last august, to close that little piece off.

Fish: And I will support this but I think that there is other challenges we're going to face in that very constrained area.

Andrew Aebi, Portland Bureau of Transportation: Commissioner Fish, Andrew Aebi project manager. I would note one of the things that the councilor approved last august was the scope change where we raised the bike lane on couch street going around that tight turn, and we have gotten good feedback on that fix. Yes, it's a very challenging area, but the initial feedback has been positive in terms of what we have done. We made the script change last august as you recall to eliminate the right hook that otherwise would have occurred if we had the vehicles turning from couch street onto couch court so thank you.

Fish: I will support this, thank you.

Wheeler: Good. Any further questions at this point? Any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Hearing none this is a non-emergency first reading. Moves to second reading. Thank you.

Arruda: Thank you.

Wheeler: Next item please.

Item 513.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Jennifer Li, Revenue Division: Good afternoon mayor and commissioners, for the record Jennifer Li, program manager at community technology and the revenue division. The ordinance before you would grant a temporary revocable permit to allow electric car charging stations in the right-of-way along southwest salmon between southwest 1st and 2nd. The charging stations are already there, this is just another agreement because the other agreement, the original one expires in august. This trp will be for a limited duration of up to one year. The city and pge have negotiated a franchise agreement for a five-year term which would supersede and replace the original grant of authority from 2015. However, because of the time required to complete the formal franchising process required by the city charter, they asked the city council to consider granting a temporary revocable permit under substantially similar terms as the new franchise agreement. The trp will allow pge to proceed immediately under the terms of the negotiated franchise agreement. We anticipate the new franchise agreement will come before council for consideration later this summer, probably in late June. I am happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Wheeler: Very good. What have you learned in the last two years during this trial process and what worked and hasn't worked?

Ben Walters, Chief Deputy City Attorney: Ben Walters with the city attorney's office. One of the things that we have learned is that pbot and pge as the permittee need to coordinate on other permitting activities in the vicinity of these charging stations because we'll have folks coming in to do work at the world trade center and getting a permit from pbot to park in these facilities, and for construction purposes, etc., and sometimes that's at pge's request and sometimes it's for tenants in the building, and so pbot and pge I have learned quite a bit during this time period and have put in place some better coordinating programs for making sure that these spots are not otherwise taken during the day when people may need them for charging purposes. The other thing about the franchise that will be coming forward and embodied in this permit is that pge had originally proposed this one

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location for charging stations, is because of changes in state law that have occurred, pge is contemplating proposing charging station locations elsewhere in the city. The franchise on a looking forward basis does contemplate that will be occurring.

Wheeler: Very good, thank you. Appreciate it.

Fritz: I didn't understand the financial impact statements. Do electrical vehicles being charged to their owners pay for using that station?

Li: Currently they are not but I understand that pge is looking at doing that going forward.

Fritz: So they are paying 3,000 which is up from 1,000 which is the estimated loss if it was a regular --

Li: The 1,000 was the franchise negotiated in 2015, when pge first put these in. At the time pge were not anticipating charging for the use of the electricity at the charging stations. So a nominal franchise fee.

Fritz: But presumably the stations are taking up the meter spaces that otherwise would be paid for. So is that what this 1,000 and now 3,000 represents?

Walters: No, pge is paying pbot separately for the foregone revenues. This is just for the administrative costs of overseeing the franchise.

Fritz: Where are they going to go -- so they are going to start charging?

Walters: They do anticipate starting to charge for the electricity provided through the charging stations, yes.

Fritz: Will that come to council or not?

Walters: No, that will not come back before council, that's anticipated in the permit as proposed.

Fritz: Do we know how much they are planning to charge?

Walters: No, we do not. That would be a market driven decision.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: Further questions, any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: Two people signed up.

Wheeler: Good Afternoon.

Shedrick Wilkins: I support electric cars and I like the solar cell rays on the two parking garages on Montgomery park. My mother used to work at Montgomery park from 1950 to 1956. She was like a clerk or something. I've been in the building, and I went crazy, and in other words I am trying to imply that you could take the solar cells and use them to power up the electric cars. And I had this interesting story when in 1990 when I was a student at psu I met Dennis Hayes with mayor bud clark and had dinner with them. Better dinner I had, he founded earth day in 1970. And I said we need something like the space needle and I've been saying this for five years. Instead of building one just put a restaurant on the sixth floor of the Montgomery park so you could see both the panel from an elevated position, most panels you cannot see so the funny thing I went to Montgomery park last month and I went up to the sixth floor and went crazy and said there ought to be a restaurant here like the space needle. And anyway it was a neat experience because you could see them from an elevated point of view, and they ought to put a sign on top of the roof. And on July 19 I am going to give a talk on that idea about putting a restaurant there and call it the Montgomery park solar energy station or something like that. So it's something that -- I might get some money out of this.

Wheeler: By the way, I don't think that's crazy at all. I happen to have the fortune of being there the day they flipped the switch on those solar rays and we were up on that top floor which is currently vacant and you are right, it's a stunning view of the city. And you see the solar rays both on the parking lot as well as on the old facility. It is an impressive array. It's huge.

Wilkins: You can't see the east side.

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Wheeler: That's correct.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Rick Durst: I am Rick Durst with Portland General Electric. I was signed up just in case there were any questions that needed to be answered.

Wheeler: I think we just need to thank you for your hard work on this and thanks for being a supportive partner and working with us over the last two years on the initial demonstration and continuing the good work going forward. We really appreciate it. Commissioner Fish?

Fritz: Do you have any idea how much you are going to charge?

Durst: We have some proposals into the public utility's commission for expanding and having additional charging infrastructure. I don't recall. It is roughly \$5 a charge for the quick charging station or \$3 a charge, \$3.50 for level 2, and then there is an added fee during on-peak times, on-peak electricity times from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. That's what we are going to be proposing. It will be something that's going to be fluid because if you look at the market out there right now there is some places that charge \$10, and some that charge just by the kilowatt hour so there is a multiple way that people are charging and we're taking something kind of in the middle of that, we're going to see how that affects things and people haven't been having to pay a fee except for the parking. And so you know any time that happens, you will see that you start charging a fee and usage is going to drop off but it will come back. Same thing happened when the city put stations in at Fred Meyers and other places. They were free for the first year or two while they figured out the payment mechanism and once they did he this started charging a fee, dropped off to half the usage but within months came back up and as more electric cars come around it will do the same thing again.

Fritz: And Commissioner Saltzman are we planning to do that with the city charging stations?

*****: Excuse me.

Saltzman: I am not really sure.

Fritz: It's a brave new world and potentially we could add a tax on top of it so we get the gas tax in so we could do something like this.

Durst: It's part of the franchise agreement that we have to pay a portion of the revenues we are collecting and that's what the agreement was for.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: Call the roll please.

Fritz: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye the ordinance is adopted. Next item please.

Item 514.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

*****: Hi.

Karl Lisle, Office of Management and Finance: Hi, Karl Lisle, spectator of the program with the office management and finance so this is the next step in moving forward with an expansion of Providence Park stadium, and you will remember last week you approved a resolution in general support of the project and that kind of set in motion a series of things. This is the first step and essentially it amends an existing on-call contract that we have with the architectural engineering team and that allows us to begin using that team as the owner's representatives on the project and start engaging with the project architects and making sure that the city is, the city's concerns and issues and desires and goals are being representative as that design-work proceeds so you know, as you can imagine the city's goals and desires for the project don't always line up exactly with those are the operators of the facility. And we're the long-term owners and we have different perspectives so we

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really want to get this team onboard soon to be able to engage in that process as they move forward. It is an on-call contract, existing, we will be adding some subcontractors to it, which you can see here, which specifically give us access to stadium design experts, a team, Denver, who worked on the stadiums before will be a valuable addition to the team and that's important and also gives us access to the construction project management team which will be important later on in the project if they get to the construction. It's an on-call contract. And we are under no obligation to suspend this but it gives us access to engage now. It's an emergency because the design work is proceeding as we speak and we want to make sure that we are at the tables with the right experts. So the next steps in this process would be coming back in June, and those would be a term sheet which would be a time to get back into the deal terms and questions about the exemption on the ticket revenue and those things we discussed so that's really not involved here. Then another piece that would come back in June would be a competitive bid exemption.

Fritz: Do we have a representative attorney's team. I remember when we did the first conversion that we had outside help.

Lisle: We do have outside counsel and working through the city attorney's office with that so that has been going on as well.

Fritz: Will that come back to council?

Lisle: My understanding it does not need to. Those are existing, I don't know, a look at the city attorney's office for how that works, but that's being managed through them. I don't think council approval is required for that.

Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney: I will have to get more information which we can get to your office.

Fritz: Thank you. I would like to know that because this 400,000 is not being covered by the people wanting to do the renovations, so the discussion that we had last about this being done with private money is not happening so I was wondering also how much we're going to be paying in attorney's fees which again would factor into the whole ticket tax and concern about the future of the facility. Will this contract be guided, the architecture firm, will they be guided by the office of management and finance and overseen very carefully?

Lisle: Yes, exactly. They are the owner's representatives and in the city's role as owner of the facility they will be our owner's representatives reviewing the design and the construction as they proceed to make sure that our ends of the agreements and our expectations are met.

Fritz: I hope that they will consult with development services and planning and design review commission so that it does turn out to be the kind of facility that we can be proud of.

Lisle: Absolutely. We want to be careful and make sure that the burden of the permitting process is on the applicant, which is the operator, so we are not going to take that on but will participate in that as it represents our interests.

Fritz: Thank you.

Fish: My understanding is the applicant already is in discussions with the design review commission so I think that slapping an emergency clause on this makes sense so that we have maximum flexibility so thank you.

Wheeler: Any further questions or public testimony?

Robert West: I am Robert west with police 9-1-1. I was -- I wanted to testify last week but other things happened. My concern is that they put a ten-year thing on property taxes so they don't have to pay the property taxes.

Fish: Mr. West that's not what they did and that's not what's before us right now.

West: All of a sudden their saying we need more money, we don't need the property tax exemption, but we need the city to come out.

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Fish: There is no property tax exemption in this deal. We have not granted them a property tax exemption.

Wheeler: Let's let him get through his one thing.

West: As long as the city -- the city shouldn't be paying this kind of money for projects like this. That affects only a small group of people. The city should be spending 400,000 on projects for everyone. Fixing streets. Neighborhood development. Stuff like that. Not sports stadiums.

Wheeler: Fair enough, thank you.

Stauffer: Good afternoon. Star Stauffer. I will not -- I don't know if I will take my minute and a half but I am concerned -- I want to clarify, excuse me, that this 400 is to keep them basically on retainer in case that we are to need them, for consulting fees. And Amanda is shaking her head no and you are nodding yes.

Wheeler: This allows us to hire subcontractor consultants who represent our city's interests.

Star Stauffer: So this is a 400 allowance to utilize -- so what happens to the rest of the money that's not utilized?

Wheeler: It comes back.

Stauffer: Ok because and the reason I asked that is because I am concerned that 400,000 can be put into an allowance for retaining architecture consultants, and other subcontractors and sub-consultants and all these things, but yet, I mean, that's extraordinarily higher than we have allocated, or approved or come to an agreement on as far as the houseless budget, and I know during this project, the houseless community is going to be affected. So I am wondering how that is going to be -- how can you justify this kind of a budget to keep these people on retainer when we may not use them. And yet it's such a struggle to get any money for the houseless or any projects going for the houseless. This is sustainability and long-term. Making the streets safer for our houseless and investing in tiny homes. I know you get tired of us saying the same thing over and over but you have to understand that when we see numbers like this and yet we're having these kind of arguments. I am almost done, when we're having these arguments about allocating money to people that are vulnerable in the community this is just to retain people, which means that we have the money to spend on this. We're putting it into an allowance and we may not use it all. So I am proposing that I know I can't stop you from putting this money into an account. I get that. Whatever money is not utilized for this, let's talk about utilizing that left over money for the houseless. Let's put that into a plan to utilize for the houseless. Please don't interrupt me, specifically the houseless.

Fritz: It cannot be used for that.

Stauffer: Whether it be sweeps or just not even being able to be there because of construction, concerns or anything like that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Any other public testimony?

Moore-Love: That's all that signed up.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye the contract is approved and if you will endeavor we have one more item. Colleagues can you stay for one more item?

Fish: Ok.

Wheeler: Good.

Item 515.

Wheeler: Good afternoon gentlemen.

Bryant Enge, Office of Management and Finance: Good afternoon Mr. Mayor and commissioners. For your consideration there is an ordinance authorizing the financing plan

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to fund the city share of the jasmine block project. The jasmine block project will be a joint development with Portland state university, Oregon health and science university and Portland community college. While full details of the project are unknown at this point, the total building cost is estimated to be approximately 100 million for a 200,000 square foot building. Per resolution 37274 city council instructed the office of finance and administration to work with the Portland development commission and Portland state university to develop the occupancy and a financing plan. The ordinance in front of you would authorize the city to issue in an amount up to 20 million to finance the cost of acquiring approximately 30,000 square feet of space in the building. This ordinance is intended to provide evidence to psu of the city's commitment for local funding as they go to the state in search of additional funding. The current plan is for psu to develop the jasmine block which is owned by pdc. Pdc has agreed to convey the land to psu for the development with an agreement that the project will include certain amount of tax generating retail space. We anticipate that bps will occupy the newly constructed space. Relocating bps will allow for most if not all of the bds employees currently in out leased space to be moved to the 1900 building. We'll be back in front of you as the project develops including seeking council approval of a development agreement between psu and the city. No bonds will be sold until the council takes official action to authorize the city's participation in the project, such as approving the development agreement. The ordinance includes a statement that no bonds will be issued until council approves the project and the development agreement. I would like you to provide the specifics about the financing plan.

Fish: I am not sure we need that, my understanding in the briefing that we got is that this action would then demonstrate to psu and the legislature our binding intent to bring the local match which in turn allows them to be competitive for the lottery-backed money, with the money that they are seeking from the legislature, and it's slightly out of sequence but it is, in order for them to secure their state financing after which you would come back to us to deal with the -- to present the other details of this transaction in the ordinary course is that correct?

Enge: Commissioner Fish absolutely.

Fish: No bonds will be issued so I don't think that we need to get into the details.

Wheeler: And this goes not the authorization of those. It does give you a head start. There is a lot of paperwork and number crunching involved so this obviously gives you some leeway to begin that process.

Saltzman: We are putting in up to \$20 million, how much is ohsu and psu and pcc putting in?

Enge: Commissioner Saltzman I do not know the specifics in terms of how much each one of those are putting in but if it's based on the amount of square foot, I can tell you the square footage, psu 60,000 square feet of the building. Oregon health sciences is looking roughly at another 60,000. And pcc looking at 30,000. And we're looking at 30,000 square feet.

Saltzman: If each 30,000 square foot increment was \$20 million, which is what our share is, it seems like we're overpaying. Relative to the partners for \$100 million building. Did you say that?

Enge: 100 million.

Saltzman: So we are putting in at a rate that would make this building 120, 150.

Enge: That's correct.

Saltzman: So we're overpaying our share and wondering why. I don't know if you have the answer.

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Enge: That's a good question, commissioner Saltzman. And so our numbers are roughly somewhere between \$15 to \$20 million. We're estimating at this time in terms of the construction costs it's about \$15.6 to \$15.9 million. And there is additional room for contingency and also for tenant improvement and so there is going to be moneys over and beyond our original construction cost to help us pay for improvements for our 30,000 square feet and I expect that the other partners will be putting money in for those -- their specific tenant improvements too.

Saltzman: This does not include improvements?

Enge: \$20 million does.

Saltzman: It does. So includes the tenant improvements.

Enge: Right. That's separate from the construction costs, correct.

Wheeler: And to be clear you will not bring any of these to market until you have come back for the approval of this city council? With all those questions answered?

Enge: Yes.

Wheeler: Ok.

Saltzman: I would expect ohsu, psu, pcc to be paying the same amount for this as we are. Relative to the proportion of space we are taking, so ohsu and psu are taking twice the amount of space that we are taking I expect to see their shares to be twice what we are putting in.

Enge: Absolutely.

Saltzman: To be fair.

Enge: Yeah.

Saltzman: Ok.

Wheeler: Great. Any public testimony on this item?

Moore-Love: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Very good, this is a non-emergency first reading and ordinance and moves to second reading and we are adjourned. Thank you and we will see you at 2:00.

At 1:06 p.m. Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon, everybody. I'm now convening this meeting of the city of Portland budget committee. Karla, please call the roll.

At 2:00 p.m. council convened as City Budget Committee.

Fish: Here **Saltzman:** **Eudaly:** Here **Fritz:** Here **Wheeler:** Here

Wheeler: the usual statement, the purpose of council meetings is to do the city's business including hearing from the community on issues of concern. For us to hear from everyone and give due consideration to matters before the council we ask everybody please to preserve the order and decorum of these meetings. If you testify individuals have three minutes unless otherwise stated. Please state your name for the record. We don't need your address. If you're a lobbyist, please disclose that. If you're here representing an organization, please disclose that as well. Typically, people have three minutes to testify. From time to time we're required to shorten that just given time constraints. Conduct that disrupts the meeting for example shouting or interrupting others' testimony or interrupting during council deliberation is not allowed. Personal attacks and insults levied against city or council staff many of whom are required to testify as a condition of employment, is not tolerated, people who disrupt the meeting face ejection from the meeting. If there is a disruption, I'll issue a warning that if further disruption occurs you'll be asked to leave. If you are asked to leave and don't do so you're subject to arrest for trespassing. If you like something, thumbs up. If you don't, thumbs down is typically it enough. So here we're at that time of year, Andrew welcome.

Item 516.

Andrew Scott, Director, City Budget Office: Thank you, mayor. Andrew Scott, city budget director. I'll give a quick overview of what we're going to do today and then we'll dive right into it for those of you who have been through it before and those who have not. The first thing we're going to do is hold a hearing on the possible uses of state revenue sharing, something that state law requires us to do as part of our approved budget process so we'll take testimony on those state proposals on revenue sharing.

Wheeler: Now opening a hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing. This is being held by the city council of Portland, Oregon, in compliance with the provisions of the state revenue sharing regulations ors221.770 to allow citizens to comment on the possible use of these funds in conjunction with the annual budget process. As proposed for council adoption the fiscal year 2017-18 budget anticipates receipts totaling \$17,485,117 from state revenue sharing. As has been the case in prior years it's proposed this revenue be allocated in equal parts to support fire prevention and police patrol services. Is there anyone here today that wishes to be heard on this subject? Come on up. We have two.

Sarah Hobbs: Is this the testimony that everybody signed up for outside.

Wheeler: There's actually multiple opportunities this is specific to the revenue sharing portion of the budget. Because of state law we go through this arcane episode by episode process so this is specific to the 17 plus million that's through state revenue sharing. If you want to testify on that you're welcome now.

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Hobbs: Can I testify on both?

Wheeler: You're not precluded from testifying on both. That's correct. Just so these guys don't -- let's bring up one at a time then bring star up next.

Hobbs: For the record I'm Sarah Hobbs. This state budget is kind of gloomy. I'm totally caught off guard that this is possible funding revenue for fire and police. It's an established how this money goes to be split, what goes to what division and what specific services will this money be earmarked toward or is it just going into a general fund to be spent whatever way fire and rescue and police want to spend it? That's the question I have because I didn't see this one coming. I came to testify actually on city budget. What? So will those questions be answered in the process of the person presenting the information?

Wheeler: Good question, Sarah. I apologize for the arcane nature of the hearing but we have to follow state law very, very closely.

Hobbs: I'm not angry. You have to follow the law.

Wheeler: Regard to specific expenditures the proposed budget, which is available online as line by line proposed expenditures in both police and fire bureau budget.

Hobbs: Whoever is doing closed caption could they post that website listing so people can see it?

Wheeler: That's on the city budget website. I appreciate it. For the record, it's a new program, which is pretty cool, you can actually if you hold your cursor over the line item, it will open a page with a full narrative on each line item.

Hobbs: Is that under the open data website?

Wheeler: That's correct. Appreciate it.

Star Stauffer: Star Stauffer. As far as whatever I have not looked at the proposed budget online for the Portland police and what they are requesting. If this is still open to debate as far as allocation of these funds I would like to propose some of the funds going to the Portland police be reallocated towards the families of the victims of police shootings to help get them get back on their feet and pay for funeral services, wage losses, time lost and not only that counseling for them and their families. I think that would be the sensitive and sensible thing to do. It would create an opportunity to reach out to that community and perhaps start bridging that gap of mistrust and anger towards the city of Portland right now not only that I'm not really comfortable giving the Portland police any more money considering they act like impetuous children who don't have to follow the law. That's my proposal. I'll keep it short. Please consider allocating some of this money without dragging these families through court to these families who have lost children and loved ones to police violence in the city.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Antigonus Jarrett: Hi, ted. I'm Antigonus Jarrett I have given testimony to you before. I have witnessed extreme police violence using military style equipment such as teargas canisters and ultrasonic disturbance that makes your stomach hurt. I worry when I see police budgets go up that the reason that we're increasing the budget is that we're going to be purchasing more military style equipment. As a pastor I didn't happen to come dressed up today but as a pastor I feel that I have to speak out on behalf of all of the people that I see who are injured by these weapons. I have to wonder why we have to use them and why we have to allocate money for them. Because in my mind, that money could be spent in much better ways and we don't need to be purchasing military style equipment for a city.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Jarrett: Specifically, sanctuary city. That's a good point. A sanctuary city where people are supposed to feel safe under our care, under my care. I don't know how I'm supposed to ensure that safety when I'm afraid of the police and afraid they are going to be spending more money on buying more weapons.

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Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony. Any other public testimony on this item? Any further comments from my colleagues on this particular item? I'm now closing this hearing to discuss possible uses of state revenue sharing.

Scott: At this point we're going to move into the actual approved budget phase of the proceedings. I'm going to walk through the run of show because there are multiple steps that we need to follow in terms of complying with state law. So last week we had a work session to talk about the approved budget changes the mayor released his proposed budget earlier in the month. We talked about potential changes council wanted to see and the mayor filed the approved budget, which is what you have before you, that incorporated some of those changes. First we need to put that because you're acting as the budget committee put those approved budget changes as filed in the change memo on to the table. There needs to be a motion and second.

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Fish and a second from commissioner Fritz. Any further discussion on the motion?

Scott: Actually we don't need to vote on that we just need to make sure it was put on the table. At this point I'm happy to go through any details. We walked through those at the work session so I wasn't going to go into detail on what those changes were. But at this point, we can entertain any additional amendments that the mayor or council may have. Each amendment brought forward today needs to have a motion and second. Then we will take individual votes on each amendment as we go through.

Fish: We have a cheat sheet handed out with the updated list of amendments. Is it your recommendation we just take them in sequence?

Scott: I think that is an easy way to do it. Correct.

Saltzman: Although I have an amendment I would like to offer. I think there may be additional amendments as well.

Fritz: I just need to clarify I believe the procedure is they moved and seconded but we don't vote until after we've heard public testimony.

Scott: Actually what we do is each one is approved and seconded. We can also put them all on the table but each gets an individual vote before public testimony. At that point because what the public is here to testify on is the approved budget prior to approval. These amendments need to be added to what is already filed and at that point after we have approved the -- after council has approved the adjustments in attachments b, c, and d as amended we open it up for public testimony for the approved budget in totality.

