



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; Heidi Brown, Senior Deputy City Attorney at 1:35 p.m.; and Nicholas Livingston and John Paolazzi, Sergeants at Arms.

Item No. 633 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The meeting recessed at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 12:30 p.m.

		Disposition:
COMMUNICATIONS		
622	Request of Dee White to address Council regarding chronically dangerous levels of lead in our drinking water (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
623	Request of David Kif Davis to address Council regarding City sponsored political terrorism (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
624	Request of Kevin Fitts to address Council regarding elderly/disabled centered housing policies in low income housing (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
625	Request of Paul Watts, Graffiti Removal Services to address Council regarding progress report on graffiti removal program (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE

TIMES CERTAIN		
626	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Add a new per night fee assessed on Booking Agents or Transient Lodging Intermediaries for the privilege of facilitating a Short-Term Rental Occupancy (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish; add Code Chapter 6.09) 45 minutes requested for items 626 and 627</p> <p>Motion that the funds will go directly to the Housing Investment Fund and amend ordinance and impact statement accordingly: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fish. (Y-5)</p> <p>Motion to direct the Revenue Bureau to report to Council at the end of one year with revenue collected from the per night fee and analysis of the impact the fee is having on the marketplace: Moved by Fish and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</p>
627	<p>Amend Tourism Improvement District code to include short-term rental hosts who use Booking Agents to advertise or accept reservations and other housekeeping changes (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fish; amend Code Chapter 6.05)</p> <p>Motion to include hotels with less than 50 rooms and amend exhibit A accordingly: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz. (Y-5)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</p>
628	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Direct Bureau of Emergency Management, Bureau of Development Services, and Prosper Portland to develop Unreinforced Masonry Building Mandatory Retrofit Implementation Steps and return to Council for adoption within one year (Previous Agenda 458; Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motions are attached. (Y-5)</p>	<p>37364 AS AMENDED</p>
629	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 11:00 AM – Direct the Portland Housing Bureau to develop an expungement pilot program to increase access to housing opportunities and to develop a proposal to reduce the use of criminal history as a blanket prohibition for accessing rental housing (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested</p>	<p>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</p>
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
	Bureau of Transportation	
630	<p>Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Transportation and accept a grant in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the design, right-of-way and construction of the Seventies Neighborhood Greenway project (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</p>

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631	Proclaim results of the Municipal non-partisan Primary Election on Measure 26-197 Renew Portland Children's Levy for five years (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)	PLACED ON FILE
Bureau of Environmental Services		
*632	Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to reimburse property owner at 7629 SE Clinton St for sewer user fees paid to the City in the amount of \$5,805 (Ordinance) (Y-5)	189008
633	Amend contract with enfoTech and Consulting Inc. to increase the not-to-exceed amount to \$1,545,000 for the implementation, support, and maintenance of a new Environmental Compliance Information Management System (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003170) Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.	PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM
634	Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement and Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to model chinook habitat in the Willamette River (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM
Office of Management and Finance		
*635	Pay claims of James Nelson in the sum of \$70,000 involving the Portland Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)	189009
*636	Authorize a grant agreement with El Programa Hispano Catolico in an amount not to exceed \$48,363 for their puentes academic mentorship program (Ordinance) (Y-5)	189010
*637	Authorize a grant agreement with Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for their health literacy program (Ordinance) (Y-5)	189011
Portland Housing Bureau		
638	Approve and terminate limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) (Y-5)	37363
City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero		
639	Certify abstract of votes cast, proclaim measure approved at the Municipal Non-Partisan Primary Election held in the City of Portland on May 15, 2018 (Report) (Y-5)	ACCEPTED

REGULAR AGENDA		
<p>*640</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Development Services</p> <p>Amend the Building Demolition Code to simplify definitions, revise dust/site control and demolition delay provisions, and make technical amendments (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Eudaly; amend Code Chapter 24.55) 20 minutes requested</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		189012
<p>641</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Parks & Recreation</p> <p>Accept a \$188,000 award from Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for improvements at Leach Botanical Garden (Second Reading Agenda 583; introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fritz)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		189013
<p>642</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>Vacate a portion of SW Falcon St east of SW Barbur Blvd subject to certain conditions and reservations (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman; VAC-10098) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.</p>		PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM
<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Development Services</p> <p>643</p> <p>Appoint Jia-Young Michael Fu to the Portland Adjustment Committee for a term to expire June 5, 2022 (Report) 10 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Saltzman.</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		CONFIRMED
<p>644</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Environmental Services</p> <p>Authorize contract with CDM Smith Inc. to provide engineering services for the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Headworks Screening Improvements Project No. E10805, in the amount of \$3,286,837 (Second Reading Agenda 599)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		189014

Bureau of Police		
645	<p>Accept a grant in the amount of \$162,635 from the State of Oregon, Oregon Military Department, Office of Emergency Management for the FY 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program Phase Seven to fund joint bomb teams equipment and training (Second Reading Agenda 603)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	189015
646	<p>Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Portland, City of Gresham, City of Vancouver, Clackamas County, Port of Portland, and Clark County, Washington to maintain and equip a unit capable of an immediate response to situations involving explosives and explosive disposal (Second Reading Agenda 604)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	189016
Office of Management and Finance		
647	<p>Accept bid of Landis & Landis Construction, LLC for the Montavilla North Sewer Rehabilitation project for \$7,537,078 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00000858)</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fritz.</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT
648	<p>Accept bid of Faison Construction, Inc., for the North Park Blocks Play Area Improvements Project for \$1,111,387 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00000892)</p> <p>Motion to accept report: Moved by Fish and seconded by Fritz.</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT
*649	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide for payment for the City Hall Exterior Restoration project for an estimated \$3,833,899 (Ordinance)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	189018
650	<p>Amend the Business License Law to increase the tax rate and increase the Owners Compensation Deduction (Second Reading Agenda 608; amend Code Chapter 7.02)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	189017

<p style="text-align: center;">City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero</p> <p>651 Assess property for sidewalk repair for the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Hearing; Ordinance; Y1095, Y1096) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to pull Kyle Bell property from assessment: Moved by Fish and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-5)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING AS AMENDED JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p> <p>651-1 Encourage the Supreme Court to consider our country's proud legacy of working people organizing together for fairness and justice in rendering its decision in the pending <i>Janus v. AFSCME</i> case because it will have a monumental impact on city residents (Resolution)</p> <p>Rescheduled to June 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. (Y-5)</p>	<p>37365</p>

At 2:10 p.m., Council recessed.

Item 628 Unreinforced Masonry Resolution Motions 6/13/2018

All Council members were present.

- 1. **Fish #1 5/9/2018 motion:** (Y-5)
- 2. **Fritz 5/9/2018 motion with refined wording below:** (Y-5)
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Management and Finance in collaboration with the City Budget Office will develop a financial plan within a year to bring all City-owned Class 1 and Class 2 unreinforced masonry buildings into compliance with the adopted mandatory seismic retrofitting standards based on the assessed costs to retrofit; and
- 3. **Wheeler #1 5/9/2018 motion:** (Y-5)
- 4. **Fish #3 5/9/2018 motion:** (Y-5)
Fish withdraws Fish #2 5/9/2018 motion.
- 5. **Saltzman #1 5/9/2018 motion:** (Y-2 Fritz and Saltzman; N-3 Fish, Eudaly, Wheeler)
Motion fails.

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- 6. **Motion to add resolved sections below (Saltzman #2):** Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fish (Y-5)
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council directs City Staff to develop a placarding ordinance, with an effective date of March 1st, 2019 and enforced by Portland Fire and Rescue with an appeal process administered by the Bureau of Development Services, for all URM buildings that are not retrofitted to a level expected to prevent collapse in an earthquake and that placard shall be no smaller than 8 by 10 inches and shall state clearly in a conspicuous place at the entrance of the building printed in not less than 30-point bold type: "This is an unreinforced masonry building. Unreinforced masonry buildings may be unsafe in the event of a major earthquake.", and return to Council for adoption within 3 months; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council directs City staff to develop an ordinance, with an effective date of March 1st, 2019, for Portland URM building owners to incorporate into their rental

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agreements that states: "This building, which you are renting or leasing, is an unreinforced masonry building. Unreinforced masonry buildings have proven to be unsafe in the event of an earthquake.", and return to Council for adoption within 3 months; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this is binding city policy.