Fritz: There hasn't been opportunity for the public to testify on any of the amendments yet. So why would we vote on it before we hear public testimony?

Scott: This is procedure followed by state law. There's public testimony on the amendments after public testimony council can make additional changes or amendments to the budget. This is a procedural issue because your acting as the budget committee not the city council right now so what we need to do is get the approved budget changes officially on the table so that public can see what those are then --

Fish: You have in past budget years I believe raised the same question appropriately but I my recollection is after the testimony we have also come back and made the adjustments and it's been explained that this is the formal mechanism of placing it before the public.

Fritz: Why would we just not vote yes on all of them then vote again after testimony?

Fish: There may be some amendments that don't have support of council to put into the revised budget.

Wheeler: As I understand director Scott you're saying we take the motion and the second and we vote on them prior to public discussion?

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Scott: Prior to hearing from the public. There is council discussion on these --

Wheeler: The process subsequent to deliberations council discussion or testimony would be to go back and revise or withdraw? We would have to take a vote again to withdraw something.

Scott: Correct. Acting as the budget committee year making decisions about what to include in the approved budget. That's the process we're going through now as commissioner Fish laid out. Is there support from at least three members of the budget committee to even put it on the table for the public to comment on.

Wheeler: Very good. Does that answer your question, commissioner? I agree with you it's unorthodox compared to the way we typically do business.

Fritz: I need to know; do I need to be on the winning side of the votes on the table to move to reconsider so that we can then vote against it?

Fish: No.

Fritz: In normal parliamentary procedure you have to be on the winning side to move to reconsider any particular item. It would seem if we even might want to reconsider later we should vote yes even though.

Fish: May I jump in? This is not normal parliamentary procedure. We're discharging a bill from the budget committee to the full council for testimony and my understanding, Andrew, correct me if I'm wrong, we have the freedom to amend it any way we choose after the public testimony.

Wheeler: Great conversation. What is legal counsel's opinion?

Heidi Brown, Deputy City Attorney: I'll let you know in just a minute.

Wheeler: Keep stalling.

Fritz: I just want to know maybe by councilor ascent if I want to change a vote after hearing public testimony I would be allowed to move to do so even if I didn't support it in the first place or vice versa.

Scott: After public testimony any member of the budget committee could bring forward another amendment either to add an additional item or something that had been previously put in.

Wheeler: Any objection? Great. If you find something that prohibits that let me know. In the meanwhile, we'll make that the operational agreement up here.

Brown: Thank you.

Wheeler: With that, colleagues, I would recommend since we are the cheat sheet and commissioner Saltzman and I at least have additional amendments that we'll need to bring forward, I'll go through the cheat sheet first. If you don't mind. We can just take the votes up or down on each of these in order. Does that work with people?

Fritz: The person who's moving them would explain to the public what they are.

Wheeler: Exactly. Great. I will start since mine happen to be first. This is the build Portland amendment in conversations with a number of folks I have come back with an amendment to the language of the footnote that was attachment d, which I'm proposing that we change. The main changes here are highlighting for council the general fund forecast for future debt service costs as soon as the next debt issuance falls within that five-year rolling forecast window. It requires that there be a discussion with the council on the costs and benefits of proceeding with the build Portland program. It also includes an express intent to hold a work session during the summer of 2017 to discuss the build Portland program and in the fall of 2017 I will as mayor present to the council a binding resolution to formalize the city's commitment to build Portland. So that is it. Legal counsel, do I need to read the whole thing into the record or is it sufficient to have it on this piece of paper?

Brown: I'm sorry I was focusing on the other thing --

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Wheeler: As part of it the plan includes a schedule of periodic debt issuance. Council districts city budget office to highlight for council the general fund forecast, the future debt service cost as soon as the next proposed debt issuance in the five-year forecast time frame and discuss with council the costs and benefits of proceeding with the program. Council expresses intent to hold a work session during the summer of 2017 to discuss build Portland. In the fall of 2017 the mayor will present to council a binding resolution to formalize the city's commitment to build Portland.

Fish: I'm going to second this.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz just beat you out there it's been moved. It has been seconded. Further discussion or questions on this amendment? Seeing none please call the roll.

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

Fritz: So this outlines the mayor's plan for using money that will come back into the tax rolls after the urban renewal districts are finished and using that money to build infrastructure but the amendment says we will have further public discussion about that before we move forward with it. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is actually approved. Colleagues, there's two other quick ones I would like to put on the table. Since I have the mike I might as well do it. Taxes returned from urban renewal, this is striking the entire of section under attachment d, listed as taxes returned from urban renewal given that we have just approved this amendment this simply swaps out the language that was there previously.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion and second. Any further discussion on this highly scintillating amendment? Seeing none, call the roll.

Fish: Mayor, again, so the public is clear we are affirming a policy recommendation that the mayor has made to an effect use some of the returning urban renewal money to fund an ambitious plan to get a handle on our backlog of infrastructure maintenance and the mayor is sharpening the two pieces that appear in this budget and pledging to do a process this summer which will result in a resolution laying out the long term vision and I strongly support that. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Last but not least, this is a motion to amend attachment d, specifically the budget note achieve full cost recovery for police secondary employment. The council directs the Portland police bureau to implement a rate model that achieves full cost recovery for secondary employment hours worked by police officers that provide private benefit to a specific business, property, or individual. The cost recovery model shall include both direct and indirect costs and full cost recovery rates shall be completely phased in by fiscal year 2021. I think it's self-explanatory but the bottom line I don't believe we should be in the business of subsidizing the use of our police force for private sector organizational or individual needs.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion and second by commissioner Fritz. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

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

Fritz: The mayor in your role as police commissioner I would like to know why this information was not given to me on previous occasions when we have approved the second employment policy where I was specifically told it would have full cost recovery. I would like to know from the bureau what the difference is.

Wheeler: That is a fair question and I do not have the answer. It may be that there is currently full cost recovery but I want to dot that I, cross that t, make it the policy of the city

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council that there will be full cost recovery and we will hold the leadership of the bureau accountable for achieving that cost recovery.

Fritz: That's a great explanation cause that's been my request previously. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Next up commissioner Fish.

Fish: I have two amendments. The first would reverse the 5% cut that appears in the mayor's filed budget for open signal, which provides community digital media and literacy services.

Eudaly: Second.

Fish: This would be paid for out of the general fund contingency.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish moved and commissioner Eudaly seconded. Any further.

Fish: Just for our audience open signal formerly Portland community media has a building on martin luther king, jr., boulevard. They are also the wonderful people that film this and other public meetings and provide service through cable television.

Wheeler: I have found there's no camera angle that makes me look good. I won't hold it against them. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

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

Fritz: This money is coming out of the reduction to the general fund contingency. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendments adopted.

Fish: I have a second amendment, mayor. I have an amendment number 2. Which would amend attachment d, specifically the budget note that refers to the joint office of homeless services funding conversation and it would read as follows. Title joint office of homeless services funding conversation. Council directs the city budget office to coordinate a work session to discuss the city's role in supporting efforts of the joint office of homeless services which will include a discussion of current and future funding levels insert including funding sustainability.

Eudaly: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish moves, commissioner Eudaly seconds with my enthusiastic harmony. Any further discussion? Seeing none call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you, mayor. My first one is simple, it's to amend budget notes regarding reporting from Portland parks and recreation and to be more realistic into the time it would take to hire a consultant to do an objective outside evaluation of funding for Portland parks and recreation long term. The long term finance plan budget note would now say council directs Portland parks and recreation to develop a long-term financial plan which specifically outlines options to address system development charge funded system expansion and long term major maintenance needs. This plan should outline alternative funding options and possible service tradeoffs. If new sources for operations and maintenance and major maintenance needs are not available. A status report shall be submitted to council along with the bureau's financial year 2018-19 requested budget. The long term financial plan should be submitted to council by December 2018.

Eudaly: I'll second that.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Fritz and second from commissioner Eudaly. Any further conversation or questions?

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

Fritz: Thank you. Of course if we can get it done faster we will. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted.

Fritz: This is my amendment number 2, much more complicated, so bear with me, please. Citizens and voters of Portland passed measure 26180 last year raising approximately \$300 million a year from a tax on recreational marijuana sales at 3%. When I was taking

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this measure to voter's commissioner Saltzman, commissioner Fish voted to send it to voters we had a long discussion about what kinds of new things this money could fund to increase safety and provide opportunities for small businesses and individuals impacted by cannabis prohibition. So I was very disturbed and there was going to be a council vote, which is one reason I'm putting this on the table was we need to vote on allocation of that 3 million of ongoing money from the marijuana tax. The proposed budget or what's on the table would allocate \$2,300,000 plus funds to fund existing programs within the police bureau. Leaving only \$500,000 to be used for the critical small business support and expungement of records and only \$125,000 to go to vision zero to reduce traffic fatalities. The allocation in the proposed budget is \$1.8 million for service coordination team in the police bureau and \$500,000 for the traffic division. That doesn't increase any services merely uses marijuana money to pay for these services so my request is it thinking back to those three purposes that we put both in the ballot measure and in city code which is largely public safety, traffic safety and support for small businesses, I would like to make it a little bit more fair than allocating \$2.3 million to police, \$500,000 -- \$625 to vision zero. So here's my amendment. What I'm suggesting is that since vision zero is very dear to three of us with commissioner Fish's mother, commissioner Eudaly's father, and my husband having died in traffic crashes that the urgency of vision zero is now. Every day it seems we hear about more fatalities on the streets of Portland which could be prevented with better education, better traffic dividers and better education to people about what they can do to be safe. The amendment says reduce the current ongoing recreational marijuana tax fund allocation for the service coordination team by \$1,464,858 and reallocate that to fund vision zero traffic safety work on an ongoing basis. Reduce the one-time money for vision zero by the same amount and reallocate that to the Portland police bureau to backfill the reduction in funding this service coordination team on a one-time basis so that we can reevaluate next year.

Saltzman: Second.

Wheeler: Motion from commissioner Fritz, a second from commissioner Saltzman.

Fish: Discussion mayor?

Wheeler: I wanted to ask a question. My understanding from what we heard from director Scott and legal counsel that we can change these things. The reason I'm asking is there are some representatives the police bureau representing service coordination team who asked if they could testify on behalf of that program. We could do that now or wait until all the amendments are on the table. [speaking simultaneously]

Fish: Here's my question. I want to make sure I understand all the moving pieces. Under this amendment, the ongoing money that is currently proposed to go to service coordination team would go to vision zero, and what resources would be used to backfill service coordination team for the next fiscal year?

Fritz: One-time money which is currently allocated to vision zero. I'm just proposing just to switch it.

Fish: Under this amendment, we would have in the next fiscal year a discussion about whether to fund service coordination team with one-time money or to find ongoing money to make it sustainable.

Fritz: Correct. And I'll just remind the council I have been one of the councils most solid supporters of the service coordination team but it seems to me at this time vision zero is more urgent.

Fish: I appreciate what you said about your intent when you went to voters with the marijuana tax. We could have a longer discussion about who said what at council and I think there's probably there were a number of themes expressed, but does this

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amendment for purposes of this budget satisfy your concerns about how the marijuana money is distributed? For purposes of this budget in.

Fritz: Yes.

Fish: Thank you.

Scott: Mayor since you're sitting as budget committee any member can ask city staff to come up and speak.

Wheeler: They will have that opportunity. I wanted to know whether they wanted to do it now or wait until afterwards.

Fish: I would say we bring them up first then go to testimony since they are on duty.

Wheeler: I will note I was not aware of this at the time but I'm now made aware that the service coordination team was actually one of the parts of the agreement that we agreed to with the department of justice under the reforms of the police bureau so the question of whether it will be funded long term is I think intimately linked to the question of maintaining the integrity of the agreement between the city and the department of justice. I want to be clear on the record regardless of what happens in Washington d.c. We're going to continue to be supportive of those agreements.

Fish: Mayor, we have in past years sometimes because of budget shortfalls funded council priorities long term priorities with one-time money with the understanding when ongoing money becomes available we would make the conversion. I'm a huge supporter of sct, whether in the justice department settlement or not, commissioner Fritz and I and commissioner Saltzman have been on this council long enough to remember when this actually was controversial and criticized as an approach. It has demonstrated its worthiness. In deciding the question about whether we use one time or ongoing money, in no way in my vote will that be a reflection whether I want to see this as a long-term commitment of the council.

Eudaly: I hope in future years we can have a more in depth conversation about how the marijuana tax will be utilized. I will have some questions about sct when those representatives come up. I'm certainly enthusiastic supporter of diversion. I just appreciate the intent of this amendment.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

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

Fritz: Thank you, colleagues. Aye.

Wheeler: I want to thank commissioner Fritz for going around and around on this with me and coming up with what I think is a very good pragmatic solution with the caveat I mentioned earlier. I want to thank you in particular for your hard work. Aye. The amendment is adopted.

Fritz: This is a related one which involves myself and commissioner Eudaly partnering to discuss that remaining \$500,000 ongoing money. This is a motion to add to attachment d, to add the following budget note. The financial year 2017-18 budget includes \$500,000 in recreational marijuana tax revenue to be allocated by a participatory budgeting process to be managed by the city budget office with guidance from commissioners Eudaly and Fritz. The project managers will implement the process using the participatory budget project guidelines and shall report to council by November 30, 2017 on their progress. Funding allocated through this process will go towards the following which is the third purpose I mentioned. Support for neighborhood small businesses especially women and minority owned businesses including but not limited to business incubator programs, management training and job training opportunities and providing economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition.

Fish: I'll second this. I have a question of the sponsor.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz moved and Commissioner Fish seconded. Commissioner Fish?

Fish: The way I read this we're carving out the half million for the next budget year. There will be a participatory budgeting process, something that I know both the mayor and commissioner Fritz have wanted to pursue and fine tune. The budget office will manage it, which means that all members of the council can kibitz but it will receive guidance from two commissioners guiding the process and then at such time as there are recommendations they will come back to the council for a vote. Is that correct?

Fritz: Correct.

Fish: Just speaking for myself I would hope when you come back to the council there's a menu of options that can be reviewed, not just an option but that's for your discretion as your guiding the topic.

Fritz: I would expect it to be rather like the special appropriations process we have had before only using community members as well as city council staff members.

Fish: For example, for those who haven't gone through that, sometimes we have more asks than dollars and have to weigh tough choices but I would welcome having more asks than there are available dollars so council can deliberate.

Fritz: Good point. This is ongoing money. One thing I would like is some things need funding sooner rather than later. We would have a discussion about the marijuana tax each budget cycle because we are bound by the bond special language -- not the bond, the tax measure language to have a specific vote on these.

Wheeler: Any further questions or discussion? Please call the roll.

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

Eudaly: I'm really excited about this participatory budget process. I think it hopefully will be the first of many. Aye.

Fritz: Thanks to Teresa Marchetti and her team in the cannabis program and the office of neighborhood involvement. Thank you to the cannabis policy oversight team who will doubtless be engaged in process. Thank you in particular to state senator Lou Frederick and Jesse Horton, president of the minority cannabis business association, who put in arguments in favor into the ballot measure specifically calling out these necessary purposes. Aye.

Wheeler: I love this amendment and in particular I have been looking for a good opportunity for us to engage in participatory budgeting. I think with commissioner Fritz and Eudaly at the helm of this process, it will be just what commissioner Eudaly hinted as the first of many opportunities to go directly to the public and hear from communities directly impacted by budgetary and policy decisions we make and having them not only sitting at the table but actually making decisions on how resources are allocated. I vote aye the amendment is adopted.

Fritz: Plowing on, the next motion is to add a budget note which will say council directs the city budget office to evaluate funding levels for the commissioners' office budget relative to the mayor's office budget and make recommendations to adjust funding levels as appropriate. This may include but is not limited to establishing appropriate ratio of commissioners' office budget to the mayor's office budget this. This evaluation should be complete and submitted to council for consideration by November 30 of 2017 in preparation for the financial year 2018-19 budget.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz moves, commissioner Fish seconds. Questions?

Saltzman: What is the intent behind this or the rationale behind it?

Fritz: I think the size of the mayor's office in particular has been something that has gone up and down in the three mayors I have served under. Mayor haes had half as many staff

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as mayor Adams. I found that very difficult to manage. Mayor Wheeler is in my opinion rightfully adding three commissioner assistant positions in his office. There was some suggestion some of us are scrambling hard to do all the work that we're assigned and perhaps there should be a ratio to trigger that, both as a way to make future mayors who set the proposed budget think about how much stuff they actually need in relation to the commissioner's offices and to --

Saltzman: As an independently elected official has a right to submit a budget we believe we can defend.

Fritz: Under Mayor Haes if you remember all the commissioners' offices funding was set similarly. We went away from the practice of previous administrations allowing commissioners' offices to pull funding for staff members in their offices from their bureaus which amplified the difference between having big or small bureaus assigned because commissioners in charge of big bureaus could have their staff people amplified by the big bureaus where the small bureaus directors could not.

Fish: This reason I'm going to support this amendment is it does not compel to us make any changes in our budget or in how we allocate resources. It simply asks for an assessment and recommendations. In conversations with the budget office I'm persuaded that we ought to at least have this conversation about whether there's a ratio between what the mayor's office has in terms of budget and commissioner's offices. I will be free to reject whatever recommendations come out of that process but I actually think that is an appropriate inquiry and I look forward to a conversation and we may decide to take no further action. I see no harm in having that assessment.

Wheeler: I'll throw my comment many times into the pile as well. This is an evaluation and I never think it's a harmful thing so I support the amendment as drafted. I will say the different mayors in fact different managerial styles have chosen as commissioner Fritz said to staff at different levels. Mayor Adams had I believe over 20 people actually working in his office. Mayor Haes made a commitment to significantly reduce that which he did. It was my observation and the observation of many that particularly since he took the bureaus back at the front he was way behind the ball in his administration was overwhelmed with the number of issues they had to deal with. We have more on staff now but we have a huge amount of work that we need to get done and it's my observation that as presiding officer if we get backlogged that slows down the commissioners' offices as well in terms of policy implementation so I certainly welcome the evaluation. I think it's a good idea.

Fish: One other comment, if I could. During my tenure on this board when we were in the teeth of a recession this council for example opted not to take a cola. From time to time members of this council have underspent and returned savings to the treasury. So again I'm not -- my support of this does not in any way indicate that I think we should limit the right of each council office to make its own decisions about how much it spends on what, whether to returned money, whether to accept a cola. That's within the discretion of each office. This is an evaluation as to whether there should be connection between the level of staffing and funding at the mayor's offices and commissioners' offices I actually think that's a long overdue discussion.

Wheeler: Further comments or conversation? Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye.

Saltzman: Well, I think each commissioner and the mayor are free to design their own budget and that they can defend it with their colleagues and the voters and the public then more power to them. I think this is the first step in sort of an automatic process where commissioners' budgets and mayors' budgets are going to grow staff without any other reason than the ratio looks good or looks fine. I think these decisions should be made by the council as a budget body, should scrutinize our office budgets, as should the budget

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office, as should the public and we should be free to staff according to what we think meets the needs of our offices. I think this is trying to set up an automatic formula that will escalate our offices and I don't think it's necessary. No.

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

Wheeler: I want to throw my caution here as well. First I support the amendment and evaluation. Commissioner Saltzman just hinted a potential problem which is what happens if you have a mayor who doesn't know how to manage an operation and eviscerates their budget to the point where they don't have the ability to manage effectively. That's slowing them down, the whole city. I would actually put on the record I oppose any hard and fast formulaic approach to budgeting. That's always a bad idea but I like the idea of the evaluation. I think we should have it. It should be an open and transparent conversation if for no other reason than I received many questions from many corridors about our budget vis-a-vie the commissioners' offices budgets. I think these are legitimate questions to evaluate. Aye. The amendment is adopted.

Fritz: Moving on I've only got a few left next amendment number five it to amend attachment d specifically the budget note on funding youth bus pass. I know people will want to testify on this. The budget note would now say the city is providing \$967,000 for the youth bus pass. In financial years 2017-18 even though providing transportation to high school students is not a core city function council declares its belief the program should only be available to high school students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch within the city of Portland including those who attend park rose and David Douglas high schools. Council directs the \$967,000 be allocated to the three districts based on number of students qualifying for free or reduced priced lunch and the city asked the school board of each district to utilize funds in a manner that provides transit access to vulnerable students. Furthermore, council direct the bureau of transportation to complete an independent, objective analysis of trimets actual cost associated with the program either through increased revenues or foregone revenue.

Eudaly: Second for the purpose of discussion.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz moves, commissioner Eudaly seconds. Any further questions or conversation?

Eudaly: I think this is going to be the one item that we're in the in total agreement on. I want to acknowledge the hard work that opal youth advocates put into this effort. Youth environmental justice alliance and the Multnomah youth commission, they really brought their a-game to our community budget sessions. I would ask that instead of allocating the money as described holding it and holding a work session that includes those voices because I strongly feel that the youth should a voice in this, that they may have some important input that we haven't considered. My one of my concerns about this allocation is that I have heard that these smaller districts don't necessarily have matching funds to put into youth pass right now. We do a third with the school district, the city and trimet giving a discount. So they may not be able to leverage those dollars the same way as pps can, and we just might be able to come up with a better solution.

Fritz: I would actually take that as a friendly amendment. If the amount is the same \$967,000 and the work session with the boards and the youth to decide how to divide that up that's a different conversation than we have been asked which is pay for it in Portland as public schools as well as David Douglas and park rose.

Fish: Can I ask a question? That would be my inclination as well here. Andrew, historically when we budgeted for this when did the school district start to draw down the money in the fiscal year?

Scott: I don't know the exact answer in terms of when they get the funding. I believe the bus passes are available starting in September.

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Fish: Not used for any summer related activities?

Scott: I don't believe so.

Wheeler: But signup starts July 1.

Fish: Conceivably we could agree to set the money aside and try to have a more robust policy discussion before we allocate it and still meet the September deadline?

Scott: I think so. We would need to check with the districts. There certainly is a time constraint in terms of moving quickly. Whether there's time to do so sooner rather than later. May be available.

Fish: With the caveat we may not be able to have the process we want giving the timing the amendment to the amendment has my support. I think there are a lot of -- I think the devil is in the details and I have real questions about how this would actually work. I also have a question about whether we're being too restrictive in saying free or reduced price lunch. There are working class kids whose parents fall just over that boundary who ought to be considered. I think that's a conversation we ought to have outside the budget process. I urge us to accept the amendment to the amendment, set the money aside and figure out a timeline for a policy discussion.

Fritz: So mayor may I try again with the amended amendment. The city funding providing \$967,000 for the youth bus pass again in financial year '17-18 even though providing transportation to high school students is not a core city function. Council declares its belief the program should only be available to high school students who qualify for free or reduced lunch. Council allocates it to districts within the city of Portland including park rose and David Douglas. Council directs that the \$967,000 be allocated to three districts in a manner that provides transit access to vulnerable students then finishing off with the pbpt analysis.

Eudaly: I would like a work session.