7. Motion to add resolved section below (Wheeler #2): Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Eudaly: (Y-5)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs City staff to convene a working group to develop recommendations for standards, financing options, and timelines for a mandatory seismic retrofit program for Class 3 and Class 4 URM buildings. The working group shall present its findings, including both majority and minority reports as appropriate, at a City Council work session within one year of the first working group meeting, after which time Council shall hold a hearing to direct further Code development.

8. Motion to add resolved sections below (Wheeler #3): Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fish. (Y-5)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council directs City staff to convene a working group comprised of representatives of nonprofits to develop recommendations for standards, financing options, and timelines for a mandatory seismic retrofit program for nonprofits, including but not limited to religious nonprofits and educational nonprofits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonprofit institutions are exempt from all new mandatory retrofits until this working group presents recommendations to City Council. At which time, City Council will reconvene to direct further code development specific to nonprofit institutions. Nonprofit institutions are not exempt from current city code.

[End of Item 628 amendments]

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **13TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018** AT 2:30 P.M.

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

Commissioner Fish left at 4:00 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Heidy Brown, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Nicholas Livingston and John Paolazzi, Sergeants at Arms.

652	TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM – Adopt Parking Management Manual to establish guidelines for managing public parking in the City of Portland (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman) 45 minutes requested	Disposition: PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 20, 2018 AT 9:30 AM
*653	TIME CERTAIN: 2:45 PM – Authorize the purchase of certain real property located at 10506 E Burnside St at a price not to exceed \$14,400,000 for affordable housing (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 45 minutes requested for items 653 and 654 (Y-4; Fish absent)	189019
654	Authorize a temporary interfund loan of \$48,000,000 between the Development Services Fund and the Housing Capital Fund to provide interim financing for multiple anticipated affordable housing property purchases (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) (Y-4; Fish absent)	37366
655	TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM – Establish a Priorities Framework for the City of Portland's Smart City PDX Initiative (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 40 minutes requested	RESCHEDULED TO JUNE 21, 2018 AT 3:30 PM TIME CERTAIN

At 5:07 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **14TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fish and Saltzman, 4.

Commissioner Eudaly arrived at 2:09 p.m.
Commissioner Fish left at 4:30 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney; and Ovie Griggs and John Paolazzi, Sergeants at Arms.

The meeting recessed at 4:00 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m.

<p>*656 TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM – Authorize the renaming of SW Stark Street to Harvey Milk Street in the City of Portland (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Saltzman) 2 hours requested</p> <p>Motion to add emergency clause: Moved by Saltzman and seconded by Fish. (Y-4)</p> <p>(Y-4)</p>	<p>Disposition:</p> <p>189020 AS AMENDED</p>
<p>657 TIME CERTAIN: 4:30 PM – Proclaim June 19, 2018 to be Juneteenth Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Fritz) 30 minutes requested</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>EXECUTIVE ORDER</p> <p>657-1 Reassign all City departments, bureaus and liaison responsibilities to Commissioners as stated in Mayor Executive Order dated June 8, 2017 (Ordinance; Executive Order)</p>	<p>189007</p>

At 5:00 p.m., Council adjourned.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland



By Karla Moore-Love
Clerk of the Council

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Wheeler: June 13, a.m. Session, Portland city council, Karla please call the roll. [roll taken]

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

Wheeler: The statement we have all been waiting for.

Karen Moynahan: Welcome to the Portland city council. The city council represents all Portlanders and meets to do the city's, the presiding officer preserves order and decorum during the city council meetings, so everyone can feel welcome, comfortable, respected and safe. To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance with the clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record, your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When you have 30 seconds left, the yellow light goes on, when your time is done the red light goes on, if you are in the Audience and would like to show your support for something that is said, please feel free to do a thumbs up. If you want to express you do not support something, please feel free to do a thumb's down. Disruptive conduct such as shouting or interrupting testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being rejected for the remainder of the meeting. After being rejected, a person who fails to leave the meeting is subject to trespass, thank you for helping your Portlanders please welcome, comfortable, and safe.

Wheeler: Good morning everyone. We have one pre-gavel item I would like to call promise king up, thank you for being here.

Promise King, President League of Minority Voters: My name is promise king, the president of the league of minority voters. We bring an agenda of gratitude this morning. On June 28, we are going to be recognizing those in other communities who have gone above and beyond their call of duty to help minorities. I am here specifically to give you thanks mayor for what you have done in your office. During the campaign, you have said a promise to our board that you will have the best diverse staff in the city council as mayor. You have done that. For us, the gratitude belongs to you. We have heard from critics, and we have heard from those who say Why should we. It's just a job. And it's not just a job. I tell you what, there is a preamble to our constituents. It says we the people, most of your staff were not called human beings. Some of the women could not vote. We the people, when it was crafted, did not have black excellence, Latino excellence, or women excellence. When that statement was crafted your chief of staff could not even come to this hall but by extraordinary actions, and courageous steps that you have taken as mayor to ensure that every facet of this city system with black excellence, with minority excellence, with Latino excellence, we give you thanks, from all of us of this great city, we give you thanks. From the board of directors of the league of minority voters, we give you thanks. Our thanks are rooted in our history. Rooted in our experience. Rooted in the cause of justice and civil rights. Mayor wheeler let us give an award for you to sit down and

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say I've done my job. This is an award to participation for social justice. We have watched you over time as you have led in your campaign promises. Good for you. The critic who says, why should you honor somebody who is city serving I respond with what my dad said to me one day. He said there are no saints in public service. There are no saints in public service. But there are servants. Mayor wheeler, you have the diversity as reflected in your staff. As reflected in your appointment. We want to thank you for that from all of us who love this great city. I want to invite the general public as we honor other recipients, who have played their role in insuring that justice, long suppressed, cold indifference our community. I want to invite everyone to attend the June 28, and the time is 5:30, and league of minority voters. But before I start, I want to thank you for my boss who is going away, commissioner dan Saltzman. Dan, I want to thank you. The column, where you said I need you to come and work for me. You've been writing a lot about what we are doing here on the city council. You gave me a job. You gave me an opportunity to represent the issues that matters. But I want to assure you that we will bring somebody to this city hall who will represent the issues that you have represented passionately. For that I want to thank you. And for the rest of the council, thank you for the work that you do. Thank you kindly. Thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you Mr. King. I mentioned this morning at the Brief ceremony that we have, I am deeply humbled by this. I see it not as an acknowledgment of work completed, but as putting down a marker in a, and a commitment to continuing the work that is already has been begun, and as I said this morning, and I will say it again, diversity is not a problem to be solved. It is an opportunity to be leveraged. And in this community, will not fulfill its full potential until we figure out how we are going to work to go and communicate and until we acknowledge, and we even acknowledge this on my team but it's a community question, when we come from different backgrounds and lived experiences and traditions and cultures and languages, it is a difficult conversation to have. In terms of how we work together. How do we do it. And I like to believe that my team is doing our part that as a leader, I am striving to live up to the grand expectations you have laid down, and I will just say this, we must recognize where we have been and who we are, so that we can move together to achieve that beloved community that I know all of us want to achieve. So, thank you for the acknowledgment, I appreciate your organization's faith in my leadership and really, it's on behalf of the entire team that I accept it, so thank you very much.

King: Thank you. Thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you sir. Next up, we have communications. Karla, could you call the first individual, please, for communications?

Item 622

Wheeler: Good morning miss white, how are you today? Excuse me, I will have to ask people to please be respectful of people who are testifying. They have signed up for this time. Let's not interrupt them. Thank you. Excuse me. Excuse me.

Dee White: Hello, my name is dee white. I am sorry and sad to report that Portland's drinking water continues to have the highest levels of all large cities of lead, of all large cities in the u.s. It is well documented how the effects of lead poisoning on babies in utero and infants and young children even at low level exposure are profound and irreversible, and now a new study estimates that more than 400,000 of adult deaths in the u.s. Every year can be linked to chronic lead exposure. That's close to as many as smoking kills. There is no safe level of lead. While flint, Michigan has suffered acute lead exposure four years ago, Portlanders have endured chronic levels of lead in our water for over 25 years. The American academy of pediatrics has called for no more than one part per billion in drinking water. The FDA requires bottled water to be below five parts per billion. In contrast Portland semi-annual lead tsas last year showed the highest level of lead detected Was 59. The year before that it was 648. In the past 18 months, Portland has exceeded the

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epa's 15 parts per billion limits twice. So, has Tualatin, a Portland water customer, who exceeded again last week. The water commissioner's opinion is that its property owner's responsibility to prevent lead from leaching into the drinking water by replacing our fixtures and our schools and homes, he is wrong. While source water rarely contains lead, bull run's pure water is naturally corrosive, which means it corrodes pipe, Sauder and fixtures, and federal law requires water utilities to treat corrosive water so that lead leaching is minimized at the tap inside of our homes. Offices. And schools. The law is about correcting treatment effectiveness and not about faulting customers. This is your legal responsibility. Not ours. This critical issue of not optimally treating the water and maintaining the water distribution pipes is either intentionally being ignored or you don't know what you are doing. The Oregon health authority has been letting you guys off the hook for over 20 years. Why is this? What kind of hold do you guys have over the regulators? You are not complying with the law, and all we hear from Salem are crickets. We have a silent public health crisis going on here. This is a failure of leadership and gross negligence at all levels, but you all are the ones who are responsible, yet you continue to betray our trust by downplaying this very real and dangerous public health threat.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Fish: So mayor we have, on numerous occasions, responded with facts to miss white's claims, and she is entitled to her opinion but she's not entitled to her facts. We have no lead in our source water. Our distribution system, or in any of our pipes. What we have is in a number of so-called high-risk homes that have bad plumbing that has been declared illegal because of lead Sauter, we have a problem of leaching, a problem that can be solved if people flush their water for a minute in the morning, replace their plumbing or get a filter. It is a very small subset of high-risk homes at issue. So, it is just completely misleading to say that we have a lead in our water problem. We do have a lead issue in high-risk homes. The public policy question that we can debate, congress has settled it, we have to treat our water with p.h. To make it less corrosive, a more sensible program in my opinion would be to go to the source and remove the plumbing because that's a complete solution, but in congress's wisdom, we have to treat the water to make it less corrosive and high-risk homes. But to say that we have a lead in the drinking water problem is Very misleading, and I just need to respond to that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual please.

Item 623.

David Kif Davis: One second here. Okay. Well, this is about the Oregon cop watchers and political terrorism, and I want to start this out by actually drifting off into another subject, which Ted Wheeler was laughing about five minutes ago. When I told him that the homeless outreach worker took two women that were sexually assaulted by a dangerous predator that's raped children and repeatedly sexually assaulted the most vulnerable women and people in our community, and ted wheeler chuckled about it. I have him on film chuckling about it.

Wheeler: I was not engaged with you at all.

Davis: Your officers -- don't talk, this is my time, Ted. Shut up. Okay. Shut up. You can laugh later when you get home, okay. So, you think it's funny that your officers asked women that have been sexually assaulted if, oh, how high were your shorts. Oh, what type of clothing were you wearing. Oh, you know, you think it's funny with all of the untested rape kits and all of that other stuff? Okay. Now I am going to drift into the war on cop watchers. Recently Eli Richie, leave like a Coward, go to your room, go to your room, ted. Go to your room, ted. Go and cry to your mommy. Okay. So, Eli Richie, he recently got an interference with the police charge for filming, which he was not interfering, but now the court has issued a thing that says that oh, he has to move 250 feet away if the officers say hey, this is a crime scene. It has been everything from a suspected person with stolen

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property to them harassing homeless people panhandling. So that is considered a crime scene, and justification for telling cop watchers that they need to move 250 feet back, so you are effectively shutting down people with stalking orders, nick Fish, helped to get a stalking order put on me. You, ted wheeler, and chief outlaw conspired to get a stalking order put on Eli Richie. I know you guys talked about it with the city attorneys and whoever before you actually went to court on that. I know you did, Ted. I know you consulted with the chief outlaw. So, asking a couple of questions on video to the chief of police is considered stalking. Are you guys that fragile? You guys are supposed to be the ones that are the leaders, but you act like you are scared.

Wheeler: Thank you, appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Davis: My backpack is behind you. My backpack is behind you. Can I grab my personal property? Okay.

Wheeler: So this is an outburst that's in violation of council rules. You heard the rules. If you do not stop -- goodbye. Thank you for playing. Goodbye. Goodbye.

Davis: Get out of my [bleep] face, asshole. Practice common courtesy.

Wheeler: Colleagues, there it is. The laugh line of the day, and you were here to hear it at Portland city hall. In all of its glory. Colleagues and folks, I am sorry about that, as you know people have a first amendment right to speak at this microphone. Often what gets said here is some range of immature to outright offensive. And I am particularly sorry because there are a large number of pastors here from the African American community this morning. I apologize that you had to hear that, but I want to underscore they have a first amendment right. You are in violation of council policy. You will have to leave. You will have to leave. Thank you. Get lost.

Item 624.

Wheeler: Mr. Fitts, are you here today? He is not here. Next individual, please.

Item 625.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here today.

Paul Watts: Thank you council. Mayor wheeler, I know it's -- I am Paul watts, I own and operate graffiti removal service in Portland, Oregon, we're the winning contractor for the new, the mayor's office new proactive approach on graffiti removal. And I know it's a little unorthodox for a contractor to come in and give you an update, but I thought it was a good idea to let you know how the year was going. Made a couple of presentations, don't know if you have those in front of you, but just kind of wanted to give you a rundown on what we have done this year so far compared to previous years on the new program. The track account for the track its system is a work order system. We have done approximately, on the new contract, 2,900 track its compared to 686 last year. It's a huge increase from going out and actively going out there and looking for graffiti and identifying it and talking to the property owner, and business owner, and abating it at the same time. We have done approximately 154,714 square feet of graffiti removal compared to last year's 68,000. So, in these areas, we have about 50 routes within the city that we're covering, we're out there every day. I think that one of the big Things that we are doing now in this, on these routes, what we're finding out is not only is it a, you know, the program is, you know, a public service announcement that the city is doing, but our people are out there actively engaging the community, talking to the business owners, talking to the property owners, and talking to artists. Telling them about the program and involving them and getting waivers signed so we can come out and abate the graffiti in a timely manner. With the new system in place, what we have been able to do is cut costs on the, on what was being charged on the old system. So now our trucks are out there in the field. They are loaded up with all of our products, the pressure washer, the paint, materials, supplies, and we can go from property to property and remove it instantly. On the course of up to date right now, we

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have saved the city 213,800 on this new program. Almost about 88% compared to the last year's, if we were to do this, off the old contract from last year.

Fritz: Could you explain that statement? How is that savings generated?

Watts: So, from years ago, the city had another contract in place, that the contract was on a square foot price. We would remove so we had a special price for a painted area, and we had a special price for a brick stone masonry, and all those prices were different. So that, that kind of increased the cost a bit. Under this new contract, we are able to actually remove everything, brick stone, masonry, paint, and things like that under one set cost. So, it's given us that savings to the city. One of the things that I think that a lot of people don't understand is just because I am in the graffiti abatement world, and I remove the graffiti, that we are not, we are not for art or murals out there. One of the things that we have really seen in this program is we've been able to engage muralists in the Portland street art alliance and other people out there and amend training them how to help protect their murals and save their murals out there. With this program we are actually also able to remove the graffiti off some of the murals that the property owners have said yes, paint a mural on my building, and there is usually a five-year variance that they have to take care of that mural. We are able to go out there and once they get graffitied or hit, we are able to take care of it for them. So the community engagement with the program is huge. And it's a very successful one. With the direction from Juliette for oni, she's given us really good leadership to go out there and to really develop this program. Now I travel the country and I train city municipalities, park and rec and transit authorities on graffiti abatement, and I can tell you that the city of Portland, this is the only city that I know that has a proactive contractor going out there and looking for graffiti and abating it and getting rid of it. No other city has that. They have city work orders that come in and they go out and do it. But as we're out there walking throughout the city we're seeing the incidental tagging, light poles, small tagging on concrete and stone, and they are going away, not coming back. We see the problem properties, and those are always, those are, will always be out there at the abandoned properties and things like that. But through our experience, we're actually seeing the graffiti decrease in those times. So I just wanted to give you an update on that, if there is any questions you may have, but it's been a huge success. And I want to get props to the mayor and to oni that we can continue this program and keep you know, keep the graffiti out of Portland.

Fish: Thank you. I think there may be a couple of questions.

Eudaly: Thank you Mr. Watts for your comments. I want to give credit where credit is due, and that -- this approach is actually recommended by Juliette and implemented by the interim director Dave Austin with the support of the mayor. Oni is in my portfolio and also important to me that we have an enlightened approach to street art and graffiti. So graffiti cleanup is a priority of the mayor, and he has amply funded it, and I am Really glad to hear that we are making the best use of those dollars.