Fish: Let me see if I can make it even simpler. I think for purposes of today all we have to do is say that we're going to spend \$967,000 on youth bus pass and simply but also say that we will determine how that money is allocated based on a work session and further council action. I am not comfortable putting any side boards on this because I want to have that conversation first.

Eudaly: Sounds good.

Scott: So we start with the first sentence. The city providing \$967,000 for youth bus pass in fiscal year 2017-18 even though providing transportation to high school students is not a core city function. Council expresses intent to hold a work session to discuss allocation of this funding.

Fish: To be followed by some council action which propose rates that allocate the money. The work session would be for the purpose of reviewing our options then we would have to affirmatively come forward with the policy guidance to have the money spent.

Scott: There would need to be further action, yes.

Fritz: I do want to include specifically saying Portland public schools 1 j, park rose and David Douglas high school. I can no longer vote for the entire amount of money to go just for Portland public high schools.

Fish: We're setting aside \$967,000 for transportation services to high school students in those three school districts and we are expressing -- the allocation will be subject to work session and further council action.

Fritz: Second that.

Scott: If you're ready to read back the language or we could move on to the next amendment and come back. [speaking simultaneously]

Fritz: For anyone who thinks things are already cook up before we get out here in public, you've just seen that's not the case. Thank you, commissioner Eudaly that's a good

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strengthening of the program. Motion 6 is to amend attachment d to add the following budget note on open and accountable elections program. The city's public matching campaign finance program is to be implemented in time for the 2020 election. Council directs the city budget office to conduct an analysis of the staffing and operational needs of the program and report back to council with recommended funding levels for financial year '17-18 and beyond. City budget office is also directed to make a recommendation as to the appropriate location of this function.

Eudaly: I'll second that.

Wheeler: A motion from commissioner Fritz and second from commissioner Eudaly. Any further comments?

Fritz: To be clear in the amendment on the table, there is \$250,000 to get this program started.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Are you ready?

Scott: Keep going.

Fritz: Motion to amend attachment d to add the following budget note the office for community technology, oct, is currently a division of bureau of revenue and financial services. Council directs the city budget office to engage an external consultant that will evaluate options and make recommendations to council on the optimum location and structure for the office of community technology within the city's organizational framework.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: A motion from commissioner Fritz and second from commissioner Fish. Any further discussion?

Fritz: For the two of you who weren't here last term this was something that moved because of the budget when the old -- former leader of the director of the office for community technology retired partly for savings this program was put into the revenue office but there was never an external objective evaluation of what's the best location and structure for it.

Wheeler: Very good. Is there a cost component to this that has to be accounted for?

Scott: Yes. To the extent we move forward with an external consultant there would be a cost. One thing we would need to work through that and hopefully before the adopted budget in theory.

Wheeler: Back to us with recommendations?

Fish: I'm perfectly comfortable with your office absorbing this cost.

Wheeler: Thank you for your generosity, commissioner Fish.

Saltzman: Did you say you would come back in three weeks with this evaluation?

Wheeler: All the amendments have to have an identified source of funding.

Scott: Currently it does not have a source of funding.

Wheeler: Any further conversations or discussions around this item? Very good, please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. Amendment is adopted. How are you doing on your drafting on the fly?

Scott: I think we're good.

Wheeler: Got a proposal? We'll finish then commissioner Saltzman you have a couple of amendments. Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: I make a motion to increase or restore the funding for prosper Portland small business growth program which reads as prosper Portland allocate \$87,500 of one-time general fund resources to prosper Portland to fund a second cohort of small business owners in prosper Portland's increased project. The funding source for this add will be a

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\$87,500 one-time reduction to general fund contingency amend attachment b, c, and e as necessary.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Eudaly and second from commissioner Fritz. Any further conversation?

Eudaly: I would like to add that I heard from a number of constituents including business for better Portland, which is a new small business advocacy group in the city, and coalitions for community of color who both expressed their desire to see this funding restored. They are small grants for I believe women and minority business owners and they can really make a significant difference in a fledgling business.

Wheeler: I would just add to the commentary this is actually very good program and it was offered up by the pdc as part of its 5% reduction package. Any further comments or questions? Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: I would like to offer an amendment to restore the summer parks program in Brooklyn park. I think we heard a lot of testimony at our budget hearings about the impact of this program in Brooklyn as a unique neighborhood where its park is the center of the neighborhood. I would like to see us for \$10,000 maintain staffing for summer program there.

Fish: Second.

Fritz: This has not been raised with me or with you, mayor wheeler.

Wheeler: I know what the program is. I had to go through the budget line item by line item. Why don't you explain what it is?

Saltzman: To provide staff to have a summer in the parks program in the Brooklyn park. Free for all is what it was formerly called by the parks bureau.

Fritz: Still summer free for all in areas that have a significant number of children getting free school lunches from the school districts. When commissioner Fish started this program or at least greatly enhanced it during the recession he did lots of fund-raising every year to add I think \$150,000 over all to have the programs in most parks in the city. Every year we have fallen short of being able to do that amount of fund-raising so this was a right sizing of the summer free for all program. I don't know what the cost of doing it is or what the logistics would be.

Saltzman: Those figures we got from the parks bureau. 10,000 is roughly staff cost for the summer program. We did hear a lot of public testimony in support. It's the center of the neighborhood and I think for \$10,000 it's a good investment.

Fish: Could you give us a preview of your second amendment?

Saltzman: I don't have a second.

Fish: That's your only request?

Saltzman: Yes.

Fish: Commissioner Fritz, assuming you continue as parks commissioner, does this alter in any way your planning over the next year in terms of services at Brooklyn?

Fritz: I can't answer that, commissioner, because although Mike Abbate can testify to it if the council wishes to put this on the table. The challenge is that Brooklyn is a relatively affluent neighborhood these days. That's why it's no longer getting the free program because it's become more affluent. I'm troubled by the concept of because one lot of neighbors came in and asked for it back will that continue until we're back up to it being whoever has enough time to go to meetings to get a program in their park.

Fish: Andrew, can I ask you can a question. I'm thinking of something you said during the budget process. That was notwithstanding whatever earmark we make on funds, I think

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you reminded us that the commissioner charge has broad discretion as to how to spend the funds. Is that correct?

Scott: Generally speaking, that's true, yes.

Fish: Commissioner Saltzman is proposing to add 10,000 to the parks bureau budget with an advisory recommendation about how the money be spent but the commissioner charge makes that decision.

Saltzman: I think -- I think council can have some bearing on this. We have heard lots of people come to budget hearings to testify for their issue and they get funded. Open signal is probably the best example. We funded them because they turned out in force at our budget hearing. I think we should give the same respect to a neighborhood and its young people who organize on behalf of their summer program in the park in what I think is a very important neighborhood in the city. I think the same rationale applies if council can provide intent as to how a bureau spend a certain amount of funds, especially if we're providing a fund to a contingency --

Eudaly: Would these come from the contingency --

Scott: That was going to be my clarifying question. Is that one time or ongoing?

Saltzman: One time.

Eudaly: Commissioner Fritz, are there other neighborhoods that don't have these programs?

Fritz: Yes, indeed some that don't have it because of the right sizing of the program. Mike Abbate can talk through this if council wants to put it on the table.

Eudaly: Okay.

Wheeler: Any further questions or discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: Dan, I appreciate you bringing this forward but after listening to the conversation I do have a concern about funding this without a context. This program has been scaled back over time because of resources and so we're doing a little bit of triage. I would entertain a subsequent request for one-time funding if there was a basis. I don't know enough really to support this. I appreciate you bringing it forward. No.

Saltzman: Aye.

Eudaly: It's hard to vote against funding a summer program, but I'm kind of in the same position to commissioner Fish. If there is extra money to be had I would want to look first at which neighborhoods were most in need. It doesn't sound like Brooklyn would make that cut necessarily. No.

Fritz: To my wonderful staff for texting me rapidly, the other ones not continuing this year are grant, Laurelhurst and Wallace. We have offered to work with the Brooklyn community to have them develop of their own program in Brooklyn. Indeed, I would be concerned about doing this one time now do they then start into the buckman pool conversation having to come year after year for one-time funding. Another suggestion that my chief of staff perhaps you could bring it to the adopted budget after we've had time to talk about it you and I and the parks staff -- I would be happy to do that moving forward. But no for now.

Wheeler: So the amendment has died. I would appeal to commissioner Saltzman to do what commissioner Fritz and commissioner Fish have suggested, which is flesh the proposal out then bring it back potentially for some of the innovation funds perhaps given that it is a relatively small item and the only thing that you are asking for today. I would like to see that work honored in some way. I would ask my colleagues to see if they cannot work that out. I will vote with the majority, no, but I would like to see your work respected and honored in this regard so we'll continue to work with you on it. The amendment fails.

Fritz: I wanting to make sure commissioner Saltzman's previous amendments on the vision zero funding are able to go to that immigrant training.

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Wheeler: One more. Our incredible on the fly amendment drafters have been busy at work. What do you got?

Claudio Campuzano, City Budget Office: Council expresses intent to fund \$967,000 in transportation services to lower income high school students who attend the park rose, David Douglas, and Portland public school districts. Council further expresses its intent to hold a work session to determine the appropriate allocation of these resources followed by action to appropriate those funds.

Fish: Second.

Eudaly: I just want.

Fish: Is that your amendment?

Fritz: Could you read it slowly?

Campuzano: Council expresses its intent to fund \$967,000 in transportation services to lower income high school students who attend the park rose, David Douglas and Portland public school districts. Council further expresses its intent to hold a work session to determine the appropriate allocation of those resources followed by action to appropriate those funds.

Eudaly: One of my concerns is what we are basing the needs assessment on because I don't believe the free or reduced lunch is a reasonable cut-off. You have to be extremely low income to qualify for the services so I want to make sure that by saying low income we're not restricting ourselves to a specific criteria.

Scott: I think the lower income is generic enough that during the work session council could define that.

Eudaly: That could be under 100% of mfi.

Fish: I agree with the legislative intent on that Andrew, the only other wordsmithing I want to just raise is it says we intend to fund. We are in fact funding this. This is a one-time general fund. I think it should be stated we are in fact funding one time the tune of 900 something thousand but we are going to determine how the money is allocated to a separate process. We're not intending to fund it; we are funding it.

Scott: Good. Council is funding.

Wheeler: Then by Fritz it was amended by Eudaly, seconded by Fish if I got that all correct.

Fritz: Did we say who is going to do that? Does anyone want to raise their hand to do the organizing of it? I'll work with commissioner Eudaly on that cause I also want to add not in a motion, but just to declare my legislative intent, there are places in east Portland that don't have very good trimet service. So I would assume the school boards would be thinking about what works in their districts. Again, in addition to the lower income students that if you already live far away from transit line that's not going to help very much. Could be they are going to fund different things in transportation.

Wheeler: Again, I will absolutely support this amendment as amended. I want to appreciate the work my colleagues have put into trying to find the right solution but I also want to be the budget wet blanket and say as good as this program is, and as popular as this program is, and as needed as this program is, I continue to wonder why the city of Portland is funding it at all. It's not a core service. The conversations we're having here are conversations that school boards should be having or perhaps the state, which created the yellow bus law with the school boards, maybe they should be having this conversation or maybe they should be supporting us in our efforts to fund this important service in the community. There's no end to really important valued services in the community. This one really is the round peg in the square hole as far as I'm concerned. I appreciate the work that commissioner Fritz did trying to address the second glaring problem with this program, which that is it is wholly inequitable for us to be funding Portland public school students

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and acting as though the other two districts park rose and David Douglas are not Portland students. They are, but it's further complicated by the fact that they have not declined their resources from the state around yellow bus service so part of your work session will have to be digging deep and understanding the implications of us trying to fund something where there's already conflicting state law that is in place and that the legislature has put into place, then there's the third part that I'm really interested in, which is what is the real cost of this program? What is the true incremental cost of adding students on to already existing trimet bus routes? Are they crowding out other customers? Are they adding additional buses? Are there busloads of people waiting to pay who are passed up because the buses are so full of students? I would like to know how is our money actually being used in the context of this program. Is the real additional marginal cost of this program really the \$3 million that is stated as the true cost of this program? I think we have a right to know that if we're funding this. I want to be clear as I support this today that as important as this program is we heard from the youth commissioners loudly and clearly during our budget forums this is ask number one. It's really important to them. I get it and we're going to fund it this year. We're not going to leave people wondering what's going on come July 1, but I want to have very serious conversations about this program and its continuation as a city service before we fund it again.

Fritz: That reminds me let's make sure we have the last sentence in the motion furthermore council directs pbot to complete an independent objective analysis of trimets actual cost associated with the program either through increased expenses or forgone revenues thank you.

Campuzano: Should I read the whole thing again?

Wheeler: Once more.

Campuzano: So council is funding \$967,000 in transportation services to lower income high school students who attend the park rose, David Douglas and Portland public school's districts. Council expresses its intent to hold a work session to determine the allocation of those resources followed by an action to appropriate those funds. Furthermore, council directs pbot to complete an independent objective analysis of trimet's actual costs associated with the program either through increased expenses or foregone revenues.

Fritz: Well done.

Wheeler: Good job. Any further comments or conversation? Please call the roll.

Fish: Aye. Thank my colleagues for a very productive conversation.

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

Fritz: Thank you for making it better. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. Great work. It's adopted. Great drafting. Does that conclude the amendments? So we have some professional --

Scott: Actually at this stage I just want to make sure we don't miss step 7 of the script. With those amendments that the budget committee has put on the table and approved with the exception of the Saltzman amendment around Brooklyn park --

Wheeler: Before we go to b, c, d, we have a whole group of on-duty officers who have been waiting. Can they testify now and be dismissed before we go through and approve the exhibits? Is it necessary for us to approve the exhibits now?

Scott: Yes, as budget committee you can call folks up at any time.

Wheeler: I would like to call those folks up.

Fish: Can I make an observation? I take a back seat to no one in support of sct, I want to be clear, the issue, the amendment we have adopted today for consideration has to do with the color of money. Has to do whether one-time or ongoing money. It in no way in my view is a comment by the council on the merits of the program which we're free to revisit any time and on some level sort of weighing the lives saved through vision zero through

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sct, I think that's for higher authority to make that call. So I hope that no one from the police bureau believes they have to come to this budget forum and defend the program because it would be my intent to continue to fund them as one commissioner with one time or ongoing money as long as they are getting the outcomes that they are getting. It's not for me a referendum on their outcomes.

Wheeler: It's important to make the clarification that in fact we are funding the program in the budget as proposed and through the amendments just put on the table. With that if you would like to come up and say a few words we would be delighted to have you. Thank you for your patience. Good afternoon. State your name for the record, please.

Chris Davis, Portland Police Bureau: Chris Davis, assistant chief Portland police bureau.

Emily Rochon, Portland Police Bureau: Emily Rochon, program manager with the police bureau.

Davis: Mayor and commissioners, we have already been over a lot of the benefits of the service coordination team so I'll keep this fairly quick. Our only questions about this amendment are that our concern are our current contract with central city concern runs through June 30, 2019 for just south of \$4.6 million. As noted earlier this program is required or some successor is acquired in the doj settlement agreement so our concern is about funding this program after July of '18. The increase in staffing relative to vacancies within the police bureau particularly by the end of fiscal '17-18 will put pressure on our ability to use salary savings for onetime expenses so that will put additional pressure on our budget that is less likely to be available for programs like this. We also would advocate for the use of some of the marijuana money for traffic enforcement. The city's statistics are that from 2004 to 2014, 91% of fatalities involved some form of impairment on the part of --

Fritz: Sorry to interrupt. We have left \$500,000 of the marijuana tax money in the traffic division. That's not taken away.

Davis: Thank you. That's really it. I have Emily here if you're interested in any specific information about the program or out comes.

Wheeler: Great. The results have been very good. As commissioner Fish said at the beginning of the discussion, there were a lot of questions about whether this would be a successful partnership and the data I have received suggests it's very successful, that it works with some of the most chronically homeless people connecting them with important services that they need. It connects people with potential behavioral health issues with service providers rather than sending them to jail. And it gives people sustained long term support. I just want to underscore what you heard. We do get it and it is a highly valued program and you've done a great job. I want certain people to hear me say this. You have done a great job in the police bureau running this program and your partnership with central city has been an exemplary one. So thank you.

Fish: I'll go one step further. They didn't play this card but I will play it for them. We understand that if this program were to discontinue it will end up costing our community more money. We'll go back to the old and not very creative solution about locking up people who have drug addictions. Then releasing them after they have done their time no better off versus actually addressing their addiction and helping them transition to becoming productive members of society. If anyone doubts the success of this program, I would invite them to come to the graduation ceremonies with sct folks who have turned their lives around and begun new lives because of the counseling and the services they have received. So thank you for your work.

Wheeler: Thanks for your patience. Any further questions? Thank you for being here. We appreciate it.

Rochon: Thank you very much.

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Wheeler: To the exhibits. I'll call for a motion to approve the budget adjustments and attachments b, c, and d, of the memo as intended.

Scott: This is not a vote to approve the budget, simply council as the budget committee all of the amendments you have just discussed, support for as well as the changes in proposed budget you filed last week. This puts them all officially on the table for public conversation.

Wheeler: Correct. You're making the motion, commissioner Eudaly, commissioner Fritz seconds. We're ready for public testimony.

Scott: We need a vote now.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. So the budget adjustments in attachments b, c, and d, is approved. All the amendments we just talked about. Very good. Thank you. Now to public testimony. How many people are interested in public testimony?

Moore-Love: I show nine people signed up.

Wheeler: Three minutes is good.

Mary Sipe: Hello again. I'm Mary sipe. First I want to say thank you. I was ill the last couple of weeks so I have been watching a lot of the budget conversations on my tv. I just want to say that I feel heard when I see the things that are in the budget there are a number of things I have given public testimony on that have been put in the budget, and I'll just name a couple of them. I have given testimony about the graffiti abatement funding and issues around that. Some issues around the additional park rangers, issues that we have had with crime and safety issues in our neighborhood. I have given testimony about affordable housing and there's other things there for that. I do want to say that I support the funding that you have suggested with the state revenue sharing for the police bureau. I think any funding that we can allocate to our under-staffed police bureau that will help with added training on dealing with mental health crisis and things of that nature is really needed. That I totally support anything of that nature. Also want to thank you for declaring this older Americans month. I'm one of those older Americans and I was thinking while I was sitting here this morning watching a number of young people participating in city government how I didn't start participating until I became a senior citizen. Made me wonder what impact might I have had if I had started out as a teenager in high school. I also want to thank you for the funding for the -- can't remember what you call it, age friendly city or whatever, you'll recall a couple of weeks ago I gave very emotional testimony about the plight of elderly people over 65 living on social security and struggling to survive in our community with the increasing rents. I just want to say I really support what you're doing. I am incredibly appreciative of the process that and the opportunity you have given to citizens like myself to give input and I feel heard and thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Emma Kallaway: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, members of the commission. I'm Emma Kallaway, I'm the government relations director for Portland community college. I'm a registered lobbyist.

Wheeler: Appreciate that information.

Kallaway: I'm here because in your budget you have a \$400,000 request to the state for additional work force dollars and we're here to testify on meeting that need you have requested for partners that you haven't worked with before but may be able to meet some of those work force needs that you're trying to address and also help fill the skills gap. We hear all the time from employers through Portland community college for additional work force training that would help fill this advance manufacturing skills gap or other issues. Portland community college and mount hood community college that we're here to

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represent today have put together an idea how to think more creatively and support from the city to continue to expand the work force work that we do for the city. I will highlight that there was a Georgetown university study that came out that illustrated over 11 million jobs across the country that 11.5 million of the jobs really do need some sort of education past high school and we think there's a real opportunity to expand Portland community college's role, not always a two or four-year degree but what other paths can we create to help get people into the work force. In other words, 99% of job growth we know will go to folks who need some sort of additional training and we would like to continue to provide that. We provide that now and would like to grow that program. So I'll turn it over. Last thing I wanted to say is that between mount hood community college and Portland community college we want to continue to provide innovative, strategic ways to address the skills gap and provide creative education that gets folks back into the work force as quickly as possible. This approach of connecting high quality training, college certificates, industry recognized credentials in addition to student supportive services help people get through to their path and help people graduate from Portland community college with a real career path opportunity. I'll turn it over to mark Goldberg, the associate v.p. of Portland community college for work force development to talk about our suggestion.

Mark Goldberg: I'm mark Goldberg. I'm the associate v.p. for work force development at Portland community college. What I wanted to do is talk about the proven results of our career pathways programs as they align with student success, work force development, equity and inclusion and align with regional work force sector strategies. Mount hood community college and pcc's high quality career pathways program that integrates career coaching and wrap-around support have had 89% to 94% completion rate. That's a range because we have two colleges there. 75% to 85% employment rate and 72% persistence in college after getting their first credential from our students. Career pathway programs really reach under-served populations and close the achievement gap through strategic outreach community partnership with work source and with recruitment. So far our results over the past years in career pathways we have been able to serve over 50% students of color, 50% low income students, and 40% students who are either starting in ged prep, either nonnative English speakers or generally under-skilled adults. Our career pathways initiative with pcc and mount hood and the state of Oregon community college's pathways program has been recognized nationally through the white house ready to work initiative under the Obama administration, community college research centers, league for innovation and community college consortium for immigrant education. The best way of telling the story is to hear a student success story. Our graduates weren't able to join but I have a quick one. Lashawn was laid off and needed to retrain. He heard about our career pathways in the hvac program which mayor wheeler you toured last year. He registered and completed six months of training. We arranged several job shadows with various employers. He continued his education towards his associates in facilities maintenance while increasing his professional network and is about to start an internship with a leading hvac company with a potential hire at the end. Lashawn says he really valued the classes and support offered. He also valued job shadow and business connection he made because of the team. Since Lashawn has two employers trying to competitively hire him he will have employment by the end of the summer term 2017. He can expect an entry pay of \$16 to \$22 an hour and a potential of \$75,000 a year. That's one student. I have multiple success stories. One with an employer. We're going to leave you with a letter from vigor on swan island. Just wanted to have a joint ask between mount hood and pcc \$200,000 of the 400,000 for work force development to support career pathways development program.

Saltzman: That's your ask \$200,000 out of the \$400,000 together.

Fritz: What's the relationship between college career pathways and future connect?

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Goldberg: There's some alignment with career pathways and future connect. Future connect is focused on students coming out of high school and transitioning to postsecondary career pathways. We have done some work with youth and successful work force board but career pathways is designed for lower skilled adults, nonnative speakers, a broader initiative focused on career and technical education.

Fish: Since you're flagging for us an opportunity let me throw one back at you. Since you mentioned vigor in particular, so we're leading in effort around superfund which is going to have a substantial jobs component locally. As we figure out, you know, who the parties are at the table, work systems, state employment, epa and others sounds like we need you at the table to help us understand how to create opportunities with students you're educating and there may be funding opportunities through that process to support work force training. So we'll reach out to you on that.

Kallaway: Thank you. The services that we provide for future connect students versus career pathways have very different set of counselors, different set of wrap-around services so in terms of the budget they are two very separate programs and to grow career pathways that is the request before you today.

Fritz: What's the 400,000 that your referencing?

Kallaway: It's a very small budget note within your budget as I understand it that I read that calls out nontraditional partners for work force development programs.

Fritz: I'll get some more information on this.