Watts: Absolutely.

Wheeler: I want to add my thanks. I think that this is great, and you are doing terrific work, and you are bringing good value for the taxpayers of Portland, as well. This is a hugely important issue, and we hear about it in our office every single day. And I am really glad that you are out there on the front lines working with us, and we appreciate it.
Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Do we have the detail back in the police officer ranks that we have assigned offices to graffiti abatement?

Wheeler: So that is a call on the part of the police chief, and I don't know what the final decision she's made now that we have improved, that we have expanded the staffing capacity.

Fritz: The council funded the graffiti offices, so I think that that's the other piece to it.

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Watts: Good. Good. And we will work right in line with them on whatever information that they need from us.

Wheeler: I appreciate it. Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Karla, I just wanted to tell you I got a text from Mr. Fitts, our technology is so great here, and he sends his regrets. He had a personal conflict that He will be rescheduling.

Karla: Okay. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks for being here. We appreciate it. Have any items been pulled from the consent agenda, Karla?

Karla: Yes. We have had 633.

Wheeler: Very good. Please call the roll on the remainder of the agenda.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. Next item time certain 626. Could you please also read 627.

Items 626 and 627.

Wheeler: Colleagues Portland is in a declared state of emergency that the council has extended with regard to housing. Since I have taken office, I have taken steps to ensure that we're on a path to address this emergency in a deliberate way. And I think that there is a clear sense of urgency in terms of making sure that we are pushing every single opportunity to address this. I have spoken with my colleagues in the bureau on what more we could do to address this issue. This per night fee is a way that we can provide funding while only one piece of the puzzle, it could be an important one to help us find a path forward on meeting our commitments. The funding from the per night fee will go into the housing investment fund. These funds can support affordable housing, Homelessness, And home ownership opportunities through the housing bureau. I will continue to discuss with my colleagues about the best way to fund or to use these funds. But I want to make clear a previous council made commitments around the preference policy in northeast Portland corridor, and I intend to honor those commitments. In 2016, voters approved a housing bond, which is ahead of schedule in terms of fulfilling the commitments. And I intend to assure it's successful in honoring the voter's trust, and last fall the city made a commitment to permanent supportive housing, and I support that as well, and I intend to keep my commitment on that front. As mayor, I work to make sure that Portland makes good on the promises that it has made, whether I was here, or whether those promises were made prior to my being here. Every day, I hear about the impact that affordability displacement and homelessness have on our tourism industry. This is a step in continuing to address these issues that have been priorities for me. Obviously, this is also a fairly limited amount of funding that we're talking about. That's why I want to work with my colleagues to ensure that these funds are used strategically to address the city's existing commitments. I also want to thank the short-term rental industry for working with us to improve how we work together. And the travel and tourism industry in helping us to find Solutions. This could have been a conflict-ridden process. This could have been a decisive process. And I could not be prouder to be the mayor of a city where all of the interested parties came together and shaped what we collectively believe is the best policy together. I want to especially thank my colleague, commissioner Fish for co-sponsoring this item with me. It proves that council in partnership can do more together to make the lives of all Portlanders better. And as my co-sponsor on this I would like to ask commissioner Fish if he has any introductory comments.

Fish: Three years ago, the counselor declared a housing state of emergency, we committed to urgency in our response, and to both short and long-term actions to address the crisis. Also, three years ago, as part of that commitment, we directed the city budget office to take all of the taxes that we get from short-term rentals, like Air BNB and home away, and put them into the housing investment fund or HIFF. This is our most flexible pot

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of housing dollars, and the short-term rental funding can be used in a variety of ways to help people in the zero to 60% MFI bracket. It was never a sure thing this would get council approval. Commissioner Saltzman and I brought the idea to council twice before it gained support. I was proud of that action then, and I am proud of that action today. It was the first ongoing source of funds dedicated to affordable housing. I remain thankful to my colleague, commissioner Saltzman, to Israel Beyer, Jeff Larson, and all the advocates who pushed us to take this action. Since then we have taken a number of steps to fight the affordability crisis gripping our community. As the mayor noted we created new funding sources and new tools and new policies to help Portlanders manage rising rents and home prices, that are outpacing the rest of the nation. These tools have made a difference. While none of them is a silver bullet, we are seeing some progress. It is no news to anyone that we are still experiencing a housing crisis. With our record number of people living on our streets and thousands of households, one crisis away from joining them. Today we are poised to take another step forward. Asking an industry that is taking affordable registers out of circulation to be part of the solution again. There is no question that the short-term rental industry limits the supply of our available, affordable rentals. Rooms that might have been rented to a college student and artist and older adult or young working professional are now being rented by the night to a rotation of strangers. Homeowners who rented a room in their house out of necessity have the option of earning extra money without the burden of sharing a kitchen or being a landlord, and we understand why that option is appealing to many. We cannot solve this housing crisis alone. Under this modest proposal, visitors to Portland will have, will be asked to chip in a little extra to help level the playing field. I believe that it's fair and that it's the right thing to do, and I look forward to today's hearing. And mayor thank you again for co-sponsoring this ordinance.

Wheeler: Thank you. With that, I believe you are next in the order.

Thomas Lannom, Director of Revenue Division: Thank you, good morning city council, I am Thomas Lannom, the director of the revenue division, and I will have comments for both of the items before you today. So, on May 31, 2017, the council passed resolution 37288 directing the revenue division to draft amendments to city code to implement a per night fee on short-term rentals in support of housing and homeless initiatives. It also directed the revenue division to include short-term rentals in the city's tourism improvement district. The ordinances before you today are implementing those directives. I will first speak to 626, the per night fee for housing and homelessness. In October of 2015 the Portland city council declared a housing emergency, and since that time has taken a number of steps to increase the resources for housing and homeless initiatives. This ordinance is another step in addressing the housing crisis. The housing bureau and other jurisdictions and studies have indicated that short-term rentals are impacting the availability of long-term rentals. Assessing a per night fee on such activities to partially offset the impact on housing availability is therefore appropriate. The per night fee ordinance assesses a \$4 per night charge on short-term rental bookings in the city of Portland. The assessment is that the listing or booking level, so for example, if one party books two rooms in one home as a single booking, the assessment would be \$4. If two unrelated parties' book one room each in the same home, separate listings and bookings, they would each pay \$4 so \$8 total in that instance of unrelated parties. As a reminder the instance of this particular fee is on the platform, the short-term rental platform would be responsible for it. Finally, this ordinance is expected to raise between 1.1 and 1.2 million per year in support of housing. The second item before you is item 627, the tourism improvement district or tid. The tid was established in 2012 to increase the investment in marketing and promoting Portland as a travel destination. This fee is appropriate for short-term rental hosts to pay because they specifically benefit from the marketing of Portland as a destination. The tid assessment is a management license fee similar to the downtown

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clean and safe district and is currently imposed on hotels of 50 rooms or more. The short-term rental platforms have many hundreds to thousands of listings, and therefore, rival the size and scope of large Portland hotels. Had the short-term rental platforms been operating on a large scale in 2012 it is likely they would have been included in the original tid. Because the structure of the tid is a management license for hotel management activities, the actual assessment could not be placed directly on short-term rental platforms. Again, it's on the host. However, we fully expect and have required the platforms to collect and remit this fee to the extent that they are already collecting and remitting Portland's hotel and motel taxes. We also expect that hosts and platforms will choose to pass this fee onto guests as do all of the hotels in the tid. Expanding the tid to encompass short-term rentals is expected to raise an additional 720,000 to 840,000 per year for promoting Portland as a travel destination. So again, both of these fees, we believe ultimately will be paid by travelers or guests, and we have done a comparison of Portland relative to other jurisdictions, and while these Changes place us near the top, they do not place us at the top, especially when you include local sales taxes and, of course, we have no local sales tax. So I will end my remarks there, and Terry is here if you have any more detailed questions. Thanks.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: When you said places near the top, near the top in what? In fees? On hotel bills?

Lannom: In terms of the burden on a traveler or guest, so local sales tax. Tourism. Improvement district-like fees. Per dollar. Per night type of fees. As well as the sales tax. So, the sort of analysis that anyone putting together a large convention would do to estimate the total impact of the convention attendees in terms of what they would pay, that's the kind of analysis that we undertook to make sure that we were not completely out of bounds as far as the burden on the guest.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Why are we not requiring the \$4 per night on hotel rooms?

Lannom: The hotel rooms are not actually -- so the purpose of the per night fee is to address housing and homelessness. And particularly on the short-term rental industry, because it's that industry that is having an impact on the availability of the housing and Homelessness in Portland. Hotels generally speaking are transient lodging, are not long-term rentals and therefore, wouldn't be appropriate to assess such a per night fee on a hotel.

Fritz: And why are we not imposing the 2% transient tourist improvement district on the smaller hotels?

Lannom: We certainly could look at that. That was not the counselor's direction back in May of 2017. But there is no reason not to look at that, and I heard there could be interest in doing that.

Fritz: I am interested in that.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: Well commissioner Fritz beat me to one of my questions. I am also interested in the conversation around whether we should impose the tid tax on smaller hotels. It's one of the few ways that we can reap the benefits of tourist dollars in the city. I am just curious when we will have the conversation about how the new revenue from the short-term rental fee will be spent. Is that up to revenue? Or is that a conversation the council will have?

Lannom: In terms of the per night fee for housing and homelessness, that would be up to the council once the dollars are available. Right now the language in the ordinance is very broad giving the council broad discretion to make a more specific determination.

Fish: My understanding is That the mayor is going to offer an amendment which clarifies that the additional \$4 is going to go into the housing investment fund, and then that, any

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expenditure from the housing investment fund for any of the purposes, the mayor enumerated in his opening remarks, would be subject to council oversight.

Wheeler: Isn't that included in the base ordinance? I believe it was.

Terri Williams, Revenue Director: The code actually states that the revenue of revenues will be used to fund affordable housing and homelessness issue -- initiative, it does not say it is going into the hif. But the assumption is that it is a likely play is to put it.

Fish: The financial impact statement says it goes to the general fund. Was the intent of the sponsors that the money going into the hif so the mayor has an amendment which I understand he's offering.

Wheeler: I would be happy to do that. I was just handed a statement seconds ago, while not explicit in the ordinance or the code these funds will go directly into the housing investment fund and the financial impact statement incorrectly reads the general fund will see additional resources, that is not the case as per council policy. The decision already has been made that the funds would be directed to the housing investment fund. I wanted to raise this issue to clarify that, so I would like to propose an amendment that the funds go directly to the housing investment fund since there is no confusion on that point. And we will leave that open for public testimony. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Why are we proposing a flat \$4 per night rather than a percentage of whatever the room cost?

Lannom: So under city charter, the city council does not have the authority to increase the transient lodging taxes. This is not a tax. Neither of these are. They are fees.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: We have some invited testimony unless there is other questions. Actually, Thomas, a lot of people, obviously, reacted to that. Thinking that there is not a hill of beans difference between a tax and a fee. Could you explain what you mean? There is a legal difference. It is still money, it still comes out of somebody's pocket so let's not be coy about this, but you are speaking from a fact-base perspective. Can you explain that a bit?

Lannom: So, while being a tax may not feel different the distinction is that a tax actually benefits broad, general government operations, so for example, our business license tax or transient lodging tax broadly benefit police, fire, parks, and really quite discretionary in nature. A fee on the other hand is paid to get a service or a program from a governmental agency or to offset the impact of activities, such as short-term rentals on the local government. And so, a fee is appropriate for the tid as well because again, the beneficiaries are Portland transient lodging rentals generally, and not the general population. So that would be the distinction.

Wheeler: Good, thank you for that. This is one of the things that prior to my getting into public office, always grated me the wrong way. If you are paying it, it does not matter whether it's a tax or fee. It feels the same way. Unfortunately, when we are drafting code, drafting ordinances, we have to be legally very accurate because the attorney is sitting right there. So, I just wanted to clarify that, we are not trying to pull a fast one. There is just some legalese and I wanted you to get that out there. So we have some invited testimony, our first panel, and I know that we have a number of people who would like to come up and testify. I would like to call up the first panel, it is Jeff miller from travel first and only panel, I should say, Jeff miller from travel Portland, Charles holt from the mark spencer hotel and David Pendleton from America's hub world tours. Thank you for being here today.

Jeff Miller, President Travel Portland: Absolutely, mayor and councilor. I am Jeff miller, president of travel Portland and I am excited to be here today, traveler Portland is getting ready to celebrate its 40th anniversary This December promoting tourism in Portland. Our new mission statement simply states that we generate travel demand that creates economic impact for Portland. That is what we are here to do. Dean Runyan tells us in the

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city, tourism creates 3.6 billion in spending and supports over 20,900 jobs, incremental jobs because of the effective tourism a restaurant with 50 employees may only have 40 if it weren't for tourism. So those are good incremental jobs. When we pass the tourism improvement district in 2012, the home sharing networks were very small, there is now over 4,000 rooms. And we know that they benefit from tourism promotion. We also decided at that time to exclude lodging properties as part of a negotiation of 50 rooms or less. I've been in contact with the hotel owner who is, very much a leader in that, in that small hotel industry, and he does say that they have benefited from the roi on investment, and on the hotels that he has that are larger, so I will -- I have committed to creating a strategy with data from Thomas Lannom to help to bring those folks in and we will make that my personal quest to make that happen. We will add a representative from the short-term rental industry companies to the board of directors. We have 28 board members, one elected official from each jurisdiction, the city, the county and metro, and mayor wheeler's liaison from the city, we have 12 hotel people and the other partners, are with us and one of our other board members, the by-laws change will go to the executive committee on July 17. It will go to our full board for approval on July 23, and we have been, we have strong indications that will pass very easily. We will accept nominees shortly thereafter, and the representative will also be on the tid subcommittee which approves how the tid funds are spent as part of the larger budget. We know from our survey of public perception, 45% of Portland residents know that someone is doing tourism promotion but not necessarily travel Portland. One of the goals that you will see in our next two-year business plan that comes to you next Wednesday, is that we will launch a community facing website that will better engage the residents but provide tools for businesses such as the short-term rental host to use the resources of travel Portland. We're also purchasing research from air dna which will give us short-term rental activity, average daily rate, occupancy and revenue per available room like we get from smith travel research on the hotel side which will give us the data that we need to measure ourselves and to measure our success going forward. People make a decision to choose a destination first. No one ever came to Portland because we have the best Hilton, the best Marriott's or the best Home sharing network, so we really are at the top of that in getting visitors to come to Portland, and then they decide what neighborhoods and where they want to stay. So we really try and stay at the top of that funnel. We know that many of the hosts don't know of our work, and we want to do a better job. We saw the, the tv news story with the host with pens from, from all over the world. We do a lot of work around the world, certainly in Canada, Asia, Europe, and domestically. We need to do a better job of talking about that. The twelve direct flights speak to how we are on the world map. An example of that use of tid funding's was a recent three-week pop-up shop in London. We took 15 makers, including Emma McElroy and Carlos the rollerblade. To do a promise there, but to support the direct service flight between Portland and Heathrow on delta. You have seen our blue dude, the mascot in japan, and we are very proud of that, and it has created a buzz for Portland and japan. There have been four department stores that have done Portland shops in their store, and in Tokyo and Osaka, so we are gaining there. Another program that we have done with prosper Portland is my people's market, which is a showcase of entrepreneurs of color, and it provides an opportunity for buyers such as hotels and other businesses to buy services from these people. Commissioner Fish gave the Welcome at the November, my people's market, and there will be another one on June 30, and I will tell you that at the November event, terry Goldman, the general manager of the new canopy of the hotel by Hilton and the pearl district met three vendors that he's working with. Rachael from r and h design created throw pillows but more importantly, she now has connections to both Hilton and to the ownership group of the canopy to try and grow her business. Jamal hail with good, green printing will do all of the cards and stationery. And once open

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spirits from Chancy king, the founder of royal spirits will be sold in the hotel as well, so these are real world examples of economic impact happening from business this is Portland because of tourism.

Fish: A plug for the market. In November I did a lot of my Christmas shopping. And there was a couple of vendors that sold games focused for children. They were leather goods. They were all kinds of foods, plants, and then just dozens of entrepreneurs chasing an interesting idea and a dream so it's a wonderful way to support the local economy and get a head started on the holiday shopping.

Miller: And I would invite everybody to come June 30 at the Moda center commons to celebrate and be a part of the next my people's market which prosper Portland is helping with.

Wheeler: Well done. Never miss an opportunity to Plug it. A good move.

Miller: Always selling.

Wheeler: Thank you Jeff. Good morning.