Kallaway: I'll help you find it. Thank you

Sarah Hobbs: I wanted to see this I support because I actually support what the pastor commented on at the beginning and I will explain. For the record, my name is Sarah hobs. For the past 18 months, I've been partnering with the behavioral health unit predominantly their health crisis intervention team. I fully support that the part of the recreational marijuana tax go to the bhv sct program. But my biggest fear is that there not be a guarantee that the money cannot be diverted to groups, like rapid response. This past May 1, trying to get out of downtown, I went where we were ordered to go. I was on a sidewalk, five rapid response officers, in direct violation of the role, they are not supposed to be on the sidewalk unless they are arresting the person they are pushing. Pushed me down the sidewalk, slowly, because they were in a hurry to get to the other end of the sidewalk. The whole time, I had my hands in upright going, I'm disabled, I'm going as fast as I can. They pushed me faster and [crying] ended up wetting my pants and they pushed me in -- [crying] and I had to walk eight blocks uptown with soiled pants. I fully support that the recreational money go to the bhv sct program. But what guarantees do I have that that money will not be diverted to other police agencies? I have -- as you can see, that is page four of the January bhv newsletter. I need to know that that money will not be diverted from the source that it's put into the budget and what guarantees we have of that. That's my question.

Wheeler: Thank you Sarah. Good afternoon.

Antigonus Jarrett: Hi my name is Antigonus Jarrett. I'm here to support Sarah hobs. I just want to clarify that our concerns are specifically the way that money is going to be used for behavioral health and whether or not it will be used specifically for behavioral health because many, many people self-medicate. It would make a lot of sense for behavioral health to come out of this budget. But it wouldn't make a lot of sense for the police budget to come out of this when we should be diverting those funds to help people. I very agree with what Fish and Saltzman were saying earlier about this behavioral health unit is basically preventative maintenance for the whole city, of making sure that people are healthy and happy and I would like a good explanation of exactly what the money is going to be going to and how those programs are going to be helping members of the

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community. And I would like if it those were made accessible, easily, on the council's website.

Fish: We've had extensive council hearings, over the years, on sct. And we have annual reports. So, if you give us your contact information, we can get that to you. It is one of the most transparent programs we have which is also why it has been one of the most controversial. In the early days, people had strong views on both sides. It's a fair question to ask and just to be clear Sarah cause you raised it. The amendment that we've voted on is to take a portion of the marijuana money and flip out some money so that it funds vision zero and one-time-money back fills service coordination team which is dedicated to that one use and your concern into it leaking into something else, that can't happen without council approval.

Hobbs: That's the big concern, what happened to me on the first with those officers that I heard were very blatant disregard for the established rapid response officer policy. About when they are and aren't supposed to be on sidewalks. They were not supposed to be on the sidewalk doing what they did.

Jarrett: I also have one other concern, and that is I don't know exactly what the scope of this behavioral health unit is. I haven't done as much research as I would have preferred before I came here. But, there was a young man who had mental illness, who was shot recently while running away with a box cutter in a park. I have to wonder whether or not the mental health services that he needed would have been available to him. And I wonder if the behavioral health units are making sure that they are taking into account our most vulnerable. And I know that Amanda Fritz and Chloe Eudaly and Ted Wheeler I know that you all care about this greatly. And I want to say thank you about that. It tells me that you're taking it seriously. However, I do not have confidence in the way that we -- that we deal with behavioral and mental health in the city, that it will necessarily save lives to divert money. I would be happy to learn how it would help. However, I really, really have that reservation because I keep seeing more people die. Like the young man who was shot a week and half ago.

Fritz: Thank you for being here this morning and this afternoon. Christine Nieves, in my office actually sits on the behavioral health unit advisory committee, she may be available right now. If not, I'm sure she'd be happy to make an appointment with you and hear some of your concerns and explain some of the work of the bureau.

Hobbs: That situation she mentioned about the transit police, what would be great if we could get communication between the different divisions at the police bureau about what's available. Different units outside of the behavioral health unit come across somebody in their division who's in a mental health crisis, who can they call at the bhu? Because they --

Jarrett: I just want to make sure that behavioral health unit is being used appropriately, as opposed to other police officers responding.

Wheeler: Good afternoon. Thank you for your patience.

Karla Nutt: Very inspirational testimony. I'm Karla Nutt. I'm a fifth generation Oregonian and I've lived in Portland since 91. I've been on the friends of lad's addition garden boards, so has my husband and I'm here representing the neighbors of lad's addition and our extended community. I'd really like you to not eliminate the \$100,000 that we had originally dedicated to the maintenance of our four rose gardens and our one rhododendron garden, that's five parks in our neighborhood. I can't even think about how many hours our neighbors have spent in these parks, not only enjoying themselves, but working side-by-side with the city in adopt a rose programs and weeding and mulching and many, many countless activities and we enjoy that. But we really can't do it on our own. I don't know how we would maintain all of the roses. There's so many. And we couldn't do it -- do them justice. They are test gardens. And I just don't -- I don't even know how we would good

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been to know, have the knowledge to maintain them. Some of the -- the neighbors, who live in our neighborhood, are aging, as many of our neighbors are. And, some of them, I spoke with this week, to ask them what they would want me to say to you and some of our neighbors can't leave their homes very easily anymore, so the lads gardens are their only parks that they can visit. So, I speak here on behalf of them. I did a little bit of research. I'm sure I didn't do it justice, but I have a couple questions because I don't understand our neighborhood historically designated. It's on the national historic register. And so I did a little research and I looked up Oregon revised statute number 358.653. That dictates that -- the city of Portland could not remove funding for these parks based on the language that I saw within that document. And also, if you read the section 7.21 of the application form for the national registry historic places for lad's addition, you'll see that all five of the gardens are contributing resources. They're contributing factors toward that historical designation so I think we also need to consider that they're contributing factors. And believe me, I've been told what I can and can't do with my house, which is fine because that's why I chose to live there, for the historical greatness of the neighborhood. But, I hope that also the city will respect the historical status of our neighborhood.

Wheeler: I have to ask you to wrap it up pretty soon.

Nutt: I've got 29 seconds.

Wheeler: It's counting how over you are.

Nutt: Oh, gosh. I'm so sorry. I'll skip part of it. I just a question. Do the gardens revert back to the ladd estate if they are not cared for, to the terms set to the transfer of the gardens? I have other questions; I'll email them to you.

Star Stauffer: Good afternoon, council. Star staffer. I want to parrot some of the things that Sarah and Antigonus brought up in regards to the team of police that deals with mental health crisis and the reason I'm concerned is because most of the police shootings in the past 10 years, here in the city of Portland, have involved people who were in a mental health crisis so in that regard, the program seems almost, like, lip service in a lot of ways. I understand that it's reduced the recidivism rate for people who are repeat offenders are struggling chronically, however, what I find interesting is that glowing report in that regard did not take into account how many people the police have shot here in Portland over the last 10 years, that were actually in a mental health crisis and I think if we're going to really talk about that, we need to also talk about the -- the ways in which the Portland police have actually damaged the community and contributed to their mental health crisis and how they are not necessarily -- most often, seriously dangerous. They cannot handle that type of situation so perhaps some of the money can go toward training these police outside of that particular team on how to better-handle those types of individuals so they're not pulling the trigger as often as they are. The other concern that I have is in regards to the student bus passes. I understand it's not a core service. I find it interesting we're having this conversation. I know you guys are tired of hearing about it, but it is relevant to this particular issue. Giving free rides to known hate groups and white supremacists who have amassed a march where people of color were marching and having a discussion about whether or not we should be providing bus passes for youth to get to and from school and summer programs, also, again, it seems degusting and distasteful. This is an investment in our children's education and safety and our children being able to participate and year-round activities outside of the home. And to be able to be transported around our city and be involved in things, outside of their own neighborhood. So, to me, it just seems like it's in the city's best interest to be investing in the youth in that regard. I did like the comment where Saltzman says it seems like all it takes to get funding is people have to show up to city council. That's not true, we've been coming here, you know, week after week after week since December begging and

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pleading to be brought to the table to get funds allocated to seriously help and sustain programs for our houseless neighbors and that hasn't been the case and it hasn't been well-received and we're begging and pleading for funds to be allocated to families who have lost loved ones due to police violence and that hasn't been well-received or even talk about so I think that comment was quiet flippant and distasteful just cause you're not getting the money you want for your affluent park and in that regard I'd like you to take some time maybe have a work session to go over I know you're going to do that with the bus passes, but really talk about these things cause that's not the case Mr. Saltzman as you have seen time and again and I take exception to that.

Ramon Deluna Luevano: Good afternoon my name's Ramon Deluna Luevano I'm a ninth grader at Madison high school and I've been a part of opals youth leadership group, youth environmental justice alliance for over a year and a half now. Youth passes is a issue I am really passionate about because my siblings and I attend different high schools and we've had different experiences with youth access to transit. I grew up watching my older brother struggle to get to school and accessing important needs because we didn't have youth pass. He was a student at David Douglas and during that time he struggled paying for bus tickets every day. As a student who goes to Madison, it's a relief not having to worry about how to find the money when I need to go somewhere. I don't have to deal with the fear of being stranded someone without money to take the bus. I can't stress enough how important youth pass is to us. At the youth environmental justice alliance, students like me have been putting lots of effort on to this campaign. We designed surveys and worked with the school administration to collect over 2,500 surveys. We met with the principal at David Douglas to go over our key findings, testified at the school boards of David Douglas and Parkrose and informed many adults on what equity should look like. As members of the Multnomah youth commission we would sit together to look at data regarding pps and east Portland school districts and talk about proposals and options for youth pass. I'm saying this because it's important to recognize the work and leadership of young people on this issue. Our continued ask of the city, besides sustaining and expanding youth pass to east Portland is that we want adults to make space for youth in these decisions, with the new amendment, youth can be valued and weighing in and sharing what we know to make sure it's equitable and well-planned. We support using the funds to support the three different school districts but we want to see a plan to have city representative, youth leaders and school districts to talk through what the roll out plan and arrangement looks like. I know we can make that happen because we have been in communication with some of these people already. I personally appreciate that the city council is talking about an equity approach. I know that students are glad that our elected officials are listening to our feedback. We hope you can continue to support with youth pass and commit to the follow up work that's needed. This will be a huge step toward the right direction. We are ready and engaged.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: We hope you'll be part of the work session to figure it out. Thank you.

Luevano: Thank you.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Jennifer Phung: My name is Jennifer, I'm the organizer at opal environmental justice Oregon. I think we've been talking about expansion of youth pass for many years, actually the community has been talking about it. I've joined this work the last two years and it's exciting to see that the city council is taking action to make it equitable. We are excited to be part of the work group, working closely with commissioner Eudaly office and the stockholders. I think that in regards to the role of the city and where the state and the school districts land in this arrangement, I would say it's not that easy to advocate at the

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state level. If it's that hard to figure out the different conditions between pps and east Portland school districts, it's even harder statewide to look at the different conditions between rural and urban cities and that's the issue I've been learning about through our advocacy at opal. Since 2015, we've been advocating at state level for a youth transit bill it didn't pass. We are trying again and I think we recognize that there is a role for the state to play, to make sure that there are funds and helping school districts to increase their capacity to fund this but all in all, I think that we want collaboration with city to make sure that all these other government levels are involved. So, thank you so much.

Wheeler: Happy to do that. Thank you, appreciate that. Was there any other public testimony?

Moore-Love: Others requested to speak that didn't sign up.

Wheeler: Just one? Come on up. This will be the last one. Last gentleman.

John: I tried to call your office, Mr. Wheeler, a couple times because over the last six years, I came from the east coast in Virginia.

Wheeler: Could you state your name?

John: John. A police officer comes and asks me what my name is, it's john. Could I have mental health issues? Yeah? Could it be caused because what mental health issues are, are probably people involved in substance. If you can't rule out a substance abuse and mental health, there's a problem. The homeless problem, you put in the media because there is a homeless problem. Because the people that really care they're out on the streets mudding any kind of success that anybody could have cause their catering to folks that are learning that they don't have to fend for themselves in Portland. I have a nice work truck. I left my tools in Chicago I wanted to talk today cause I have to go back there next week. What I wanted to propose is I heard you guys talking about a work session. I don't know if you've seen footage of a guy with a trombone? I see police they video tape me. If we're going to take me, single cell, please. This is legal to have fun. Why aren't you guys having fun. I was a leprechaun, get where you're going safely and have more fun and get to the people you care about so you can think about what's important. When I hear about paid training, I hear entitlement in my head to where this past system that could possibly start up with generational birth defects because people don't care about dimes. I look like somebody need dimes, I'll go grab one. You know what? They don't matter, do they? No somebody gets to think about that. What I do is really abrasive. I put myself through this training and my life, when I look back, I've trained myself to do something big. It was the police and a group that deals with the mental health -- they call themselves the angels. I play trombone in my boxer shorts and I'm here instead of Denver, where they ask me, why don't you come with our homeless rights group. I have don't know what you have done over the last few years, but the city is not trying to hear it. Here in Portland and the climate and -- there are public lands everywhere. There are so many -- I'm not associated with the rainbow family, they're not thinking about their calls correctly and they have all their different reasons for doing it. I want to present an idea to you guys when I get back from a job in Chicago. I came out here to work, I'm going to Chicago and the money that I make and the truck I have is willing to donate if you -- I'm willing to give everything I have.

Wheeler: We appreciate that. Thank you. Safe travels.

John: I'm also asking, could I -- with the information I've given you and the fact that I know I can go in the woods and show 15 people that I know well on the streets, trust and respect, family to me now because they've taken care of me, how to live properly using composting -- stuff that you could be doing instead of the porta potties. The policeman -- I -

Wheeler: We'd be happy to talk to you. If you could reach out to my staff and give some contact information.

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John: About a month or so because I don't have a whole lot of time in my life -- I'm not dying, I don't think. I wanted to organize a chance to be able to talk to you guys seriously where I had more than three minutes.

Wheeler: I appreciate it. I like your ideas of have fun and get home at the end of the day. What was the third? Thank you. Andrew, you want to come back up? So, it's my understanding that, at this point, we vote to approve the budget as amended, is that correct?

Scott: That is correct.

Fritz: Could I ask for one clarification in response to Mary Sipes testimony. What is happening with the age-friendly funding and experience pdx ect?

Fish: My understanding, commissioner Fritz, is there were two different proposals that were pitched. The mayor has chosen to fund one, which loosely fits within the family of age-friendly. There is a second ask that is a position at psu and a set of programs. What I have concluded is we need to do some additional work to lay the foundation for an ask. The mayor had some questions about the program and its effectiveness. And I have reserved the right to come forward with an ordinance to fund a position. But I would -- I don't think it's cooked yet and I would like to respect the process and have a stronger foundation for an ask.

Fritz: Okay, that's fine. I'm very supportive of the program, as you know, so I'm glad to know it's still in progress.

Fish: Just one comment, because Andrew, we technically have one more vote in June, correct?

Scott: That is correct you are approving it as the budget committee today and then you come back in June as the city council to adopt the budget.

Fish: We're approving the budget and then we're going to adopt the budget. By tradition, we -- in approving the budget today, each of us takes an opportunity to thank some folks and to make a few comments. There's another opportunity in June, but this is usually where we do that so just want to make that note.

Wheeler: Okay. Very good. Is there any further comment before we get to the roll call? Please call the roll.

Fish: So, mayor and colleagues, I'm very pleased to support this budget and mayor, I want to compliment you for what I believe has been an unusually collaborative and collegial process and you set the tone early. The budget before us addresses many of the issues that I care about personally and includes targeted and strategic funding for our shared priorities, in particular I want to highlight that it directs a \$50 million down payment on build Portland a bold initiative that mayor has proposed attack on the backlog of street maintenance and repair. Invest significant new funds in vision zero affirming our belief that one death on our streets is too many, continues our commitment to fight homelessness in our community and affirms our plan to streamline the delivery of services to people most in need. And I want to acknowledge the mayors early work to build a strong partnership with county chair Deborah Kafoury that relationship is crucial to our success going forward. It continues investments in highly successful programs that support our neighborhood small businesses it supports the rose festival Portland's official award winning festival. It continues to show discipline with rate payer dollars focusing on basic services like resilience and water quality and the budget continues general fund support for improvements at mount tabor work we're doing in partnership with the mount Tabor neighborhood association. We have partially restored funding for the arts and we have funded the first-ever performance audit of the regional arts and culture council. And the mayor and I will be requesting that audit this week. The budget also funds new ranger positions in east Portland to work upstream with the community to solve problems. This is

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a program near and dear to commissioner Fritz and my heart. This budget launches a project I'm very passionate about called project search to provide work opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities. The utilities will be piloting this program starting this summer and I hope it proves successful and that we're able to expand it throughout the city. Mayor, again, I want to thank you for leading what has been, I think, a very productive process. This is your first year, as mayor. I would say your first 100 days were eventful. On top of all the other challenges you faced, you have led us through a budget process which has led us to a budget that earns the support of all your colleagues and if it does that will be a milestone. I want to acknowledge your staff, mayor, including your chief of staff, Maurice and your deputy chief Kristen for the role that they have played in consulting with your colleagues on the second floor. I want to especially thank my council colleagues. We had a 40% turnover of the council this year. We have two new members who, in my view, have changed the chemistry of this council in very important ways and I like where we're headed and I appreciate their voices and perspectives. I want to thank Andrew Scott and the budget office and his in comparable team. We're lucky to have an independent budget office that have the skilled professionals that work there and we could not do our work without their assistance. I want to thank my team for their hard work. And led by Sonja Schmanski -- that wasn't intended to be a laugh. [laughter] led by Sonja Schmanski. This is the first day in council for the newest member of my team Amira Streeter. She is a graduate of Lewis and Clark law school and she will be helping us to lead our fund. Will you stand so we can recognize you? [applause] lastly, I want to thank everyone who attended a forum, sent an email or a letter, came in for a meeting and made their voices heard. Thank you to all of you. Your advocacy has led to a better budget for the community we love. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye. [laughter]

Eudaly: My apologies commissioner Fish, I'm overdue to depart and feeling a little anxious I would like to thank everyone that commissioner Fish just thanked as well as my team. This has been a fascinating process I feel like I got to know my colleagues better and I'm very happy with where we arrived with the budget. Aye.

Fritz: Mayor wheeler, this is a budget to be proud of for your first year of as mayor and I appreciate both your responsiveness to our concerns and the way you've helped us all work together each of my colleagues come under the category. All of our bureau staff and our budget advisory committees do enormous amount of work over six to nine months and it's got very short break with all the work sessions before we get to the next year's budget. It's important because each year, we make very specific funding decisions and our bureau budget advisory committees are essential to that. And so, I want to thank mike abbaté and Lisa St. Helen and the emergency communications user board and also, I'll add my thanks to the budget office, which remains something I'm very happy we got going. What's funded and what's not funded is also part of this. I also want to recognize that we did take cuts. There are many things that are not funded that people were hoping would be funded. We heard about the lad's addition gardeners and the Brooklyn park and there are others and where things are not funded and we've got more work to do. I'm looking forward to working on those issues under the guidance of Tim Crail, my chief of staff, and in fact, all my staff. The build Portland initiative, it's bold, it's a legacy project and I'm happy that I'm going to be involved in it for the next three-plus years. I'm happy with the \$250,000 for the open and accountable elections and the budget notes that says it will be implemented by 2020. So that is very significant to me and I know that many of our community members are hoping for more representation at every level. The four parks rangers that are funded in east Portland with ongoing money, first time council has allocated park rangers specifically to east Portland previously they've all been on the west side. We're starting to address

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some of the key equity challenges that were evident when I first started and more evident now. Starting the health safety environmental programs in parks, like the school districts dealing with lead and paint, lead water and asbestos a lot of our infrastructure is failing. I'm very happy that we -- several years ago, commissioner Saltzman and Fish and I passed a binding city resolution saying half of all one-time money has to go for infrastructure maintenance. This year has been the benefit of the transportation bureau which is getting \$7.2 million otherwise they necessarily wouldn't have got a lot of these maintenance projects are not fun or sexy and there are still things that even with the parks levy and the allocations, it's challenging and I know that I've got work to do if I'm reassigned to the parks bureau to get the landscape at Chinese garden redone, the leaking basement at pittock mansion. Everybody who came into talk with us in our budget sessions, whether you got what you wanted or not, your comments were not lost on us. Just because we're accepting this budget and moving it forward doesn't mean that we won't try to work with neighbors on the lad's addition park we rely on volunteers from Portland parks and recreation so we need to continue to support them as we need to. \$25 million plus for the joint office of homeless services that's a lot of money. When people come and say we're not doing anything, I keep thinking \$25 million is a lot of money, in conjunction of tripling of the housing bureau's budget over the time that I've been on the council. I'm satisfied that we have a process for the marijuana tax money and I very much appreciate all of my colleagues support on that. Looking forward to the participatory budgeting on the remaining \$500,000. Also the process and special appropriation grants. So again if you did not get what you wanted in this budget today we have \$1 million set aside for special appropriations, which anyone can apply to and a committee made up of staff from the five offices in city hall will allocate that money. There's a lot of opportunities for partnership with a city that's what makes our city so great. Just a couple of other things, the vision zero money is very significant and we need to do more. Yes, we need to do more to support both our police officers and people impacted by police officer decisions in our community. We will continue to do that and work on the settlement agreement with the department of justice whether the department of justice decides it wants us to or not. That is something that mayor wheeler has been committed to, just like mayor hales and mayor Adams was before them and I will continue to work on it. I'm happy we got the community services offices pilot in, Portland police bureau wanted to be involved. Just generally, a lot of work has been done by everybody. Thank you very much. Aye.

Wheeler: Dan stole my speech so I'm going to have to go in a different direction. [laughter] I believe it's a credit as a council that we have clear priorities that this budget was passed with little fan fair and less controversy. The city of Portland poised to make significant investments to improve roads, address homelessness and foster economic growth. The council approved and initial investment of \$50 million in critical infrastructure that will grow to \$600 million over 20 years. We approved \$25 million investment in the joint office of homelessness services for assistance, shelter and housing placement and we increased funding to minimize the impact of homelessness as they relate to public health, safety and livability. We've invested in coordinated efforts to promote work force development to make sure Portlanders are prepared for the high-skilled, high-wage jobs that will define our economy in the years ahead. I want to thank my colleagues here, and your staffs, for approaching this budget with an approach defined by a collaborative problem solving and fiscal-discipline fashion. Like Chloe, I learned a lot during this process and this is really all of our work and we, as a council, can be very proud of it. I've appreciated this process. I've appreciated the time and the energy that you've all put into it and I look forward to doing this many times in the years ahead. Thank you, all. Aye. The budget is approved, as amended. Commissioner Eudaly, can we borrow you for two more minutes? [laughter] we

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have to approve the tax levies so let me read the formal ordinance script. The city shall levy its 4.5770 per \$1,000 of assessed value and \$17,590,351 for the payment of voter-approved general obligation and bond principle and interest and \$155,553,793 for the obligations for the fire and police disability and retirement fund and 0.4026 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the children's levy. Furthermore, the city shall levy the amounts for urban renewal collections. I'll entertain a motion to approve the tax levies.

Saltzman: So moved

Eudaly: Seconded.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Fish: I have a 20-minute statement I'd like to read on the record for this. [laughter] aye.