Charles Holt, General Manager Mark Spencer Hotel: Good morning mayor wheeler and city council members. I am Charles holt. I am the general manager for the mark spencer hotel here. I was previously the general manager for the holiday inn at the Portland airport and a couple other suburban area hotels. So, I've been in the Portland hospitality community for the past 16 years. The beauty of the tourism improvement district is how Portland has been able to grow a very crowded field. Before this investment we were part of a pack of destinations whose budgets allowed for convention marketing, international with the heavy emphasis on public relations to tell our story. I mean the Portland story, not the hotel story. As you might imagine when I was the general manager of the holiday inn at the airport, I had some serious questions about the effects that a 2% fee on each hotel room night would have on my guests and my business. And also, how would my hotel benefit from this increased marketing for Portland. At the airport, we didn't always notice a direct impact marketing for the city prior to the tid. But once this money was collected and had utilized to market Portland the city's core became noticeably busier, and the outlying areas of the city not Only benefited from added room nights but increased rates due to higher demand. I also noticed that the change in the number of citywide convention rooms it took to impact the occupancy at the airport. While it took a convention of 8,000 to 10, 000 rooms to impact our occupancies, we saw impact from conventions with 6,000 rooms on peak. Now I am at the mark spencer hotel, a small hotel in downtown with 101 rooms, and I continue to see how the tid has driven new customers to Portland, but now I am not only competing with other hotels but with the short-term rental companies for my guests. They are luxurious condos offering accommodations for less than downtown hotels. The hotel communities has seen an impact from the additional rooms on the market. While we welcome this competition, we also see a need to share in the investment to grow the pie for everyone. Charging the tid fee on short-term rentals is fair and will raise the tide for all of us. There is no doubt that these rentals have benefited from the marketing efforts afforded by the tid. As a board member of travel Portland, I support not only charging the tid on these rentals, but also on lodging facilities of 50 rooms or less. I am eager to approve the by-laws change that will add a representative from the short-term rental companies to the board, and as well as the Tid subcommittee. We want and need their perspective at our meetings to offer feedback on promoting the destination, but more importantly, how can they bring this important segment of the industry to the table to leverage their assets, to benefit Portland as a destination. By doing this we all win together. Portland continues to punch above its weight as a destination. This investment will help to ensure economic impact to each host and the businesses in their neighborhood, and this will be good for all of us. Thank you.

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Fish: Can I just say that you know, we often have these hearings where you are here testifying about something legislative or whatever, but I don't think that we take much time to thank you and the mark spencer hotel for the good things you support in our community. And my recollection going back as having the honor of predated commissioner Fritz as the parks commissioner is that your business supported summer free for all, and it seems like almost every time there is a call out for some good cause, you are one of the first to step up so I want to publicly acknowledge that and thank you for that.

Holt: Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. Good morning.

David Penilton, Owner America's Hub World Tour: I am David Penilton, the owner of America's hub world tours, and first of all I would say I would like to say thank you to the mayor and to the city council members for the collaboration and work you have done over the years working with travel Portland to really promote this destination, and it has become a world class place throughout the world. Back in 2017, when I started my business, as you know the economy was not doing too good. And at that time, we made a decision to join travel Portland to try and leverage some of the work that they had been doing out in the market. It truly gave me an opportunity to truly get exposed to the industry more and more. Over the years, travel Portland and the council worked together to put together the tid, which I personally have seen a major impact of it to our business. At this time we run tours seven days a year, year-round from the city tours to sightseeing to the gorge to the coast, and with the convention groups coming in, we've been fortunate to work with some of the smallest to the largest groups, the elks have 8,000 to 10,000, united Methodist from five to eight and others, and in bringing visitors in and taking them through the neighborhoods and giving them an opportunity to share and learn more about the history of the culture that exists here, and for them to also have the opportunity to spend dollars in those communities throughout what would be the Hawthorne division, north Mississippi, Alberta, and 23, area of the peril and others, today we also run tourists throughout the state of Oregon so we have grown over the years tremendously. The one thing that I have noticed the most is that several years ago we probably would get one or two calls with the visitors that were staying in the airbnb. Just to give you an idea today we run tours seven days a week year-round on every tour we run, and there are normally five to eight a day, we have visitors that we are picking up that have come in and staying at the airbnb. So instead of just picking up at the major hotels, we have actually had to create some additional stops at some of the properties where the visitors are staying, and I know that this is a direct impact of what the tid dollars have done over the years to help our business. So there is a tremendous shift, and I truly support having the airbnb, the home stay, to participate in this tid funding because I have seen the impacts of it both domestic, internationally, traveling with travel Portland, and so it's just been an amazing experience, and what the continued work that they are doing, both year-round, when you look at the phoenix market, and you look at Minneapolis, and the work that's been done in Seattle, it truly, Portland has become a year-round destination, and this is all because of the tid and the work that's being done, I think that we need to participate.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: Thank you for being here, in some of the emails I have read for hosts, there has been the concern raised about competition with the hotels, so I am glad you are looking at having the smaller hotels participate. And the other question, having somebody from the short-term rental community to the board, one person is one thing. The intent that instead of competing with the hotels, that there would be marketing of the of the short-term rentals, and letting people know that there main be a hotel in sellwood but there are host families who are willing to, and open for business, is your intent to change the marketing to make

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sure that the dollars that are coming from the short-term rental folks are being invested in marketing short-term rentals?

Miller: All of our marketing is focused on the destination, we don't speak directly about a hotel, and speak to the hotel market, what we would like, what we are doing, nancy, our director of partnership, has had two presentations at the host to host committee, which are the rental, some of the rental hosts. And we like to do more of those. We would like to form is a partnership with the home sharing networks to reach out to all of those hosts and to tell them about the opportunities that we do have at travel Portland, the networking events, and the collateral that we are more than happy to provide for them, access to the website, and as I said, we will create, we are creating a new website to engage those people, so it's really how did they leverage all of the great work that's being Done about the destination, and we do want them at the table, so if there are ideas, that we can incorporate into our marketing, we certainly will find ways to do that.

Fritz: You might consider having two representatives from the community. And sometimes it's lonely being the only voice on a board that is speaking for a particular destination. So, I would suggest, especially given that there are the differences between the single room rentals, whole house rentals and various other things. I would recommend that you do that.

Miller: Okay.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Appreciate it. So that is our invited panel. Karla, we have 36 people signed up, is that correct?

Karla: That's correct.

Wheeler: So, here's the way it works. The microphones move around, this much distance is good, and they are super sensitive microphones, two minutes each, name for the record, we do not need your address. We ask if people have particular disabilities or if they are here with small children, we like to invite those individuals up first. If you could let the council clerk know and we will move, you up in the order. Please do not make me the microphone cop. You will see the yellow light go on, 0 seconds to go, and the red light comes on, and the beeper Starts beeping, when your two minutes is up and please stop. When you get to that point, so I don't have to do it. I don't like playing that role, nobody likes it when I do it so manage it am and so please call the first three, Karla.

Karla: The first three.

Wheeler: Good morning, thank you for being here. You can leave the mics on. Just leave them on.

Bob McCoy: and the city council members, I am bob McCoy. I currently live and have an Airbnb at 11305 southwest 47th avenue. My family lived in Portland for more than 42 years. I retired from the department of environmental quality in northwest region after 32 years of public service. I am now a master recycler and bring those skills to our guests at our str. I care deeply about our neighborhood, and the business community, and know most of my neighbors personally since I walk the rescue dogs. I am an active member in the groups that share the best practices and recently we learned that the city council was evaluating the taxation laws that govern the str, and I've been following the stories and sharing conjecture around proposed changes and was unable to find the official proposal. I know host to host leadership made several requests to get a copy for review, and I was dismayed to learn the auditor's office only released that official proposal for review on Friday, June 8 at 4:00 p.m. I am concerned that the city deemed four days, two business days, adequate time to reach thousands of hosts so they may review and respond prior to the city council hearing. I am a legal, registered host, with an independent business license operating legally in Portland, and I understand short-term rental taxation decisions can impact my business regardless of who is paying for the fees levied. The ordinance recognizes str platform operators as vested parties and neglects to recognize the hundreds of legally operating small business owners registered with the city as str hosts,