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

Fritz: This is good reminder of what we're spending as taxpayer money and we're trying to do it as wisely as possible thank you to those who live and work in this great city. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The tax levies are approved. This meeting of the Portland city budget committee is now adjourned. Thank you to the budget office and I know -- three-minute break. Those of you waiting for the Portland development commission, now known as prosper Portland, we'll be up in three minutes.

At 4:12 p.m. City Budget Committee adjourned.

At 4:19 p.m. PDC Budget Committee convened.

Wheeler: We are now convening the prosper Portland budget committee for the purpose of approving the fiscal year 2017-18 budget. The budget committee members received copies of the prosper Portland's initial budget approval change memo on Tuesday, May 9th and a revised change memo and a resolution on Friday, May 12th I know request that Pam call the roll.

Fish: Here **Saltzman:** Here **Eudaly:** **Fritz:** Here **Wheeler:** Here

Wheeler: I'm now calling for a motion for proposed changes to the budget in the change memo in exhibit a. Commissioner Fritz moves, commissioner Saltzman seconds. We will now call up staff for a discussion. And, just for clarity, commissioner Eudaly, in the last conversation, allocated some one-time funds to the prosper Portland, to fund the second cohort of small business owners in the increase project and so we need to offer up an amendment. Why don't I do that right now, so I don't forget to do that? I'll read the full amendment. Allocate \$87,500 of one-time general fund resources to prosper Portland to fund a second cohort of small business owners in prosper Portland's increased project. The funding source for this add will be \$87,500 one-time reduction to the general fund contingency. And, she called for amending attachments b, c and e, as necessary. Could I get a second?

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: That motion is on the table. Commissioner Fritz seconded it. Do we need to vote on that now? Let's call the roll please.

Fish: Aye. **Saltzman:** Aye. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Good afternoon and thank you for your patience.

Kimberly Branam: Good afternoon. So, I'm Kimberly branam, executive director at prosper Portland, formally known as Portland development commission. And we are here to go over the changes and tony barns, our budget officer, is going to walk through those briefly.

Tony Barnes: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, commissioners, tony barns budget officer with prosper Portland. The change memo that was introduced on May 9th includes three amendments to the original proposed budget in addition to the just passed amendment to bring the city budget -- the prosper Portland budget in sync with the city of

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Portland general fund budget so those three changes are an additional \$66,000 of one-time fund that was added. \$100,000 in adjustments from the 16/17 spring bump and the housing set-aside budget, about \$5 million to sync up the Portland housing bureau approved budget with the prosper Portland approved budget were set-aside funds. Those actions identified in exhibit a would bring the budget in line with the approved city of Portland budget.

Wheeler: Very good. And commissioners, are there any additional amendments you'd like to make to the change memo?

Saltzman: I was interested in finding out more about accelerate Oregon and what was done there in respect to the funding?

Branam: Sure, thank you, commissioner. Accelerate Oregon is both a fund that supports women who are looking and who are preparing themselves to be invested in and so they're putting together a fund and prosper Portland has secured \$30,000 to help them with some of their initial business planning. They put in, as part of the small business technical assistance program and increase project and we had wanted to invest in them at \$100,000 but only had \$50,000 so the amendment that commissioner Eudaly put forward will mean they can be fully-funded at the \$100,000 level.

Saltzman: The amendment we just --

Branam: Yes. The one you adopted.

Saltzman: I didn't realize that had anything to do with accelerate Oregon.

Wheeler: Any further questions? Any further information you care to in part on us. Is there any public testimony on the pdc budget?

Pam: Yes.

Wheeler: How many?

Pam: Two.

Wheeler: Please, call them up.

Fish: They signed up, that's for the next item.

Wheeler: Anybody want to testify on the prosper Portland, formally known as the pdc budget? Very good. That actually catches us up. I'm now calling to entertain a motion to vote, to approve the budget --

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Amendments of exhibit a7233, as amended. Commissioner Fish moved, commissioner Fritz seconded. Any further discussion? Please call the roll.

Fish: First, I want to compliment pdc on the rebranding. I'm proudly displaying my new mug and coaster on my desk. But I think it's -- I think it's appropriate to -- just as pdc has to now reimagine itself and come up with a new funding model, I think it's appropriate to come up with a new name and reintroduce yourself to the community. I'm old enough to remember when this part of our budget process was very contentious and we had a lot of people coming forward with testimony and concerns so the fact that we don't have a lot of people means the process has worked and people are able to comment and weigh in at earlier stages. Speaking just for myself, I think it's critical to our future that we have a strong and dynamic prosper Portland. Now what it looks like and how it functions and how it's funded is to be determined. But I think we should err on the side of unleashing the entrepreneurial potential, to go beyond managing certain assets and instead, thinking of ways of leveraging and developing certain assets and instead thinking of ways to develop certain assets. That's for another day, that conversation, and how we're going to be providing stable funding over time is another day. One last comment, during my eight or nine years, we've had discussion about whether we should focus on place making or economic development. At the end of the day, I think we should focus on people. This is a

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great city because of people. When people have opportunities and are able to live here and prosper, a lot of other good things happen so I think it starts with people and I think the new sharper focus of the agency on creating opportunity for people have been historically left out and the idea of creating wealth in communities that lag and the whole idea of lifting -- is vitally important. Along the way we can continue to build a beautiful city along the way. But a beautiful city that people can't afford to live in is called a museum. And without regard to their status. So, I'm pleased to support this budget and I look forward to playing a role in helping to reimagine prosper Portland, aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Fritz: Thank you, director branam and all your staff. I agree with commissioner Fish the agency has made a lot of progress and has in fact been the leader on a lot of our equity initiatives and has done very well with that. So, I appreciate your focus on women and minorities and emerging small businesses and hope that will be the focus moving on. I appreciate also that the mayor deleted the budget note regarding the future of the commission and the work being done. That deserves a very full public input and discussion that needs to happen outside of the budget process and so I appreciate the fact that you allowed that to happen in a more orderly way and I look forward to participating in those discussions and thank you again for all the work you do in our community. Aye.

Wheeler: I want to extend me thanks to director branam and her team and I'm highly-supportive of the work you're doing, particularly around economic prosperity and I also think that the rebranding is a strong statement, it's a commitment. It's written in effectively blood as far as all of us are concerned that we are going to answer the call out there, which is who benefits. And we're going to make sure that the communities impacted by development are the first to benefit from development and I know you're committed to that and you have a team in place committed to that and I think about all the amazing opportunities that lie ahead for us and they have the -- they have the potential to be transformational for the city in lots of different ways, not just in terms of the look and feel of the community, but how it lifts the community and who it lifts in the community so I look forward to being part of that process over a period of many, many years. I will happily vote aye. That means the budget for prosper Portland is approved, as amended. And, we are now adjourning the prosper Portland budget committee meeting. Thank you, all. Thank you, pam.

At 4:30 p.m. PDC Budget Committee adjourned.

At 4:30 p.m. City Council convened.

And now we are reconvening at the Portland city council.

Fritz: Do we need another roll call?

Wheeler: Why don't you call the roll?

Fish: Here **Saltzman:** Here **Eudaly:** **Fritz:** Here **Wheeler:** Here

Wheeler: All right. Good. The one and last remaining item.

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Wheeler: Very good. So, with that, I will call up our friends from work systems inc. Who are going to update us on the fantastic work they've done, this is directly from the work of prosper Portland, as well. This is a regional partnership that we're engaged in and heavily involved in. By agreement previously, I'll turn this over to the director of work systems.

Andrew McGough: Thank you, mayor. For the record, Andrew McGough, director of work systems.

Jennifer Chang, Portland Housing Bureau: I'm Jennifer Chang with the Portland housing bureau. So, I'll start off. So, good afternoon, mayor and city commissioners. We're pleased to share the outcomes and personal stories of the economic opportunity program or eop. In promoting employment and career advancement opportunities for very low-

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income households in Portland. The program started in 2004 as part of the city's broader strategic plan for reducing poverty through economic opportunity. Eop has an annual budget of \$2.7 million which is a combination of city general funds and federal community development block grants administered through the housing bureau. Prosper Portland, formally Portland development commission, oversees the program and aligns the workforce resources with their economic growth and neighborhood prosperity initiatives. And work systems, which serves as our local workforce investment board, administers the services through dozens of partnerships with community-based employment providers. Eop provides critical support for families and individuals to gain income and increase their earning potential, which enables them to secure and maintain stable housing. Through the work of a home for everyone, we've been able to invest additional resources to increase the programs capacity to focus on serving more people who are experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of losing housing. By the end of this fiscal year we anticipate serving at least 300 additional households who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless through strategic, connected employment and housing and culturally-specific services that have been available through home for everyone. So, thank you for investing in this important program it really effectively leverages federal and local resources to promote economic opportunities for households in Portland. At this time, I'd like to turn it over to Kimberly and Andrew to speak more about how the interagency partnership is effectively working.

Kimberly Branam: I'm Kimberly branam, executive director at prosper Portland. Really pleased to be here today, to talk about what is a story of effective collaboration and alignment and impact. And you're going to hear some stories later today about what that means on the ground, from institution to institution level, we're really pleased to have such deep collaboration and connections between the Portland housing bureau, prosper Portland and work systems. So, as you know, prosper Portland is focused on increasing access to quality employment, as well as advancing opportunities for prosperity, collaborating with partners for equitable city and creating vibrant neighborhoods. We rely on many partnerships to increase access to quality jobs and workforce development is truly a critical component in ensuring individuals have the skills and access. Prosper Portland workforce investment aim to connect people of color to high quality job opportunities and career tracks. We do this by work closely with our neighborhood and community and higher education partners, as well as our target industry employers and with work systems. Together, we're finding ways to most effectively connect people to job opportunities. So, together, we're collaborating with our nonprofit partners to insure equitable opportunities and access. For example, southeast works provides employment and referral services to job seekers at the rosewood community center which is a neighborhood prosperity district. Together, we're influencing business behavior to align with our inclusive growth priorities, through the tech town prosperity pledge prosper Portland convenes 22 companies to participate in collective action such as equity trainings, data tracking and peer to peer learning opportunities. These companies employ more than 2,000 employees who will benefit from actions to facilitate an inclusive company culture. Together, we're aligning services supported by our funding with career pathways toward living-wage jobs. In the last five years, prosper Portland has invested over \$500,000 in workforce training at enterprise zone participating companies, allowing more than 300 employees access to career growth and development opportunities. Together we're connecting our physical investments with workforce investments by applying our equitable contracting policies. Through initiatives like the division transit project where our partners are committed to providing increased employment in the corridor. We're strengthening our partnerships with providers to change out we collectively engage with underserved

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communities. We're pivoted from anti-poverty to a broader focus on prosperity and going from just surviving to really thriving and so that's the story we hope you'll hear today.

McGough: Good afternoon, I'm Andrew McGough, I'm the director of work systems. And a proud partner in the economic opportunity initiative. As Jennifer mentioned, this program has been around for quite a while, 2004. And it's been evolving ever since. And the important thing to take away from this, I think I've talked to you all a number of times before, is -- these are challenging times for large segments of our community and the only way we can solve those is by working together and I think this program does demonstrate the institutional collaboration as well as the community collaboration that we need to really move people from poverty to prosperity.

Fritz: We're both distracted by the image here. What are we looking at there?

McGough: I think you're looking at people covered in clay. [laughter] and my hope is that someone could be more explicit than that.

Fritz: That's a start, thank you. [laughter]

McGough: This looks like that growler place. It's amazing. It's out on sandy and a bunch of slackers created this growler place. Anyway. I love what you said earlier, commissioner Fish, and I think that -- I get the sense that the whole council realizes this is really about people and ultimately, we think we will thrive if our people thrive. That economic development will come if we have the people that can help that kind of growth and that's what this programs really about. I'd like to hand it over to Patrick Gihring who's our chief program officer. And tell you what these guys are covered in. [laughter]

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Patrick Gihring: Hi, good afternoon. Thanks for having us. I'm Patrick Gihring, chief program officer at work systems. I'll do a brief overview of the funding and the program. So, funding for the workforce development of the program is \$2.7 million annually and serves 1,100 people. The population serves our low income residents the eligibility requirement is they're below 50% of median family income almost all of them are below 30%. There's a focus on homeless, people at imminent risk of eviction and immigrants, and communities of color. City funding supports career coaching, providing by 11 community-based partners. And the program design ties the strength of our community-based partners to the strengths and services and resources within the public workforce system, which work systems oversees. On top of this investment made by the city, work systems adds over \$6 million in federal, state and local services annually to serve more people and to enhance the services of this program. This includes about \$2.5 million annually to increase the number of career coaches and community-based organizations, partnering within this program. \$1.8 million for occupational training to support entry into high growth, career track occupations that are lined with target sectors of prosper Portland and work systems. \$1.1 million on-the-job trainings, paid internships and other work-based learning opportunities and \$500,000 in rent assistance. Being a program that serves very low income people, people are sometimes impacted by homelessness during the course of services and they're able to complete their training and move into their employment more effectively while housed. If you bring together the city funds, as well as the additional resources brought to the table, the total program is about \$8.7 million and serves about 1,500 Portlanders annually. I want to thank you for the investment made by the city and the economic opportunity program. It makes it possible to secure these additional federal matching grants, federal competitive grants, state, local and other resources for people of Portland.

Stacey Triplett: I'm Stacey Triplett, community programs manager for work systems. I'd like to talk about the population served, the partners and the results that the eop program is getting. The eop community-based providers use their knowledge and expertise to serve

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specific population with one on one career coaching and occupational training. Much of the training is provided through a strong connection to work source Portland metro resources, which includes training scholarships, paid work experiences and placement support for career track jobs. The populations that we're referring to are homeless and housing insecure residents, 26%. Residents of subsidized housing, folks returning from incarceration, 30% self-report involvement with the criminal justice system. Immigrants and English language learners, 36% of our population is long-term unemployed. They've been looking for 27 weeks or more, that's a bureau of labor statistics. 50% hold a high school diploma or ged or less. 16% have completed post-secondary education without a degree. A little bit more on the demographics, as you're familiar, communities of color are overrepresented, 54% of our participants. 22% are Latina/Latino. 22% African-American. So, that's a little bit more on who is served. In keeping with the priorities that we share that are set by Portland housing bureau, prosper Portland and Work systems all the participants are low-income. They're defined as earning 50% of mfi, or below for a family of four, that is \$36,000. I want to talk about the partners, who's serving them, the contracted providers are central city concern, who was here today but had to leave so I will introduce their testimony in written format. Human solutions, irco, southeast works, Oregon trades women is a partner here, constructing hope and self-enhancement inc. They bring culturally-specific programs. There is a network of youth serving organizations that work with young adults their eligible to work starting at age 16. You'll hear more about that. The youth network is being redesigned to focus on young adults who are not working and not in school and connect them to the in-demand sectors, health careers, advanced manufacturing, construction and i.t. Software. Poic you'll hear from today is one of those youth provider in the network and new avenues for youth, and native American youth and family center. Those are the partners. That partnership, that network served over 400 low-income people. Almost 150 completed training for credentials that were recognized in their field. 76% of those left employed in wages averages over \$13.50 an hour. I want to note here; averages don't always tell the whole story. \$13.50 is one thing. When you think about the population served, the average wage, \$13.50 or \$13.70 for the last 12 months. For the 400 formally chronically homeless folks that were served by central city concern, their average is \$11.30, which is a real accomplishment for that population to connect with work and to get onto the path. For the 60 immigrants and the professional immigrant credentialing program, that average wage was \$16.84. So, now I need to focus on some of the additional people that are served, so the city population -- the city investment through successful applications for competitive funding, has been able to grow to serve 825 people. Within the city of Portland. So they were receiving the same one-on-one career coaching done and community-based organizations, but not funded by the first investment that the city made, the \$6 million figure you heard about before is the result of work systems efforts and the strength of the network of local providers, federal department of labor grants, health and human services administration grants and a usda matching grant increased the service that prosper Portland invest in, to more than double the impact. Multnomah county department of justice, reentry connector, participants are getting referred from parole officers and the city funds in the joint office from a home for everyone funds it, as well. That extension helps us to focus on homeless and housing and secure populations and it added the urban league to the existing strong network of providers, which increased the culturally-specific communities to work with communities of color. So, I'd like to say the person -- our testimony that we're introducing in writing, would have been presented by Frieda Ceaser. Instead, now, we'll hear from joe McFerrin.

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Wheeler: I want to state again, thank you for your patient. Obviously, our budget hearing went long and that made your planned presentation more complicated. Joe's great. We like him. So, he'll do a fantastic job.

Joe McFerrin: Thank you so much, mayor. I'll keep it short. But I will say --

Wheeler: Joe, I'm sorry, for the record, your name.

McFerrin: Joe McFerrin president and ceo of the poic rosemary Anderson high school. It's nice to -- on a daily basis, we deal with some of Portland's most at-risk youth and their families and there isn't a day that goes by when we don't deal with some sort of difficult and sometimes even tragic situation but it's nice and refreshing to come to a meeting like this, where people in positions of leadership, that impact systems are doing really good work together to make a difference in the lives of the people that we serve. So, I just wanted to say that. For us, we have been a provider with economic opportunity program and work systems for some time. What I am -- and on the youth side, for the most part. And I think you guys are pretty much aware of our work on the youth side. But what I'm really excited about, we have had an opportunity, through this process, to address homelessness with some of our young adults and some of our families, as a result of this work and it's been huge. We've been struggling with this for a very long time. But now, not only do we have a small amount of funding to dedicate to this work, we're also now a part of the network and I think that, in a very short period of time, has really built up some capabilities within our organization. And we look forward to working with this particular project around homelessness, moving forward, because there are so many of our students and families that are dealing with this issue. In our program, we serve about 2,000 participants a year. 48% are african-american. 26% are Latino and 23% are low-income white folks that we work with. We're a pretty diverse organization. The keys to our success are in our core beliefs and one of my staff persons left and it was on her shirt. We believe all people have value. We believe that all people can grow. And we believe that no matter what problems you're facing, they can contribute to a thriving community. That stems from our work and then lastly, about our strategy, I would say, it's based in trust and relationships. That's how we are able to -- to get our young people and families moving in the right direction. And I'll tie it up there. I mean, the last thing I would say, this work -- our core focus is to get young kids -- high school-age kids, who have disengaged in the educational system, get them back and inspired through education because we know that's the key and one of the things that we do, that has proven to be most effective, is offering a young person an opportunity to work and we believe that an opportunity to work and a work experience is one of the best social service strategies that we have. So, thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it very much. Thanks to all of you. Hello. Again, if you could just state your name for the record, that would be great.

Crystal Magana: Okay. I guess I'll go first. We're all a little nervous. So, I just thank you guys for your time. I know it's been a very long day and I think it's very important for you guys to understand what all these numbers and all these programs really mean. And, for myself -- I know I was down here, I believe, back in September on behalf of the cba and what that program has meant to me. Some of this will be repeated for you about my history. To understand what I'm going to say, you have to understand where I came from. I was a youth. I started running away at the age of 11. I come from an abusive background primarily my mother. I'm a first-born generation here in the united states my father is from papilla michiucan. You can understand that just growing up in a very diverse home was a struggle to begin with. I have other siblings. I moved all over Washington state and Oregon for probably the course of 9 to 9.5 years. I ended up here in Portland with a family member at the age of 14. Within six months because of the abuse and trauma -- there were no

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services at that time to reach out to children victims of child abuse and those kinds of traumas. So I was left to the streets so to speak within six months of being here, I was forced into the lifestyle of prostitution. Which is a huge thing that's going on. I know that the city of Portland is doing a lot on behalf of child trafficking. But from that, I ended up as a 17-year-old mother. And then, by the time my daughter was 2 years old, that lifestyle had its grip on me and during a transaction on the streets, it ended in somebody losing their life and me going away to prison for 16.5 years at the age of 19. You can imagine the devastation. You can imagine a 19-year-old kid, what I barely had my ged. I didn't think I was very smart. I had no self-esteem, no self-worth when I went to prison, I thought it was over. The custody of my child went to the state of Oregon and she went through 27 foster homes. While I was incarcerated, I decided that I was going to do whatever it took for when I got out to have a life. I knew I was going to be 35 years old, but I knew I wanted a life and I knew that life wasn't going to come easy. I knew that schooling was probably going to be hard and come at a cost, a cost I never knew how I would be able to pay back. Some programs come into the facility, I'm part Cherokee Indian so I started attending native services where our volunteer Trisha Jordan through red lodge brought in the Oregon trades women. They have a great career fair coming up this weekend, which is pretty cool. When she brought them in, I suddenly realized, wait a minute, there's a program out there and they say I can do it. Well, beyond that, what else is it going to take? I had no idea how to live a normal, healthy life. When you do 16 and a half years, they have programs to bring you on a field trip into the community for a day, to start maybe seeing where you're going to be housed or what kinds of programs or services might be there for you. I had no idea of any services. Southeast work source center which is also a very vital part of the community, I visited them on this day trip and I honestly thought that all they were was a temporary connecting, just for temporary day jobs, that's what I thought they were. That changed quickly when I met with Cindy pollard who was genuinely compassionate and wanted to figure out what it was going to take to move forward. I talked to her about the Oregon trades women. She said, okay that's one step, but how are we going to get there before that? What are the steps we're going to take. You talk about wrap-around services and there's a saying where it says that it takes a village to raise a child. Well, it also takes a village to raise a person that comes from destruction and incarceration for such a long period of time who really wants to strive and really wants a better life. And when I started meeting with Cindy, I was housed downtown at the estates and I don't know if you're familiar with that, but that's right in the heart of homelessness. A lot of drug use, a lot of prostitution, a lot of pimps are down there. It's like a really horrible atmosphere and so that was a huge stress when you're getting out of prison after such a long time and how are you going to find stable work and how are you going to be able to do that with a clear mind when your housing -- it's a chaos. A destruction. Well, through southeast work source center and through the Oregon trades women, they connected me to human solutions, they helped me get housing and get my first apartment for the first time at age 35. These programs and what Cindy does and the connections that she makes. I remember on day I went down there and I had no money, I was waiting to get a call back from a flagging company and I thought there was no hope and I broke down in her office. I just showed up because I was so stressed out and she said, let's make a phone call and sure enough, this company had forgotten to call me back and I started working right away within a few days and that company -- with the help of Cindy, they navigated me and helped me able to work and make wages to where I could complete the Oregon tradeswoman program which is eight weeks long and then from there Oregon trades women -- they have direct entry into apprenticeship programs if you complete their program and I got a direct entry into local northwest 29 iron workers. I'm out there doing

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what guys say that we can't do. And beyond that, I'm sitting here before you, with housing, with a vehicle, with a job, with support services and people that I can go back to at any time, coming from a place of incarceration, but merely, I think it's about eight and a half months ago I was released. It wouldn't have happened if it wasn't for the funding that goes into these programs. It's not one program. These people are like the umbrella and have all these antennas out there that reach out and figure out what it is going to take to help somebody like myself succeed and become a contributing member of society. Like when I filed my taxes, I was so excited that I didn't get any money back because I was paying my taxes. I mean, that's a good feeling for somebody like myself. I thank you for your time and I really hope that what I've said to you, that you really reflect on it and understand the importance of that money.

Fritz: Thank you, that really does remind us why we work so hard and why this is such an important program to fund. Could you tell me your name?

Magana: Crystal Magana.

Fritz: I'm very happy this program has helped you. Look forward to future updates as you continue in your career.

Magana: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Anna Felix: Okay. I want to start off with I'm happy to be here. So, my name is Anna Felix and I'm 25 years old. I was born in Guatemala and raised in Portland, Oregon so I came to u.s. When I was 1 years old. My parents lost many family in the civil war, which was in 1992. And so that's why they came here to the united states, to escape and came to u.s. For safety. So, I have never been back to Guatemala so I don't know how it looks. I've never been there before. I would love to go back and visit and be there. But, I am happy that I was raised here in Portland. Portland is my home. I would never want to leave Portland. So I graduate from poic in 2013 so poic it is different from most other high schools because the teachers, the career coaches, even the principal made sure that every student was doing well in classes and attending class every day. And I remember when one of my career coaches, he came to my house and was yelling from outside, telling me to get to school. And it showed me how much they care about my education and my future and I am grateful for that, as well. So in 2001, I was a new mom to a new boy and poic helped me with parenting skills and the importance of how to care for kids. They were also able to provide clothing, toys and books for the child. And, also, this past fall, poic helped me get involved in a healthcare bridge program and supported me with an internship a providence. I'm currently attending pcc cascade. Thank you to poic for helping me get back into school and supporting me and helping me with homework and standing by my side. So -- and, I am working while I am going to school for surgical technician. And, the reason I wanted to be a surgical technician is I was inspired by surgical tech

Saltzman: What kind of technician?

Felix: Surgical technician. I was inspired by a surgical technician that I met during my internship at providence and she was the sweetest person ever and, yeah, she gave me advice on the career, she helped me and she loves it and it's the perfect fit for her, which inspired me greatly. So, yeah, so I looked into the surgical technician to see if I like it and I did and this is what I want to do and I want to end it with -- without poic, I wouldn't be here giving a speech. They helped me so much with everything, with scholarships, making sure I'm doing good, keeping in touch with me. And yeah, they've been there for me. They've been helping me. No matter who you are, where you are, they want to help you. It doesn't matter where you come from.

Wheeler: Excellent. Thank you very much. We sure appreciate your being here today. Good afternoon.

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Janae Delarosa: Good afternoon. My name is Janae Delarosa and I'm actively involved in the human solutions and work source the pathways to success program. I was at a very unstable place in my life. I had very unstable housing and I had a very poor-paying job. And did not know where I was going to go or -- I thought I was going to end up homeless, that's really where I was, on the verge of that. And I got involved with the program and they provided for me training in -- as a cna, to start. I've completed all of my training through them. They've also helped me get into my own apartment. I've already got -- I started in October. And I've already got a better-paying job. And, I take my boards this week, actually. I'm very excited. I have a lot of support through them. And, my life has changed dramatically. Becoming self-sufficient and looking to become an lpn, I'll start tutoring with that. They provide the academic navigator for my placement out at mount hood and I just can't really say enough. I mean, I really was -- without their programs and without their funding and without their help, I would have been another statistic. You know. But, they really have inspired me and given me the motivation that I know I'll succeed and within 24 month said, I'll be a very happy nurse, working in hospice and I know I'll do it and so, I just wanted to come and let you know that their programs are working and to keep funding them.

Wheeler: Thank you. And congratulations. That's great, all three of you. We really appreciate it.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Mohamed Muebula: Good afternoon. Mayor and commissioners my name is Mohamed Muebula. I work at a packaging company. My position -- I came last year from Burma to Portland. So this year, right here, I looking for job and training, I have 10 years' experience so irco help me to find good job. I have better job that pay well. I use my skill in my work. Different job and also help me with interview skill and saving money, work clothes and time management. So they help me with resume, interview training career coaching, job application and driver's license. They help me with time management, what it is and also saving money for future. So, they also had a lot of time with -- I have problems with -- so I want city to keep helping program so that people like me, who are new to come -- new to America, can get good job and support. If also helps us to be financially stable.

Wheeler: Thank you, we appreciate you being here.

Igor Protsehko: Good afternoon. My name is Igor Protsehko.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Protsehko: Excuse me for my English. I live in Portland and united states 11 months.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Protsehko: I have big family. I have eight children and eight grandchildren. We came to the united states 11 months ago from Ukraine as refugees. I did not have any English skills. I started looking for a job, but could not find anything. I have many years of experience in construction. Northwest recommended pathways to success program at human solutions. Right after I was enrolled in November of 2016, I received help with my resume writing and interview skills. I was referred to program. Specialists from human solutions was in contact with my supervisor to insure I stay with my employer after my paid work experience is over. I was also referred to eop rental assistant program and received some help with my rent. I was paid as a full-time payment maintenance in march of 2017. I am very happy what I'm doing. I make decent money and can feed my big family. Please always fund program like these. Thank you for your attention.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Fritz: I have to say that your English is very good after 11 months. [laughter]

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Fatsmata: Good afternoon my name is Fatsmata I'm from Africa, west Africa to be precise. When we came to America, we were living in Philadelphia, but we moved to Portland with my husband, almost two years. What we are finding difficult for looking for job, finding ways and means to go to school. Back in Africa, you have your family, no more going to school. But this is a country that give opportunity to every life, no matter your age or your color. So when we came to Portland, we met with irco, the organization. They found my husband to go to school to do his can and the are doing my can too and they are looking for other ways and means to help us in our English learning and even our computer skills so we really appreciate this program and we are pleading for you to continue supporting us. Supporting other people who are in need of help. And right now, we just brought our children and they opened their doors their hands to help them so we really appreciate whatever you are doing for us and the support you guys have given to them. So, I want to thank you for everything.

Wheeler: Thank you so much for being here, we appreciate your testimony.

Fatsmata: Yeah.

Wheeler: Very good. Andrew, I want to do a time check. How many more people do we have presenting?

McGough: We're done.

Wheeler: Do you want to do a quick wrap-up here?

McGough: Sure. I appreciate all of the people that came out today. I think they provided, you know, what else can you say?

Wheeler: I want to thank you all for your testimony today. Thank you very much for being here.

McGough: These stories are extraordinary and the success is evident and you know, it's complicated to put this stuff together. But it's worth it in the end and I think we've really laid the ground work that you all can be proud of and we're really eager to continue to build on this and happy to -- to support whatever other initiatives you'd like to see us engage in. So, thank you very much for your time today.

Fritz: I'm just so happy with this presentation and how your organization in the city is partnering with so many other community organizations. I remember with Sam Adams tenure, you and I were on a frantic phone call late at night, wondering if commissioner Loretta smith was going to be able to help and it felt like we were cobbling things during the recession. Yet now, we've got this wonderful program with so many partners and you know, it does my heart good to know what you're doing and that this is such a firm foundation that you've developed partnerships with so many others, not only mayor Adams, but mayor hailes and Patrick Quinton before Kimberly branam and now mayor wheeler. We know what we're doing we know why we're doing it. I wish more people had been here, this afternoon, because that's what I came to America for, was to have those opportunities and I really appreciate you doing this presentation.

Fish: Two quick comments -- I know it's been a very, very long day and I want to thank everyone for their patience. You know, these economic opportunity programs used to be in the housing bureau and when we took the housing money out of pdc and created a new Portland housing bureau, it was at that time that then mayor Adams made the decision to put the programs in pdc and try to harness the power of the economic development side of the ledger. I had the same misgivings that I later had when we proposed taking some of the homeless services out of the housing bureau and migrating them to the county. It wasn't because I was reluctant to consider better-aligning or streamlining, it's that I thought the values proposition of these two things were crucial to the housing bureau's mission and I didn't want to lose the soul. I think both decisions were the right ones and what the economic opportunities initiative needed was a clear, strategic focus so it wasn't to

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opportunistic it needed to be aligned with other programs and we needed to be more rigorous with outcomes. The justice department has appointed us a special prosecutor to investigate the president, I would say that the cloud on the horizon is how we fund these programs. And, we are somewhat out of step with other cities. Because community development block grants, as we know, are very flexible dollars, can be used for economic development, community building, they can be used for many things, which is why they are prize dollars. The president's proposed budget cuts the heart out of the cdbg program. And so the next time someone says to you, what does community development block a grant mean to our community? Tell them about this hearing. Tell them about creating opportunities for people and building structures and clinics and investing in things so that's what it means so it would not be my first choice of what we cut at the federal level. Thank you for an outstanding presentation.

Wheeler: Great, I'll add my chorus. Thank you, again, for your patience I know we made you wait about an hour longer than you expected. You got to see that scintillating budget hearing. So, at any rate, thank you. This is an exciting, exciting set of programs and the partnership is the key point for me. So, again, let's keep it going, let's keep building it. Let's keep innovating and thinking of ways that we can strengthen more for the future. If there's nothing more for the good of the order, we are adjourned.

*****: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

At 5:18 p.m. Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon. This is the Thursday, May 18, 2017, afternoon session of the Portland city council. Susan, can you please call the roll.

[roll call taken]

Wheeler: Our usual notice the purpose of council meetings is 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 order and decorum of these meetings. To make sure that process is clear for everyone, I want to review some of the basic guidelines which I hope will help everyone feel comfortable, welcome, respected and safe as well as to help ensure decorum is maintained there are two opportunities -- actually today there's one opportunity for public presentation. 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're a lobbyist, please say so. If you're her representing an organization, it's helpful to know that too. Typically, people get three minutes to testify unless we're way behind schedule in which case we might shorten it. With 30 seconds left the yellow light lights up there's one buzzer and it's red and there will be four beeps if you're a minutes over your seat will get very, very warm. Just kidding. Conduct that disrupts the meetings for example shouting, interrupting other people or during council deliberations be not be allowed. Personal attacks and insults against people and council staff will not be tolerated. People who disrupt the meeting face ejection from the meeting. If there is a disruption, I'll issue a warning that if future disruption occurs anyone doing the disrupting will be asked to leave the meeting. If you're asked to leave the meeting and you don't, you are subject to arrest for trespassing. We hope that doesn't happen. If you would like to show support for something a simple thumbs up is great. If you don't like something you're hearing, have a simple thumbs down. Please, no verbal shouting. With that, Susan, could you read the first item, please.

Item 519.

Wheeler: The first of our utility rate ordinances today is for residential solid waste rates. Something we're all excited to hear about. Right after lunch. Portland is committed to being a leader in the recycling and composting field and our residents are recycling and composting over 60% of their waste, which is close to twice the national average. Something that all Portlanders should be very proud of. Recycling and composting are cost effective compared with landfilling. The proposed rates in front of us today include an increase of 10 cents per month, which is well plow inflation and it is the first rate increase in over five years. Portland residents are continuing to recycle and compost and it's helping keep rates low. Today Michael Armstrong and Bruce walker with the bureau of planning and sustainability are here to share findings from year's solid waste rate review and the proposed rates. Gentlemen, good afternoon, and welcome.

Michael Armstrong, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good afternoon. I'm Michael Armstrong I manage the sustainability programs for the bureau of planning and

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sustainability. With me is Bruce walker who manages our solid waste programs. Also, Arianne Sperry has done a lot of the analysis of the proposed rates this year. We're here to propose residential rates these address garbage, recycling, composting curb side collection which is providing about a dozen franchise companies to single family houses, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes. Just to differentiate the commercial system which includes businesses as well as multi-family properties with five or more units, those services are provided by haulers that the city permits and we set general standards for collection but do not set rates. We're not talking about commercial this afternoon. Just residential. Each year the bureau of planning and sustainability conducts a thorough analysis of the costs included with providing the curb side service. Part of that is to contract with an independent cpa, who goes through the hauler financial records. This year the result of that analysis is a proposed increase in the rates of 10 cents per month. Most of that due to higher fuel costs and sort of a slight increase in labor costs as well. One important exception here is that on the west side most of the west side of Portland the parts of the city that have lower street connectivity, larger lots, narrow, windy roads, we have what we call a terrain fee that differentiates between the additional cost of serving west side residences from the east side where costs are lower and haulers continue to achieve so some pretty impressive collection efficiencies throughout most of the city. They are not seeing quite the same efficiencies in the hillier, windier parts of the city. The proposed rate is 10 cents for all customers but there's an additional 20% for the approximately 15% of customers in the west side areas covered by this terrain fee. We're trying to recognize the different cost of service in different parts of the city. So this process includes anticipated inflation and adds that to the haulers' actual costs over the last calendar year. The table here in front of you shows the proposed rates for next year starting July 1. The current rates, 10 cents each case other than these west side routes that include the terrain fee. Then just a sense of how many customers in which service level you see the percent of customers there. The proposal is 10 cent increase for each of the service levels and then to give a sense to the historical trend this would be the first rate increase in five years and that dates back to the time we made the changes added the ability to put food scraps in with your yard debris in the green cart and switched to weekly collection of yard debris, every other week collection of garbage. The trend is remarkable. This would be the first rate increase and even this year alone it's less than the rate of inflation. That's a testament to the efficiencies haulers are finding, it's also a testament to the great composting participation we see in households, recycling as well. So together those things coupled with this system approach that lets us capture those efficiencies, good practices by households we're able to the last five years for sure keep rates well below the rate of inflation. That's the proposal for this coming year. I think we're happy to answer questions now. Perhaps take testimony, come back.

Fritz: I have a question about the terrain map. Is that the same as the excess distance charge or what is the terrain charge?

Bruce Walker, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Commissioner Fritz, the terrain fee is an additional \$4 per month. It's outlined on the map you see of where that is put in place on the west side so it's not the entire west side of Portland. You asked about the excess distance. That's an additional charge that is applied when haulers go to further away from the curb side off-curb service to certain customers.

Fritz: I'm just not seeing the \$4 charge listed anywhere.

Armstrong: Are you asking -- the \$4 charge is not based on geography.

Fritz: In the exhibit A I don't see that listed anywhere.

Walker: So it's on -- let's see. The terrain differential.

Fritz: So is the terrain differential? Okay I see that now. Thank you very much.

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Wheeler: At the very end of the exhibit? Is that what you're referring to, figure 6, page 3?

Fritz: Yes.

Armstrong: That's the terrain charge I was referring to.

Wheeler: Got it. Thanks. Any other questions for the time being? Great. Is that the entirety of your report?

Armstrong: It is.

Fritz: Where is the massive publicity about how we're only raising it 10 cents in six years?
[speaking simultaneously]

Armstrong: Not done yet.

Fish: Glad I wasn't the only one who read the agenda the mayor did. [speaking simultaneously]

Wheeler: I wasn't complaining.

Eudaly: If anyone will allow me to ask a question --

Wheeler: Go for it.

Eudaly: Could you explain to us how the increase in compost and recycling has helping keep rates down? Obviously it's still being hauled away, but I would like to hear what you have to say.

Armstrong: You're right. It still needs to be collected, picked up, taken to the transfer station, but it is then taken and turned into a valuable material, so the per ton fee when you take materials transfer station the per ton fee for garbage is \$95 a ton. Ballpark of 95 a ton. Per ton fee for compostable materials is \$68. That differential is what's helping keep rates lower.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further questions for now? Any public testimony on this particular item, 519?

Parsons: We have one testifier Beth Vargas Duncan.

Wheeler: Come on up. Thank you. Good afternoon.

Beth Vargas Duncan: Good afternoon. I'm glad the city is willing to reserve their extra hour and 50 minutes for me. Just kidding. I'm Beth Vargas Duncan with Oregon recycling association. With me is a previous regional director with Oregon refuse and recycling association, maybe jumping the gun. He's retiring at the end of June and I'll be taking his position. As regional staff we represent the Portland haulers association whose members provide regional solid waste and recycling collection services within the city of Portland. The proposed rates as you just saw presented by city staff are part of the city's robust process and annual rate review. We work together with city staff and rate consultants, haulers also hire a rate consultant to review very detailed cost information and we have a very collaborative process where we exchange information and discuss our questions and work things out. So speeding to the end, here, we believe having come toward the end of the rate review process we believe it's been a very fair process that will result in reasonable rates for the haulers, the citizens of Portland, and our customers. The haulers have worked together to provide efficient, modern and clean services and over as you heard the past several years the rates have remained flat or actually decreased. So it's fair to say that perhaps a little increase just under the 1% as you heard is appropriate at this time. So one other item that we would like to address briefly is it's come to our attention that while there are a number of customers that still have cart cans and actual garbage cans that you pick up and carry down your driveway to place at the curb instead of a roll cart and the number of customers is about 12% of the customers, residential customers within the city of Portland still have cans. That's been trending downward but the Portland haulers association would be interested in perhaps accelerating that. We have engaged in conversations with city staff to propose a planful transition so we could have all customers

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enjoying a much more modern and efficient system so that it would be fully automated. Customers wouldn't be lugging their cans to the end of their driveway any more, they could just roll cart down. We're talking to them and planning to have a transition next summer. We had proposed a date of July 1, 2018, but we may have so slide that a little bit realizing that it will take a little bit of time, but we hope to do it perhaps next summer. I'm happy to answer is in questions.

Fish: I have just a comment. You represent the haulers, which means the companies that put the trucks on the street to pick up the garbage.

Duncan: Within the city of Portland. Most all of the haulers.

Fish: So I had a meeting -- first of all, I think the system works great and we have valuable relationships with the haulers. I now live in one of densest neighborhoods in the city, which is goose hollow. I have noticed more than one company apparently allows their drivers to collect the trash on steep incline hills by just shifting from either side of the road to pick up the trash. I checked with Leah treat, who is the pbot director, and she said that is a significant violation of the law, so I'm going to be following up with her because I got the names of the company and some license plates but I would like to have a conversation with you as an association because I know that's not standard operating procedure and it creates enormous hazards to the public. Not the least of which is people coming up the hill are coming up against a truck driving the wrong way on the truck. The vehicles are switching lanes illegally. I think it may be based on some training issues or just lack of awareness of the law, but again we appreciate the relationship but there has been some now that I'm living in goose hollow and walk to work I have observed some things I think as an industry you'll want to get in front of. I have spoken to pbot. They will be talking to you. I'm hoping we can resolve these issues.

Duncan: I appreciate you raising that issue. It's not one of which we as an association are aware but we can definitely look into it and verify that it's one of our members and do what we can to resolve that situation.

Fish: Thank you.

Fritz: First I want to thank you for a very collaborative and productive relationship that we have with the haulers association I think it's a good example. Mayor wheeler and commissioner Eudaly have been doing a lot of tours as they start their new jobs. My tour of the recycling facility remains in my mind one of the most interesting I have done. Thank the hauler association for putting that on for me would definitely encourage you to do that. I changed from my 32 gallon can to a 35 gallon roll cart when I looked at the numbers and same price of course I want the nice one I can roll rather than the metal one. I don't know how much we have done in terms of the mail of it goes to people but I think putting a banner on that saying that, you know, you can get three extra gallons for free and have a very nice roll cart, hopefully we can start to attack some of the 12% who didn't get the message previously. This works better for the haulers, right? Because they don't have to be picking it up they can put it on the stand and it lifts it for them.

Duncan: Right. Commissioner Fritz, I appreciate that. Thank you very much. I too enjoy those tours. I appreciate your recognition of the haulers and hosting those. Just with all due respect a slight correction, you may not have been charged the full rate in the transition, but there is an actual rate that the haulers are able to charge, it's a differential of about 65 cents a month I believe between a 35 gallon can and -- I mean 32 gallons can and 35-gallon cart.

Fritz: On the table that we got on page 1, it says the same. 21.70.

Duncan: For every four weeks.

Fritz: Right.

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Duncan: Correct. We're both right. I believe when you have every other week pickup there's a differential. I'm relatively new. I would have to double check.

Fritz: That's interesting, isn't it? For every other week it's up. There isn't even the option of the 35 gallon roll cart.

Duncan: Likely that is the situation because we're not taking new subscribers for cans. The city has been working with the haulers to try to encourage folks to keep the trend downward to move toward carts. I appreciate you pointing out it's the same on every four-week service.

Fritz: We take great pride in sometimes not even filling it once a month because of the great service you do and with the great composting and recycling. One thing I was most disturbed about was the number of people who put dirty diapers in their recycling bin. On what planet would that be happening acceptable behavior?

Duncan: We keep working on education.

Saltzman: I want to take this opportunity to commend our staff, Michael Armstrong and Bruce Walker, and David White for doing a great job representing Portland haulers over the years. I think our recycling program is really top notch. I really am proud of what we do here. I know it's been a great collaboration over the years with the haulers to make our recycling program so exceptional. Thank you all.

Duncan: Thank you.

Wheeler: I'll put my 2 cents in too. The results are extraordinary in the reduction to the waste stream have been significant and once again the efforts of my colleagues who have been here for a while, your efforts, the efforts in the community, citizens who have taken it upon themselves to aggressively embrace the strategy have done a great thing, great service for the community, the planet, the environment. Folks, it's good business too, so thank you for the haulers that you represent.

Duncan: Thank you very much. Appreciate the kind words.

Wheeler: Any further discussion on this? Seeing none this is a nonemergency first reading of an ordinance. It moves to second reading. We'll read the next two items together, please.

Item 520.

Item 521.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Fish thank you, mayor. Mayor, colleagues, I have the honor of presenting to you the proposed rate increases for Portland water bureau and bureau of environmental services. For the fourth consecutive year, I think it's fifth consecutive year, I have directed our two utilities to present a rate increase that reflects good value at a fair price and the bureaus have once again delivered. They have proposed a combined rate increase of just under 4.2%. To put into context, roughly \$4 per month for the typical customer. If you look over the last four years, we have gone from a combined rate increase of about 5% and we're heading down to about 4%, which means significant savings for our ratepayers. It reflects our ongoing commitment to providing good value to ratepayers and investing in basic services like replacing old pipes and preparing for the big one. A little more background on our proposal. The typical monthly bill is about \$108. About a third of everyone's bill is for water and two-thirds is for sewer storm water. Again, about a third is for water, the rest for sewer storm water. How do we stack up locally and nationally? If you lived in Lake Oswego and Tigard, you would pay more for your water. In a national customer survey released yesterday by J.D. Power, the Portland water bureau ranked 9th out of 24 west coast utilities surveyed and 8th nationwide for water quality. On the sewer storm water side, the typical customer will pay just over \$70 a month. As Dan knows a big part of this is paying off the debt on the big pipe. No one likes to pay more for a basic service including me, but I'm proud that we have been able to stabilize rates these last five years. I'm also proud that

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our public utilities continue to invest in improving our system while exercising discipline with ratepayer dollars. For example, this year the general fund will continue to pick up the cost of preservation work at mt. Tabor and the water fountain operations. Thank you, mayor, for your partnership on that. As reflected in your budget. There are a number of people that I want to thank ahead of the presentation. First Janice Thompson from the citizen's utility board of Oregon for her ongoing partnership with Portland's public utilities. She's here today and we'll hear from her. Second the Portland utility board for their thoughtful consideration of both bureau budgets particularly pub co-chair Alan Warman and his future co-chair colleen Johnson, whose appointment will come to council in the next few weeks. Shannon Fairchild from the city budget office, who provided thorough, independent analysis for both utilities. Next I want to thank the two mikes, mike Stuhr and mike Jordan, and their finance director Cecilia huynh and Jonas biery and their dedicated work. These professionals serve Portlanders 24/7, 365 days a year and I'm extremely proud to lead them. Finally, I want to acknowledge my two staff liaisons jamie Dunphy and Liam frost. Now I would like to invite mike Stuhr and Cecilia to kick things off.