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they have a unique voice and perspective not being honored in this process. The city has my contact information to inform me about proposed changes and further the responsibility. I would point to your own language governing the notice. First you provide administrative authority in chapter 6.04.025, which states that before adopting a new rule, the director must hold a public hearing. Prior to the hearing, the director must mail notice of the public hearing to each operator at the last known mailing address provided or go through the city of Portland website. The notice must be mailed, I am out of time, sorry.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Robert Hertert: Good morning mayor wheeler and city council members. Thank you for the opportunity to address you about this Legislation. My wife and I lived in Portland for 42 years. I was the co-founder of the association, and my wife and I held monthly meet-ups four years ago as a way of connecting whether other hosts to share information about improving our hospitality professionalism. I appreciate the city's role in being a leader in short-term legalization, the first to do so in the world and hope you will continue being the leader in governing this hospitality segment. We believe Portland city council got it right, when you legitimized short-term rentals, required primary residency, and arranged for tax collection from platforms, and directed those at the housing fund. We understand that much has changed and believe there is great benefit to the city council updating the short-term rental ordinances. However, a key stakeholder voice is missing from informing the process which is why we recently founded it host to host, it is a nonprofit trade association providing a voice for short-term rental hosts, without corporate interest attached. We have a perspective not yet represented in drafting the new laws governing our hospitality segment. We formed in February 2018 and are now there is a group of 159 members and growing every month. Our members are engaged in their neighborhoods, and business communities, and are keenly Interested in representing Portland to world travelers while being law-abiding citizens. We are here to introduce ourselves that the hope will be recognized as a valuable part of the offerings, and 15 of us will be presenting testimony for your consideration as a representative of the whole group, and we are using yellow ribbons to identify ourselves today and our goal is to provide a narrative that will hopefully encourage you to recognize the value of those of us in this segment. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. We appreciate it. Good morning.

Fritz: If the hosts are watching and would like to get in touch with you how would they get a hold of you?

Hertert: Go to host2host.org or email us. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you sir.

Bovid Boe: Good morning. I am Bovid bo, and I am a host and super host for airbnb. There is a big misconception we take affordable housing off the market, but I would like to explain why that's wrong. Before I became an airbnb host two years ago, I spent five years trying to rent out my spare bedroom as a roommate. College kids don't want some 61-year-old guy as a roommate, that's why they left home. I live in a typical family home, my daughter's old bedroom is directly across the hall from my own room, even at 450 a month, people did not want to have Roommate situations for living space, the small children's bedroom across the hall from where I sleep is just not enough space for a family or even a couple on a permanent basis. But traveling guests on the other hand, they don't mind that their host's bedroom is three steps away, and I still share my kitchen and laundry facilities. Airbnb's weekly suggested rate for my daughter's old bedroom is 26 a night. A \$4 a day tax on \$26, that's 15%. It raises the guest cost on a weekly basis from 182 to 210. For the budget travelers that I cater to, that's a big difference and anyone who thinks that the guests won't notice the \$28 is just misinformed. The economists agree that if I want to maintain occupancy I will have to absorb most of that cost myself and you know, \$28 a week, that's 1456 a year which I really can't afford. I've been laid off of six jobs in the last

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eight years and without airbnb I would be seeking affordable housing for myself. AirbnB is helping thousands of Portlanders like me to monetize our biggest asset and to stay in homes where many of us are a pillar of the community, and airbnB prevents the housing crisis from becoming worse, and it's helping thousands of Portland taxpayers to stay in their homes. Anyway, thank you. [applause]

Wheeler: You have the best line of the day, that's going to be a hard one to top. Commissioner Fish.

Fish: I look forward to hearing all the testimony today as to whether the two proposals that are before council are carefully calibrated. I hope that we don't have 30 odd people testifying about the question that's been settled about the impact on short-term rentals and housing affordability. In study, in city after city, around the country, everyone is free to, to -- folks I've all been rallied to come here and you can all put your thumbs down, the bottom line is that there is, there is significant, there is significant evidence in cities across the country, that by taking, converting long-term rentals to short-term rentals, and the market dynamics of that, adversely affect housing crisis, in the cities across the country. And we're not actually debating that point. Council has already said that those revenues are going to go to the hif. What we are debating today is whether to make a modest increase in two fees. That's the question. If you think that the numbers are wrong, or you have, you have some question about our methodology, that would be helpful to us, but we have settled the question of the impact of short-term rentals on long-term housing affordability. So, I just -- we can have that hearing but I think it's more useful to focus on the matter before us and to give us guidance as to whether we have the right numbers.

Wheeler: I appreciate Your testimony. Thank you for being here. Next three.

Wheeler: Just to be clear I was not disagreeing with my colleague on his point. I appreciate when people come here to testify because I know everybody is busy and has a million other things to do so I wanted to clarify that. Good morning.

Greg Raisman: I am Greg Raisman and I live in southeast Portland. The views I am expressing today are my own personal views that I hope will eventually be shared by my employer, the city of Portland. I love our city and my heartaches for the humanitarian crisis we are experiencing. I am really sad that, you know, we finally have a voice that's being heard and being told, not to use it, and that you don't want to hear our perspective about our industry. I am always supportive of more housing, I believe we need it, and we need more support for service and things that will address it, I am proud my business is contributing to those, to helping with those problems. But I want to say you should not treat me like a multi-national hotel chain. My wife and I couldn't afford the process of becoming a landlord. We made a renovation and chose to do that, so we could finance our investment through hosting people from out of town and sharing the city we love. We are following all the rules. Doing things right and now we're being told where the, we're the bad guy that needs to pay more Because of our negative impacts on things that we're not, we were not going to have a housing unit to, to share, so it's a legitimate point that needs to be heard, and so I want to say that we are excited that commercial operators are going to go away, the way that the home away settlement happened is great that you are going to get the data about who is hosting, which will let you enforce the rules that are good. Thank you for having them. They are going to preserve the fact that my small business and others like mine will have less impact on the housing market. I just ask that treat us fairly. Hear our points. Hear where we are coming from, and, treat us with respect to the fact that you are charging us the same amount that you are charging the Hilton. You are charging us more than the downtown boutique hotel, and I am just a little guy trying to rent my basement. So, thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning. So, we can get through more people if we thumbs up or down. Thank you.

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Lee Lancaster: Good morning mayor and city council members. I am Lee Lancaster, and a 30-year resident of southeast Portland near Hawthorne. For the last 2.5 years it has been, I've been an Airbnb host with our two bedrooms upstairs. I am very proud to refer our guests to our unique local businesses. I believe it helps our community. I am also a member of Host 2 Host, and we would like to ask a delay in these resolutions because of the process. I would like to recommend a more inclusive process that takes our views into consideration. The graphic that you see before you, is from a study, a recent study done by RSA in London. RSA is formerly known as the Royal Society for Arts, Manufacturers and Commerce. And they are well-known, and well-known group that does research on the issues of public policy and issues facing society. This graphic with all of its colors represents their analysis of four different approaches to regulating the sharing economy. They acknowledge that, that this regulation is difficult because of changing business models, because of innovation and technology, and because it is under the radar of traditional approaches. So what the graphic shows is that on the right side, they show two models that have more citizen participation, and on the left, less. The top is more centralized approaches, and the bottom is decentralized. The approach that they recommend is the lower right one. The different colors are the various stakeholders in the economic activity that includes policy-makers, the businesses, or online platforms, and the providers of services, and the users and community activists, as well, we would like to recommend this model. And want to participate in it.

Wheeler: And I appreciate this. Thank you for bringing in. Good morning.

Kim Gordon Lumbo: Good morning mayor and city council members. I am Kim Gordon Lumbo, my husband and I have lived in east Portland for over 35 years. I worked at Oregon Health Sciences University for 14 years, and at the Richmond Clinic, it focused on low income and indigent. As a medical assistant, medical receptionist and pharmacy technician, I know firsthand many of the plights of the homeless as I worked with them and I was homeless myself for four months, many years ago. I also volunteer with Host 2 Host in the Northwest Reiki Association, we hosted for 5.5 years with Airbnb and our, are permitted two rooms. We have hosted visiting loved ones of almost every neighbor on the block. While Portland was -- first slide? While Portland was the first to legalize short-term rentals, each city implements a unique approach to address the needs of their city. Chicago does impose a surcharge on rentals but it's been done in a percentage method. Next slide. Portland host currently paid 13.3 transient lodging tax which includes the state occupancy tax of 1.8%. Adding a 2% tourism district tax brings it to 15.3%. The same as the large hotels. Adding a new \$4 per night tax, or charge, equals 10% for a \$40 per day listing. We are seeking equitable taxation across all accommodations in Portland, and I ask that you delay a vote on ordinances 626 and 627 until the verification process coming out of home away settlements can be in place to inform the rollout of tax changes to short-term rentals. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Wheeler: Good morning.