Mike Stuhr, Director, Portland Water Bureau: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, commissioners. I'm joined at the table by Cecilia on my left our finance director, on the right by mike Jordan and Jonas Biery. Jonas has undertaken the infamous task of keeping things moving. What we are going to talk about today is the proposed water rates for fiscal year 2017. I'm going to begin the conversation then turn it over to the real expert, Cecilia. I get to say all the easy things. First on the slide show you'll see two, big, fat bars. On the left is resources that we need, bond proceeds, monthly charges, capital, and so on. On the right the green bars is what our requirements are in the accounting world they have to match and they do. Two of the small bars bare some mentioning. Capital revenues \$10.7 million. That's the skinny bar near the top. What that means is we are paid by developers and others for mains and services. That's where our sdcs are charged, and capital interagencies with other bureaus sometimes bureaus do things and we have to build things for them to work around it and they pay us for it. Second one that I would mention on the revenue side is at the skinny line at the bottom, other expenditures of 17 million. That includes the utility license fee, general fund overhead, pension obligation bonds, costs of our bonds, and we have to round things up. It's easier to round than chase six digits' worth of numbers. The total result here is 591 fte for the water bureau. On the requirements side capital program is pretty evident. That's all of our large construction projects, Washington park, coming Willamette river crossing, big seismic projects. Operations and maintenance. That's pretty obvious what that is. Debt service, we have borrowed money on bonds and are to pay debt service. The little line at the bottom, other expenditures, again, utility license fee, overhead, pension bonds, so on. The result of all of those numbers and putting our rates together is a retail rate increase for the water bureau of 6.7% at the beginning of last year prediction was 8.4%. I think we do a very good job of chewing this thing down we make very conservative assumptions at the beginning of each year and ends up making it smaller. System development charges are 7.4%. The reason that is different is system development charges for the water bureau are backward looking. Essentially if you put something new on the system you have a new customer on the system we ask them to pay fort parts that they are going to use that were built already. When we add large capital items like Powell butte, Kelly butte, Washington park and so on, all that gets built in. This is a cost of service model and that's what the prime driver is for the increase in sdcs. Our fixed fees and charges, it's the little rate book you're used to seeing. We do those based on a cost of service model we evaluate them every year. We use a bell curve in that regard. It gives certainty to developers and others who need to use those fees and we try

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to make sure over time we end up even up. Now I'll turn it over to Cecilia to explain in more detail.

Cecelia Huynh, Portland Water Bureau: Thank you, mike. I'm on slide 4. This is water's five-year rate forecast. As you may recall some of the budget work sessions, the bureau utilizes a rate stabilization account to smooth retail rate increases. The bureau established the account in 2006 and we have been building up the funds in that account since we have established it. The fund will be -- the account will be used as intended to smooth retail rate increases, so with the rate stabilization account, the blue bar that you see, our projection is 6.7% rate increase for each of the year in the forecast. The other bar, salmon color, is what the required rate increase would need to be if we did not have a rate stabilization account. Lastly, about the forecast, it does include very conservative economic assumptions. That's something that we update every year. On the next slide, what does a 6.7% rate increase mean to our customers' bill? For the typical residential customer using 5 ccf, 3,740 gallons a month, those customers will see their bills increase \$2.28 a month. For the qualifying low income residential customers with a 50% bill discount, they will see their bill increase \$1.12. Your medium size commercial customers or local grocery and restaurant chains like McDonald's and Albertson's. For a penny our customers receive about 1.7 gallons of water from us. On the next slide, the Portland water bill represents about 6% of the typical monthly utility services that most residential customers pay a month. Water bill as proposed at 3611 a month is higher than a land phone line at home and garbage services a month, but for the qualifying low income customer again at 50% bill discounts \$18.05 a month, their water bill will be the lowest utility bill that they would be paying each month. On the next slide is a comparison of our residential customer bills.

Wheeler: Can I just interrupt you for one moment? I didn't know that. That's really important because I get a lot of blow-back from people on water rates. I think that slide bares a good, hashed look. I don't think we do a good just job of telling this story and that's not necessarily your responsibility singularly. I'm getting a thumbs up. Excellent. I didn't know that. If I didn't know that my guess is probably there are other people in the community who didn't know that either.

Fish: I can I make a comment on that? Thank you for your comment to my team. I think it has less to do with us telling our story and has more to do with the story that our critics have told, which has in effect told the wrong story. And a couple of points towards that. The combined bill that we send out electronically or paper copy to people in our community most people view that as a water bill. It turns out water is just one-third of their bill. So we probably have not done a good just job explaining it's a combined water/sewer/storm water bill. If people understood that more and understood that part of the increase in rates over time was to fund compliance with a project called big pipe, I think they would have a different view about their bill. If they knew they pay more than many of our suburban communities, they may have a different view. What I have observed during the time I have had the honor of leading the bureau is there's been a pretty significant effort by some of our critics to tell the wrong story. I will say even the lawsuit brought against the utilities criticizing some of the spending, interestingly the primary claim in that case was the use of how we funded superfund. Had nothing to do with water or water rates, yet the acronym for the plaintiffs' class in that case was water. Again, there's I think been an effort to frame this as a water issue because of course here in Portland we care deeply about our water. The truth is most of the long term structural increases are the result of regulatory mandates that we have had to embrace that we have gone alone almost \$2 billion of spending and the majority of that has been absorbed by the bureau of environmental services. So can we do a better job? I would like to think, mayor, that yesterday you brought your first budget to a soft landing and I think the community cheered and there was not a single reporter in the

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room. I don't know how you might get a better job about getting your message out about your bureau.

Wheeler: That's called a victory when there's no reporters. [laughter]

Fish: I think we have the same challenge and when people are presented with the facts they get a different view of the utilities.

Wheeler: Thanks for the clarification. I appreciate that.

Eudaly: I have a question. What is the qualifying criteria for the low income program?

Huynh: It's based on the federal guidelines on medium or --

Stuhr: 60% of median family income. I'm not the expert on that. We use a third party to decide that. County offices and so on.

Eudaly: That's more generous than a lot of needs based programs.

Stuhr: It's really difficult to compare nationwide because the programs are so different and many utilities don't have them. But Dave Hanson, our former finance director, chaired the committee on the subject and we think we have one of the most generous programs in the country. That's the safest thing to say. I can't say it's the most generous. It's very difficult to compare.

Fish: I have asked commissioner Eudaly to assist us in the next year in thinking of ways to extend this program to renters. Historically the challenge has been the discount follows what shows up on the meter and so renters who don't have a meter have had a more difficult time accessing this although as a group there are a number of people who would otherwise be eligible for the program. Commissioner Eudaly will help us hopefully resolve that issue.

Stuhr: It's nationwide challenge. People have been trying to figure out how to crack the code on this thing. In some ways we're a bill discount program, not a people discount program. It's who gets the bill. Renters don't often get the bill. So that makes it difficult to identify and figure out an auditable, trackable way to do it, but we welcome your help.

Wheeler: If one is at that 60% mfi how do they know the program exists?

Stuhr: We have lots of advertising and we're going to be doing a better job on that. One thing we have done is expand our public outreach. We're in the throes of interviewing for an outreach person who hopefully will have language capability too. We do a lot of outreach. We do outreach to the two or three organizations in the county and the city that work with low income people and make sure they are briefed on our programs and our customer service reps, they are trained out of a huge notebook and they are trained to ask if somebody is having trouble, do you fit, do you qualify.

Fish: Mayor, an example is we contract with the county so that they advertise these programs to older adults that they serve. That's one example. We work with home forward to make sure that folks that are eligible know about it. One of the charges I have given both the bureau and the pub is to think about ways of expanding this program to qualified older adults with an eye particularly toward keeping people in their homes who want to age at home but who are finding that their suite of utility bills are becoming a burden.

Wheeler: If I'm eligible or if one is eligible for this program, for the reduced rate, is it likely that there are also other programs on this whole other list of utilities that are similar?

Stuhr: Parts of it --

Wheeler: Natural gas, the internet service, cable, cell phone, electricity, are there similar programs for those?

Stuhr: I'm not an expert on the other programs but pge does and northwest national does.

Wheeler: My thinking is if we can find one eligible for the water rate reduction and doesn't know it there are probably other ways they could reduce their costs of living that they're also eligible for that they also don't know about.

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Eudaly: There's a questionnaire online, right? You plug in all your info and it tells you all the programs you might qualify for.

Fish: We're working with our oversight body to think about how to expand beyond the thousands of people that now do take advantage of this program, mayor. We want to expand that and particularly the focus in the next year will be older adults who are eligible.

Wheeler: Great.

Stuhr: Right now we have 6500 people in the program.

Wheeler: Now I know why this is a two-hour presentation. Thank you.

Stuhr: That's all right.

Huynh: On to slide 8, comparison of our residential customers' bill to others in the region and commissioner Fish has stated that for those living in lake Oswego and Tigard they pay more than Portland customers. For those living in Gresham and within the west slope water district they pay a little less. Lastly on the last slide, 9, is Portland's proposed system development charges for water and we compare fairly low around among the jurisdictions around us.

Stuhr: Commissioner Fish, are we going to hold questions or more questions?

Fish: Yes. The mayor would like us to do the combined presentation, take questions, initial questions from council then we have invited testimony then public testimony.

Stuhr: I would like to turn it over to mike Jordan from bureau of environmental services.

Mike Jordan, Director, Bureau of Environmental Services: For the record I'm mike Jordan, director of the bureau of environmental services here to basically do the same thing mike just did for bes and talk just a little bit about how rates are. With me is Jonas biery, business services manager for the bureau. He will talk in a little more detail as Cecelia did. On slide 2, you passed the budget yesterday. I don't have to remind you about what you passed for but this just gives you a very high level description of what the bureau operates. We have 99 pub stations across the city there are two treatment plants including the largest in the state of Oregon. We obviously do storm water management. I think the next bullet is perhaps one of the drivers and I'll talk about it on a later slide. That is maintenance and reconstruction of the system. It's a huge issue for us and we have talked a lot about superfund and the city's role in superfund, this is of course in transition now with the rod. On the next slide, again, our budget is constructed to maintain a current level of service with some additions. You'll recall the decision packages that we brought forward during the budget process. They fell into these categories and I'll just mention the last two along with that third bullet on the previous slide regarding maintenance and reconstruction. We continue to do enhanced level of system planning and maintenance and the last one understanding the condition of what is an 80 to 120-year-old system is a big part of what we do. All of those things driving toward the bottom of that slide, which is how do we build a sustainable investment in the asset that can have stable financials over the long term. That's what we're trying to do. The next slide sort of gives you the big pictures in the numbers and that pie chart is divided as you can see intentionally. The sections of the pie that hold the green hue are related to capital. The debt service, that's past capital that we have already built. Much of that is big pipe. The current capital is \$114 million in the middle. That's what we intend to spend in the next fiscal year. Then the \$40 million is really a combination of expenditures geared towards future capital and stabilizing rates. As you can see if you count those up its two-thirds of our budget. 67% of the budget is geared toward capital investment in the system and maintaining it over the long term. So on the next slide you see what all of that spending does to rates. The average single family residential monthly sewer and storm water bill for next year we're proposing will increase by \$2.06 or 2.59%. Some of you will recall last year we made a projection about rates into the future, not just last year's rates, our projection last year for this year was going to be

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3.25, so we're down a little from the projection. We're hoping that that trend can continue, but it represents about a \$2.06 increase. You can see from the graph current bill is \$69.80. The future bill if approved would be \$71.86. You just had a little bit of a discussion. The first bullet on this program or this slide is exactly the same program. The program we just talked about. You can see we have approximately 6650 folks in the program. It qualifies on our side as a \$31.68 reduction in that bill we just talked about for folks who qualify for that program.

Wheeler: Can I ask you a question? I'm sorry to keep raising questions. How is that rate just in a broad sense, how is that rate picked? Is it simply the 60% mfi cutoff so it varies as the federal government redefines the mfi brackets?

Jordan: My understanding is that's correct. The second bullet is a different program that we use. We call it clean river rewards program. Currently authorized through June of 2019. We will bring some information about that program back to you in the next fiscal year in talking about reauthorizing the program for the future. But as you can see there are almost 36,000 accounts on that program and the discount is about \$9.60 on an average bill. The way to qualify is to do things to manage storm water on their own site. It can be multiple techniques like disconnecting their down spouts from the storm water system. Retaining building green street facility or not green street facility but retention facility on their property. Those kinds of things that they can do to get a reduction in the storm water portion of the bill.

Wheeler: What's so great about this data is commissioner Fish and commissioner Eudaly working with you can actually back into the number of people who potentially or the number of households that qualify for this program that are not receiving it. If we know there are 7300 people on the program and it's 60% mfi cutoff and the hud data is telling us what percentage of households in Portland are at 60% and under we should be able to get a quick and dirty number.

Jordan: You're right. As far as the macro level being able to understand what the delta is as mike mentioned, there have been many folks for many years trying to figure out how to deal with the fact that we don't send a bill to the majority of the folks who are in that income bracket. So how do we get it to them in an equitable way and with some knowledge that we're getting the money to the right place.

Fish: I would say there's probably three questions we continue to look at. One is who is eligible. Number two, how do we pass the discount to that person. And particularly in the instance where they don't have their own individual meter. By the way this is one of the reasons we have considered for some time changing the building code to require individually metered units in all new multi-family developments. That would solve the problem. In addition to who is eligible and how do they receive the discount, how much do we want -- how big a subsidy should we have and what's the impact on rates. Those are the three questions we have to grapple with.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: I don't want to keep interrupting.

Jordan: I'm going to turn it over to Jonas who is going to talk about the details of the rates.

Jonas Biery, Bureau of Environmental Services: Thank you and one just minor correction it came up in discussion the slide that's shown on the screen says 7300 customers that actually has not been updated the correct numbers is 6650 since that came up I just wanted to correct that for the record it's actually a slightly lower we failed to get up that dated apologies for that. Mike talked a minute ago about stable financial condition. He mentioned last year at this time we came forward with a rate increase of 325. I want to point out that last year we also set a bar that that rate increase when we talk about a rate increase we're talking about every year of the forecast. As you can see we're at 2.95. 2.95

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for the entire forecast. I would also add that goes beyond this five-year forecast that's into the future. That's a big, important piece of how we're getting to the stable financial condition that we can be predictable and consistent. As noted on the slide and discussed we also use the rate stabilization fund to get to that consistent, predictable, long term strategy. I want to take a minute in thinking about the long term stability, the other primary tool we use to get there is use of long term debt and debt planning we do. This slide shows you the increase around 2002 to around 2011 in debt issuance, outstanding bonds. That's almost exclusively related to the billion dollar plus big pipe project. That's what led to some large rate increases as the commissioner and others noted as the debt service to pay off the bonds increase rates also increased. We're at a point now where we're starting to pay off that big pipe debt and we're only issuing as you can see here the lighter green, we're issuing debt at about the same amount as we're paying it off on average. You see that stability in the long term debt. That really helps us have a strategy to stabilize rates because we're not needing to increase rates to address an increasing debt burden. The other thing that's happening here cause I think as the commissioners noted in the budget discussion is we're shifting overtime away from funding the entire capital program with debt or the entire program with debt to a mix, better mix of cash and debt so there's intergenerational equity advantages there. Lastly, I would say from the combination of an improved rate increase profile meaning lower projected rate increases and predictable rate increases, increases in cash balances and decrease or stability in the debt burden put us on a path toward potential rate upgrades which obviously have some other advantages in reducing cost of borrowing going forward. How do we compare with our peers? I would say good news here we compare fairly favorably. A little less expensive than a couple of cities here and a little more expensive than others. I would point out on this slide that three or four years ago we would have been much higher on this list. We were third or fourth among these comparison cities. As we have been able to reduce our rate increases we have been able to compare more favorably. I would note because we're on a path to have sub 3% rate increases for the foreseeable future, that's our target, we're likely to continue to see improvement in this overtime as other peers are potentially facing larger annual rate increases for the next year. Going to the rate ordinance I want to mention that the rate ordinance does authorize changes to system development charges and connection fees. I won't go over this in great detail and I would reiterate what director Stuhr from the water bureau said, our sdc's are backward looking or reimbursement to pay for capacity we already built into the system to accommodate growth. You don't see a single percentage on the sdc's. Our sdc's have two components, a sanitary component based on a fixed edu, equipment dwelling unit assumption. That increase is about 5.8%. The other is the storm water component, a much more variable application based on specific details of the development but we gave you a couple of examples to see the range for common developments. The combined increase for single family residential about 7.6% for a larger office building 11%. Generally, it's between 6% and 15% based upon the circumstance. The last slide I will cover is just quickly mentioning that we also have in the rate ordinance about five of the six pages or five of the seven are a big list of various review fees particularly mostly building plan reviews and land use review fees. Most of these are charged on a cost recovery basis meaning we come up with charges based upon what it costs to run the program and happy to say for the most part those fees are stable and in some circumstances even decreasing to some degree. Covering it quickly, happy to answer questions.

Jordan: I adopt know if an honor or dubious distinction but I get the last slide, which is the cumulative effect of both bureaus on the bill. You can see a typical single family residential water, sewer and storm water monthly bill, combined, currently is \$103.63 and it would be

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moving if approved to \$107.97 that's just under a 4.2% combined increase for the entire bill. With that I think we all are prepared to answer your questions.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: How many customers have switched to the monthly billing rather than quarterly billing?

Stuhr: Oh, my goodness. Over 20. 20,000. I'm sorry, I didn't bring the number.

Fritz: It's a lot -- [speaking simultaneously]

Stuhr: It's not necessarily -- sounds like that might be a good thing but if you're having trouble paying your bill you may not want to be on monthly billing. You can't get the payments made within the 14-day cycle of the billing. We work very carefully with customers particularly in the low income to help them choose the right thing. It's not intuitive that--intuitively you would think monthly is always better but it's not necessarily so.

Fritz: It's been one of the issues in the past people see one bill and think it's for one month and it's generally not.

Fish: If you got a quarterly bill from Comcast you would have a heart attack. We offer it aggressively because there's other advantages if people signs up for a monthly bill, particularly e-bill, we have the ability to send them other communications on an ongoing basis. I think it's the mid-20s we'll get you the current number. Mayor haies, for example, felt very strongly that if more people got a monthly bill it would create a better narrative about the cost of utilities because they would be comparing apples to apples.

Fritz: Going forward each year I would like to know that proportion just for interest sake I'm glad that it is offered now so that is a major achievement.

Stuhr: Mike's note to self, always bring Kathy Cook with me.

Wheeler: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: I want to make sure I'm understanding right. The annual operating budget of the water bureau is roughly \$145 million and bes, roughly \$364 million?

Stuhr: Roughly.

Saltzman: I didn't realize there was quite that difference. Almost 200 million.

Stuhr: They can talk about their bill, but when I look at the numbers to me it's kind of intuitive. They have a huge amount of operating machinery that we don't have that is very expensive. Any ditch they dig you almost have to shore. So our pipes themselves cost about the same. But once they get beyond the curb they are almost half to shore so our pipes themselves cost about the same, but once they get beyond the curb their shoring and I'm cruise along five feet deep and mostly not shoring. What they have is much more expensive.

Jordan: I just wanted to refer the council back to the pie chart slide. You can see there that our total proposed budget for the year, \$493.5 million, you can see the operating and over heads basically side of the budget is about \$160 million. And those are -- I would say I don't know what numbers you're looking at, commissioner, but those are imperfect segregations of the budget. We presented this slide to try to show people how much of our annual budget goes towards capital and debt service on capital.

Saltzman: I'm looking at the impact statement you filed and it says the revenues will generate \$364 million in operating revenue.

Biery: Okay. Commissioner, I believe that the difference is that that number includes the debt service payment so we're reflecting it on this slide as the capital cost but it's an annual payment.

Saltzman: \$364?

Biery: Includes the 179 million debt service.

Saltzman: I was speaking to some independent restaurant owners and got hammered on the fats, oils and grease program.

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Biery: Nana nana

Saltzman: that program applies to any commercial generator of food waste, is that right?

Jordan: That's correct. Generally, we obviously that program not been around forever. So we have an awful lot of establishments that were around before the program was in place. So what normally happens is either, a, they are doing something which triggers a permit which allows us to talk to them about the kind of facility they need in their kitchen for fats, oil and grease, or as we tv the lines we find evidence of one of those establishments that may be discharging a large amount of fat, oil and grease, which allows us to talk to them about they're impacting the system. Then we may be talking about a retrofit or something like that. That's correct.

Saltzman: Am I the last person in the world that still does a voluntary contribution to the greenbucks program?

Jordan: No, you're not the last person in the world. No, no. We have a number of people who still are. I don't know the exact number.

Saltzman: How much does it raise?

Biery: That's a great question. It's a program we're looking at right now. I think there's about \$6,000 a year that we collect. I can share that we have not disbursed that the last couple of years because we haven't had requests from qualifying school districts to do that and we're doing that outreach this month to see if anyone is interested then look at what do we do with that program.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly?

Eudaly: I just want to be clear that the low income assistance program is only for the water portion of the bill. No, for the whole bill, cuts it in half?

Jordan: That's right.

Eudaly: Fantastic.

Fish: I want to follow up on a question that Dan asked. Under your watch we launched the fats, oil and grease program. The idea is that certain establishments were releasing things into the system that had a terrible impact. So we were trying to do some treatment before it got into the pipes and clogged things up. Couple things we have done, we tried to reach out to more businesses to let them know what our discount and payment plans -- we have discount programs and payment plans so we're able to soften the impact. We're particularly obviously concerned about a big unanticipated cost to a business where historically the chances of survival in year 1 for a new restaurant are pretty low. So we will work with businesses to try to allow them to finance the cost. We're trying to make sure they understand more about discounts and the third thing we have done is we have been doing outreach to some of the newer communities like the Asian restaurants on 82nd and the like, doing specific targeted presentations to people with translators so they understand the programs and the various benefits that we offer. Obviously we could do better but I think we're making progress. We get hammered by the restaurant industry.

Jordan: To piggyback on your comment, commissioner, we just finish production on I believe it's six different language oriented videos to go and make that presentation at different communities where language is a challenge with some of these entrepreneur's language is a challenge. So we have produced some things to do that outreach and try to reach those communities.

Fish: Mayor, we have an invited panel. Would Alan Warman, pub co-chair, and Janice Thompson from the citizen's utility board of Oregon come forward? We budgeted five minutes for each of them. Thank you for your service. We appreciate the guidance during the budget process and your being here to testify.

Alan Warman: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. I think the pub has some concerns and some opportunities to say well done to the bureaus. But the fact is the

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bureaus, these two bureaus, make up 20% of our overall city spending. The pub was basically created by you to provide the year round oversight and recommendations to the council and to the mayor. The board has spent eight months working with the bureaus to review their five-year financial plans, rate forecasts, capital plans, operating budgets, decision plans and also the cbo analysis of the requested budgets. Through this budget process, the pub encouraged both bureaus to be mindful in their requests and make strategic choices about their core mission needs, keeping the financial impact of customers as a priority. The pub believes the programs and staff that would be supported by the rate increases being considered today reflects those needs and choices, and is supported -- supportive of the funding included in the adopted budget documents. Both bureaus are facing unique challenges. The water bureau is undertaking two very large construction projects to increase the resiliency of their system. At the same time there's uncertainty with regard to water quality and future regulatory requirements. The bureau presented the corrosion control treatment pilot ordinance to the pub prior to the council action and worked with our staff to ensure that there was open communication and transparency with the pub regarding the cryptosporidium findings and operational decisions. The pub supports and looks forward to this continued dialogue as the bureau addresses these regulatory challenges and progresses through these major construction projects. Bes is in their second year of major strategic planning effort and hopes to be in the position next budget season to use that plan to align budgeting decisions with program priorities and performance indicators. The bureau's vision includes more than doubling capital output to address system capacity in aging infrastructures. They are working through a plan now to address capital project production. Pub strongly supports this work and is encouraged by the general direction of the bureau. These foundational and process changes will be critical to the bureaus' long term success and the pub will follow and watch these changes closely. While the board sees encouraging process changes and transparency issues in both bureaus, we remain concerned about the long term cost projections for our Portland customers. Current rates of increase in the proposed budget are 6.7 for the water bureau and 2.9 for bes, for a combined rate increase of 4.9.

*****: 4.19.

Warman: What did I say? Sorry. We normally talk about monthly budget impacts for customers. But more than 87% of Portland customers pay their bill quarterly. So as of, what, April 1, 12.69% of customers pay monthly, 22,554 according to the city's budgets. That's at this current forecasted rates of increases in the next five years Portland customers are facing almost a \$385 quarterly bill in 2022 or essentially about \$1,530 on an annual basis. This does not include a potentially costly treatment facility for the water bureau. The pub remains concerned that the rate increases are above inflation and that basically be about a 20% compounded increase over the five years. We look forward to continuing to work with the bureau and with you, mayor, and commissioners, to encourage utility operations and investments that ensure our safety, value, transparency and financial stability of these systems for the customers. In closing you created the pub to provide a citizen oversight of the bureaus and the pub appreciates the opportunity to provide that feedback at this point. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate it very much. Thank you for your service as well.

Janice Thompson: Janice Thompson, Oregon citizen's utility board. Cub was invited to be an outside independent oversight committee by the council in 2014. This memo focuses, has comments on the current or most recently adopted budget and rates as well as looking identifying future topics. I'm not going to go through every bit in it but I'll walk it through and highlight a few items. A due diligence topic up front that I want to reassure commissioner Fish does not mean to imply that there should be any change in the current

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bureau assignment or -- well, most recent current bureau assignment. I know right now they are all in the hands of the mayor. Nevertheless, periodic shifts in the bureau assignments by the mayor do occur and I want to highlight if some point in the future reassignment is considered the value I have seen since 2014 of having one commissioner in charge for both bureaus. In looking back, it's kind of surprisingly rare how often that's occurred. As has been mentioned there's the rate increases. I apologize, I have a typo. Combined rate increase being 4.19, not 4.17. There I want to highlight at the bottom of that page, the best increase would have been higher yet but for previous council's adopting two advocacy items that were brought before it before the body, related to what we viewed as being inappropriate developer subsidies particularly related to sewer system development charges. Once those changes are made they have an ongoing impact. In other words, if those changes had not been made, the rate increase even this year would have been higher than otherwise. It's kind of nice when you can make a change that is a gift for ratepayers that keeps on giving keeping those dollars in their pockets. Nevertheless, these combined rate, though I think many bureaus or many utilities across the country review -- would view as being pretty favorable they do add up as Alan's testimony illustrated in more detail. Two helpful trends, I highlighted at the top of page 2, though, that I think merit attention. One is how best even in this environment or their mapping out a game plan where they can even do more, they are looking like they can on the long term basis project this 2.9 for 5% increase and possibly nudge it down. The second thing I want to highlight is that the water bureau's requested annual rate forecast of 6.7% from here through 2021 is significantly lower than what had previously been thought so that leveling off on the water side in terms of forecast is indeed a positive trend. The rest of page 2 includes some budget process timing suggestions. In terms on page 3 there's some discussion of why it is the requested budget from best was slightly lower primarily focusing on a shift of almost \$1 million in general fund support for a tree planting contract that previously had -- a shift to ratepayers of almost \$1 million that had previously been paid out of general fund. This -- whenever council sees these kinds of adjustments we always look particularly carefully and in this case the use of general funds for this particular tree planting contract only began in 2014. During a time when then mayor Hales was particularly focused on rate mitigation steps. We get it. The tree planting is a valid best function, so the shift we deemed as being appropriate. There's some -- the rest of that page some additional best budget fine tuning that occurred. The top of page 4, suggestion to best relating to the formatting of their decision packages. Kind of a nitty-gritty but trying to look for opportunities for improvement. Future issues that are going to become before you from the best side, biogas is a project that's getting under way but there are some ancillary projects related to the fee stock options so that's something that council has been monitoring for quite some time and will continue to monitor. There's also discussion of clean river rewards --

Fish: I think evidence of how successful the partnership has been with your organization is you raised red flags about biogas early. So we slowed down and we addressed them. It was only when we got the green light from both of you that we moved forward and we really appreciate the scrubbing that you did of that proposal.

Thompson: So I won't repeat there have been previous discussions in more detail about evaluating the clean river rewards discount. To a complaint that -- phone call I got, we are also taking a look at with best kind of a fair consumer fairness issue related to how the water, sewer, winter average sewer based charge is calculated for low volume customers. On page 5 I want to highlight something called the rain field derived inflow infiltration effort. This included a pilot project that to ensure adequate participation so the pilot would provide good results, did include best paying in total for some private property work. Council believes

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in pilot projects. So gets that dynamic. But bes-- cub will be urging bes to clarify the status of these pilots and it's my understanding they are about to wind down. Projects, timing can vary, but it's important to really delineate the end of that pilot because at that point any future work on private laterals needs significant oversight vetting regarding if and or how costs should be split between bes and any private landowner. In other words, okay during the pilot for bes to cover the pilots. Once that is done it needs to be looked at much more carefully. The best case scenario, this is all driven by deq requirements, so the best case scenario is what will continue to keep deq happy will be continued work on the lining of the sewer pipes in public rights of way. That doesn't quite suffice then I think taking look at some point of sale requirements is an option but again that kind of approach also needs adequate oversight vetting. A few comments here about risk factors and updating some important studies. I'll let you read that. Turning to the very bottom of page 5, water bureau budget, I just have some comments there related to the need to recognize the water bureau and folks that they work with as being the water quality experts for the city and so in that regard it was a little troubling to see that the bureau's top priority staffing request that had a water quality element was not honored. I think that need important attention from the future. In terms of water bureau future issues, new hydro power contracts are on their way. Quite frankly, it will be less lucrative for the city. But that is totally related to kind of market changes, Portland general electric is totally understandable that the Portland general electric needed to change the deal that they had with the city. The deal with the city was really, really good but under current market realities is not to be duplicated. That's an interesting topic for us at cub because I have colleagues with the energy expertise to take a look at this. Control treatment is obviously a risk factor as well as taking a look at all treatment options related to cryptosporidium down the line. A final comment on page 7 is just highlighting that the water bureau is starting a major update of a supply system master plan and as that moves forward it could be another topic that circles back to city council.

Wheeler: I have a comment. I want to thank you for the thoroughness of this report. As somebody who is not completely up to date on all of the issues confronting the system, I found this exceptionally helpful. So I want to thank you and the other folks who are working with you on the committee. Same with the cub. I just think your work is fantastic. It's not only important from an accountability perspective but it's great to have outside experts taking a look at these issues and helping us problem solve and come up with good strategies. I see it as a win-win and I really appreciate the time and energy you've put into this work. Thank you. Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: I also want to thank you for your advice. It's very helpful from both aspects. Janice, I have a question about consolidating the cayenta billing system staff within the water bureau. What you're saying is they are currently in the revenue bureau and would be better in the water bureau. Have you thought about whether that should be done if we are going to be moving to a 311 system in the next two or three years? In other words, if we're going to consolidate all of the billing staff in 311, is it worth moving them now and then moving them again?

Thompson: Yes.

Fritz: Because?

Thompson: Because it's something that should have been done about three years ago.

Fritz: Explain to me the factors of that, why?

Thompson: The water bureau is paying for those revenue bureau staff people. I just think it's much more judicious use of ratepayer funds and it's been documented it would be cheaper if all those folks were within the water bureau.

Fritz: Commissioner, is there a reason why that hasn't been done?

Fish: Yes.

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Fritz: I figured there would be. That's why I asked the question.

Fish: There has been a strong disagreement from omf to the water bureau request that we do this, but under this mayor there's been a thaw in those conversations, and I agree with Janice this is a long overdue issue. Because I had 100 other issues on my plate that required my attention, it was not number one on my list, but we believe the case has been made that since we purchased this equipment and with ratepayer dollars and since it's primarily serving us that we have control of it, and but it need not have any consequences to other partners that use it because we would simply continue to contract with them. But I would just say politely there have been philosophical disagreements over this issue, and I'm delighted with the approach that the new cao has taken in our negotiations.

Fritz: Very tactful and tells me what I needed to know. Thank you.

Fish: Mike, was that tactful enough? Thank you both very much.

Wheeler: Susan, do we have public testimony?

Parsons: We have four testifiers.

Dee White: How many minutes do I get?

Wheeler: Three but if you need a minute more, that's fine.

White: I'm going to jump around to hit the high points first. Portland water bureau should be renamed --

Fish: Put your name in the record.

White: Sorry. Dee white. The Portland water bureau should be renamed the Portland engineering and construction corporation Nick Fish, ceo. The mission station should be build, build, build. Money is life, not water. Screw the community. Over the course of 20 years the mission and purpose of the water bureau has changed from being a water provider with public health as its top priority to construction and engineering outfit profiting from destroying our sustainable water system and profiting while our children are being poisoned with lead and toxic chemicals from corroded pipes, stagnant corrosive water and radioactive gas. This policy, this arrogant behavior, deceptive --

Wheeler: I'm going to have to ask you, as I said it's okay to be critical of the policy but do not question the integrity of people.

White: I haven't said -- where have I said anything about people?

Wheeler: This dishonesty and lack of transparency is questioning somebody's integrity. Listen. Let's

White: I'm not criticizing anyone.

Wheeler: Stick to the policy. Thank you.

White: The policy? Well, okay. This dysfunctional and undemocratic form of government that we're stuck with have our hands tied. We have been cynically instructed by the city attorneys that the only way to address change and accountability at city hall is at the ballot box. Well, Ted Wheeler we turned elected you. You campaigned on reshaping the city. You pledged honesty. I demand you retain the water bureau in the mayor's office once this mind numbing public utility budget is approved with your expertise and experience in overseeing budgets and spending we ask that you and your team scrutinize every project, every contract, every revenue bond from the water bureau. I'm going to skip over the most terrifying thing about this budget is the debt load. We're currently \$650 million in debt over the next five years, \$1.2 billion is requested in revenue bonds. The five-year cip asks for an additional \$519 million. What is the other \$550 million going to? A filtration plant. You all aren't going to say that. Do you really think that ratepayers will be able to withstand the rate increases that will occur to pay off this debt? \$1.2 billion more on top of the \$650. Wholesale revenue and demand is rapidly declining and will be reduced by at least 50% over the next eight years. How could anyone look at this outstanding debt schedule and not believe that our water system is heading toward privatization? The second thing, the

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most important thing you can do now is reallocate the \$15 million for the new treatment facility and redirect it to a unidirectional flushing program for the entire city. Our pipes are dangerously corroded and they need to be cleaned before more chemicals are dumped into our water to try to fix this lead problem which there's no -- you all are under orders from the epa and the oha to immediately reduce the lead using existing infrastructure, meaning pipes, and here you cancel the position for units for flushing. Ridiculous. There's no safe level of lead. Lead accumulates. Old stagnant water is also a major contributor to the lead and corrosion problem. Portland water bureau has been mitigating this for two years under command orders from the epa and oha. Both tanks at Powell butte are empty and have been for months if not years and will most likely never be used again. We have too much storage. Too much storage and you all knew it and the demand has been going down. We'll never -- Powell butte, one of them is completely flawed. The other one is empty because it needs a new roof. So they are both empty. We're still having an aging water problem. We don't need another pipe running under the Willamette. Redundancy is built into the system already throughout the west side from sources of water on the west side. Last year the water bureau helped pay for a truck mounted portable pump station that can redirect water in Washington county for emergencies. Why not invest in some of these portable pump stations on both sides of the river rather than depending on redundancy under a river when we got it already there in place. We don't need another pipe. We have mothballed infrastructure barely four years old. We have dangerous water quality problems with lead, radon, toxic chemicals. We have thousands of hours in deferred maintenance mainly cleaning corroded pipes. Wholesale revenues and demand are permanently declining and the biggest travesty in Portland history is going on up at Washington park. The water bureau in my opinion and the opinion of many is a festering sore in this community. It's seems more money we pay for water the worse our public health problems get. The Portland water bureau has failed its mission of being responsible stewards of the public's water infrastructure, fiscal and natural resources. They are not putting public health first and it's fiscally irresponsible with ratepayer money. Ongoing upper management decisions are resulting in critical public health issues and unsafe drinking water.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Mimi German: I'm Mimi German. On my way before I came here today I farm and I brought everybody some food from my farm. I promise you that unless there's lead in it, it's all good. I have radishes and turnips from my farm for you. While I was pulling these today what we do with our food is we give it away. We don't have a nonprofit. I'm part of a nonprofit called no news northwest which has to do partly with why I'm here regarding radon. I need to know that our water is safe for these people that I bring this food to. There's no chemicals on it from me and I bring this multiple times a week to Dawson park. There's a community that hangs out in the park and they all for the most part have spaces with kitchens and so I bring food for them to use. You know? It's important to me to know that our -- knowing that they need to get flushed, do get flushed to deal with this lead issue. I have learned a lot actually from dee recently, and paid attention to what has been going on with our reservoirs in the past. What I do know is we have a big problem. I just took some notes today and my first thing is to agree with dee that we need to -- the epa has demanded that we flush the unidirectional pipes to get rid of lead. Let's do it. Why would we say yes to giving more money to the water bureau if they haven't done the work that they have been tasked to do? Radon. Creates lung cancer. How many people who work at the reservoirs with the caps on them, again, I'm new to all this, are in the long run harming themselves due to the great amounts of radon? Can't get rid of it once it's in you. It's a huge killer. It's one -- might be at this point the number one rate for lung cancer over

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cigarettes. I'm not sure if it has switched with cigarettes or not yet but it's a big deal. There's no reason that knowing that our area in the northwest is high anyway for radon naturally that we would cap something and create more of it with improper ventilation. I'm saying look at the ventilation system and deal with the radon. There's a whole team in st. John's, right on the corner across from mcminamens. What they do is radon testing. I don't think it's fair, commissioner, to say that water is only one-third of the bill. For those of us who pay water bills the whole thing is the water bill. Sewer is water. Toilets are water. You know. It's all water. We can't really pick things apart like that because it's convenient. Oh, cryptosporidium tests. I found out that the testing for cryptosporidium that we use has a high false positive. I don't know why we're using that. We think that everybody would want to save money by finding out if that is in fact true and if you google that particular test and I don't know the name but if you look that up you'll see it has a high false positive rate. So why are we using that to create billions or many millions of more dollars to do things that we might not need to do because our water is already safe? Just saying something to look at. I think, and I appreciate this gap so I can cruise through here, radon talked about. Environmental services. Take care of the environment. Get rid of the lead, the radon, and then come back with those reports that this was done and present what you've done and then ask for the raise.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Good afternoon.

Fish: If you come to one more hearing this week you'll get a bonus.

Carol Cushman: I don't think there is one more. I'm leaving town tomorrow. Sorry. This is my last time here. I'm Carol Cushman representing the league of women voters of Portland. The league supported creation of the Portland utility boards, pub and as proposed by the blue ribbon commission and adopted by city council a league representative regularly attends their meetings. In addition, the league supported the city's designation of cub as an independent advocate for residential ratepayers served by bes and the water bureau and value highly its continued involvement in the process. Portland has been a leader in protecting and enhancing our environment and promoting innovation by piloting new approaches to functions such as watershed protection and storm water management by the city's utility bureaus. It's important that we continue to build on past successes with the understanding that there are costs involved that will affect our rates and may raise them a few cents here and there. The information options presented to the pub should be improved by giving utility bureaus the opportunity to share their rationale for specific items the cbo did not include in its recommended budget. As an example the water bureaus top priority request wasn't an additional staff person in unidirectional flushing which I'm surprised everybody else is also talking about it today I just picked it as an example because it is a water quality issue. The cbo recommended delaying on the request we think the process would have been improved if the pub had given the water bureau the opportunity to explain its disagreement with the cbo recommendation. This would have provided the pub with a more complete understanding of the budget request before making its recommendations to council. Finally, its vital that maintenance of our aging utility systems continues; rates may go up due to the cost of repair and replacement, but in the long run it may be less expensive then addressing future failures. And I'm not saying there are failures coming I'm just saying realize that's part of the rates.

Wheeler: Thank you very much, appreciate it.

Joe Walsh: Good afternoon my name is Joe Walsh I represent individuals for justice and this is really comical for me. Because I'm not an environmentalist so I don't normally get involved in these issues. Except the time that we came and we begged you not to cover the reservoirs and fight it in court as long as you could fight it and spend the money because we knew that down in line, it was going to be hundreds of millions of dollars that

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were going to be wasted because we're going to end up with crap water we're going to end up with flint water. That's what you're going to give us down the line and there's nobody here to protest it. I'm not an expert in this area. Why am I here yelling at you when you should have environmentalists yelling at you and you should have the league of women voters yelling at you. Not for the repair you have to make, not for the water you have to inspect. It's the money you wasted. You know what the epa is now? A country club for trump. Do you think they're going to order you to do anything for the environment? We asked you to get a waiver. We begged you to get a waiver and you said, drop dead. That's what you told us, drop dead.

Eudaly: That was rude Nick.

Walsh: So, you sit there, and you spend money like it's water. Isn't that a nice picture? Commissioner Fish. You're the only one that I don't know about. I know about Chloe, congratulations. You three, we know. When the people of this city realize what you've done today, you better hold your next meeting at reservoir six at 2:00 in the morning because if you want to hide the damn thing, do it right. Don't do it on a Thursday afternoon at 2:00, when people have to take off from work to come and tell you the rents are too high. My social security, we had zip. Because inflation is almost zip. But you want 6%. But, it's only 4% because sewer and water is different. You turn the tap on there, commissioner. You said, have some sewage. You can do some sewage up there.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, sir.

Walsh: Don't thank me, ever.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish?

Fish: Earlier, you made the point that the utilities need to continue to improve their communication skills in making sure the public has timely and accurate information and that's my principle take-away is we still have more work to do. I want to acknowledge, since they won't be here next week, mayor and colleagues, the professionals who work for the utilities. Will you please stand? These folks won't be here next week, but I want to thank them for their service. Thank you, all. And Dan has -- who do want to bring up?

Saltzman: Water.

Fish: Mike, you want to come forward?

Saltzman: I guess I wanted to find out more about this -- I know we had a briefing once about the lead in our water system, but were we ordered by deq to flush our system unidirectionally?

Stuhr: No. If we had been ordered to do so, we would have been doing it. We generally follow epa's direction.

Saltzman: You asked for a position to do this?

Stuhr: One position.

Saltzman: If we don't get the position, does that mean we're not doing it?

Stuhr: No, we're doing it. But we're doing it with a crew and a half instead of two crews. Flushing does all kinds of things, but it doesn't do everything that was asserted here. It can help with lead because of particulate matter but it doesn't help enough the problem with lead is lead pipes. That's it. And, most of that problem, the vast majority of that problem can be eliminated by running your tap. You run your tap for 30 seconds, you're not going to have a lead problem. There are all kinds of choices made in the budget process. Personally, I wished we'd had gotten that position. I may take one from somebody and create it anyway.

Fish: Mike, we're going to continue --the cbo said to delay the funding for that. We're going to continue to advocate with the mayor's office to get the funding for that. I want to be clear because people have a right to come up and exercise their first amendment rights and I guess, technically, they have a right to constantly misstate facts. The noteworthy thing

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about this hearing is other than our oversight bodies who testified, mayor, we've had no communication from anyone else in the public about this system or the proposed rates other than the people who testified and we had a torrent of misinformation, which we could spend all day trying to correct. I understand, people feel strongly and they have a right to say whatever's on their mind. We have no lead problem our water system from the bull run, it does not have lead in it. We do have aging infrastructure in the city, lead in the solder and the school board has -- through the bond measure is going to replace old pipe and faucets, which is the only documented way to reduce the lead to zero and we'll make changes to water chemistry to reduce corrosion. The program of flushing our pipes is good for a lot of reasons. We continue to believe that an additional investment in that is good for the system. But we didn't get it in this budget.

Saltzman: I'm confused. I thought you said it is going to occur. Is this going to occur with a crew and a half opposed to two?

Stuhr: We do flush now. We flush based upon water quality concerns that arise in particular areas. It's something that Chris Wanner and company monitor a lot. So, we do flush now. We have a two-person crew that does flushing and another half a person, we want to make two full crews. We have 2,700 miles.

Saltzman: How long does it take to flush the system?

Stuhr: I don't know.

*****: 70 years, it's in the budget.

Fish: Commissioner if this is an issue you care deeply about, we'll arrange for a briefing to your office on flushing and we welcome your feedback.

Saltzman: I just wanted to ask the question that was raised in testimony and Ms. White, I've known many, many years. I don't always agree with her, but I respect her.

Wheeler: I have a question -- I have just one more question. I appreciate it. I'm sorry that we have to get up here and be yelled at. I think it's okay for people to disagree with us. People should come up here and disagree with us and hold us accountable. I don't understand why people feel the need to come up and yell. It's not necessary. I'm disappointed that people asked good questions and when they were done yelling, they got up and left before you had the opportunity to answer the question. I'll ask the question again because I thought it was a good question. What of this cryptosporidium issue it's my understanding that it's not something that we want to do, this additional treatment plant. But there was some agreement we made with the Oregon health—clarify this for me.

Fish: Can I make a suggestion? This is an issue that is an unfolding regulatory matter and we'd like to have a separate proceeding on that.

Wheeler: I'd like to do that. There's a lot of discussion on it and people in the community asking questions about it and I'd like to be fully informed.

Fish: I just also just want to gently comment about my friend Dan Saltzman's comment about Dee Whites doggedness. Since she characterized the 20-year history of the water bureau as one characterized by arrogance, dishonesty and lack of transparency it covers Dan's tenure and my tenure and Randy Leonard's. I disagree fundamentally with this and I think it's a deliberate campaign of misinformation and defamation and with the exception of the proper spelling of her name in the statement, this is replete with false and misleading information. She has a right to testify and we have a right to say it's utter nonsense.

Wheeler: Any further comments or questions? That being said, both 520 and 521, these are non-emergency first reading ordinances I pass 520 and 521 to second reading. Thank you. We are adjourned.

At 3:45 p.m. Council adjourned