Robert Jordan: Good morning Mr. Mayor and commissioners. I am Robert Jordan. I lived in Portland since retiring from the U.S. Army in 2003. My wife and I have operated an Airbnb in a room above our attached garage. This is not an ADU, it has no kitchen, so it could not be one converted to a long-term rental. The city of Portland secured a win. We are encouraged to see it passed through online registration system was a key point of the February 21 settlement. And we understand that other platforms will follow suit and we feel the unlicensed commercial short-term rentals that have had the greatest impact on the lieutenant colonel housing pinch will be removed, bringing affordable housing back on the market. In addition, the level of transparency in the data the city will receive should be significant enough to inform meaningful and responsible changes to regulation and

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taxation. To that end we proposed delaying the taxation until it is informed by the data collection to aggregate and clearly create an affordable housing strategy. We believe that it is only reasonable and prudent to base any taxation plan on the real data that will result from the home away settlement verification process, rather than implement any taxes at this time. The slide positive shows the work of Martin Brown, a housing economist based in Portland, who conducted a rigorous statistical analysis on the impact of Airbnb, published in the urban planning magazine in July of 2016. He asserts that str in housing supply has been hampered by lack of data, and there is a lack of data to inform how convertible the str are. And entire home Airbnb in Portland, the study were a small percentage of the housing stock, and even this estimate is too high, since Airbnb's classification scheme at the time forced many hosts to call situations whole house, which were not so. So, to Commissioner Fish's point, I would say that we need real data, which you will get from the home away settlement, and many of the previous studies have been based on partial, selective data that are not very reliable. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Patti DeAngelis: Good morning. I am Patti DeAngelis, I am an adjunct instructor at PCC, a volunteer in various organizations throughout Portland. I've been a host with Airbnb since 2014, retained my super host status since but please note that the room I rent is the same room that I share with my visiting friends and family. Therefore, this room is not available for long-term rental. We encourage the city impact statement 687160 addresses the representation of str in light of the financial contributions that have been made on our behalf. The city fund estimates revenue that we are contributing are between 720 and 840,000 annually. We appreciate the proposal to add str members to the committees and would like to propose equitable percentage of board positions be available to the hosts in addition to the members of platforms such as Airbnb and Home Away. We want to voice of hosts will offer a unique perspective beyond the vested interest. We would like to request metrics be created for reporting back on regular intervals that will share the personal of promise dedicated to the str arena and transparency on the tid funds used to ensure equitable promotion of str. We hope an audit of moneys will be spent to reflect the equity and percentage of promotion. We would like to request that str be represented in all pieces, segments and exclusively occupied by the hotel industry. We know that more than 400,000 Airbnb guests arrived in Portland in 2017, stayed an average of 3.1 nights, spent 201 million economic impact in 2016. 96 percent of the host recommended local businesses to guests in 2016 of the 36 would not travel if Airbnb were not an option

Darlene Curtis: I'm Darlene Curtis and I just wanted to share some of my personal story, in Jan 1929 my grandfather died unexpectedly leaving behind a wife and young children. My mother, at the time, was eight years old, in October of that same year, we all know the stock market crashed. In order to stay in their home, my grandmother remodeled and rented rooms. In the mid 50s, when medical bills became out of hand, and overwhelmed my family's budget for my brother, my parents rented rooms in their home. The home that both my parents stayed in, until they passed. In the spring of 2016, my husband lost his job, when the company he worked for went under. Like my grandmother and parents, we decided we would rent a room in our basement. This saved our home. In Oregon it was a tradition for rooming houses to share rooms on a nightly basis during World War II and during the depression. The majority of our guests, I am a host in the North Tabor area, and the majority of our guests are friends of family and people living nearby who have apartments or small homes. We are not a hotel. We are not an apartment building. For two weeks of the year we are at Nana's house to Zadi who lives down the street, and we are the staging area for flowers for the Mt. Tabor wedding of Uncle Ray's nephew. We are part of Shannon's family reunion. We are Karen and John's grandparents room because they

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wanted a really good bed for Their grandparents on their first visit here. We are the extra room for someone visiting, we want equitable representation. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next three. Good morning.

Deborah Honthaner: Good morning mayor and city council members. I am Deborah Honthaner. I currently live in the Multnomah village.

Saltzman: Your microphone is off.

Honthaner: Talk louder, okay. I currently live in the Multnomah village and lived in my home for 29 years. I have lived in Portland for 37 years. Have actively loved living here. My children were born and raised here. I've been an active member of my community. Volunteering with the friends of Gabriel park, participating in neighborhood association meetings, and working with my neighbors to get up to speed with earthquake preparedness. Most recently I have joined the Multnomah village business association. I am a liaison between them and airbnb. I am here today to share with you how hosting has helped me to stay in my home. I started hosting my guest room in my modest ranch home in 2014. I have never rented without my permit and license. I lost my job as an occupational therapist due to the elimination of my position. I was 58 years old and knew that looking for a new job would be a Challenge. I was considering my options, and the council voted to decide to allow hosting in individual homes. I jumped into it. I am proud to be a super host. Have never lost that status in my over four years of hosting. The income I earn helps me to pay my property tax, high water, and electricity bills, and to take care of the general maintenance. I am a divorced single woman, live alone and without this added income I would need to sell my home. Where would I go? I have begun wondering whether the city really doesn't want me, and people like me to continue to succeed and remain in the city. Why wouldn't the city want to retain the longtime residents? Active in their community? With a lot of years invested and a lot of love, too. I am thankful for the opportunity to earn this income in a way that allows me to remain in my community. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fish: I have a question. And thank you for your thoughtful testimony. What's the average overnight fee that you charge guests?

Honthaner: It ranges from about 48 a night to \$55 a night. And if there is an extra person, it's another \$5 per night.

Fish: Is it your concern that the additional fee that the counselor is considering, that you would not be able to pass that looping to your guests?

Honthaner: No. I believe that it would get passed along to my guests. But I am concerned about the affordability of them choosing to come to an airbnb. So many of the guests that come to airbnbs would not be able to travel without a reduced fee place to stay.

Fish: With respect to the rooms you rent, and I am sure that they are terrific, it would bump up your fees to something like \$50 or \$55 or \$60, is that right?

Honthaner: Yes.

Fish: And can we at least agree that at least with, with respect to what you are offering the public, that's a significant discount from what a typical hotel room would be?

Honthaner: It is. It's the only way that probably a lot of people could travel.

Fish: Thank you.

Ann Kopel: Good morning. I am Anne Kopel, and I am a member of host 2 host. And I want to personally thank Amanda Fritz. I wrote all the council members, and she was the only one that responded and held a conversation with me. I can see that she took my comments to heart because she's represented those to the council. Thank you, Amanda.

Fritz: I have to say I didn't get everybody's because we got over 300 but I appreciate, especially folks like you who took the time to send in your thoughts and thank you.

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Kopel: I list two of the bedrooms in my home in the Sunnyside neighborhood and I am concerned about the impact of the proposed Additional str taxes. I also ask you to consider delaying your vote until you have considered all the voices in this matter. I am 72 years old. My husband and I are fully retired and been living in our home and neighborhood for 31 years. And in 2010, we created an adu in our basement and we use this as a long-term rental. But that income only covers the mortgage and property taxes. The airbnb income is crucial for us to remain in our home. Without that income or even with less of that income we would have to sell and move. We would not rent those bedrooms as long-term rentals not because of convenience but because they won't bring in enough income to maintain an old home. So, we, also, attract budget travelers and to address commissioner Fish's concern, my concern is that the \$4 per night fee is going to bump up our fees, which run around \$55 to \$65, so that they will look for places outside the Portland tax district. And commute that into Portland. We do favor additional taxes, but we ask that the flat fee be changed to a percent fee to have less of an impact on those of us at the low end of the rental market. I just want to say very briefly that my home is more than just a home. You could say well sell it. It's worth more now. Sell it. But this is my community. A study published in -- sorry.

Rachel Harris: You were working on three minutes. That's why it's a little bit short.

Harris: Hi. I'm Rachel Harris. I'm part of host to host and a super host. My husband and I have lived by pccc-sylvania for over 42 years. I worked in social services and public services where I was forced to retire early at 62 because of multiple and serious health conditions. Instead of going on disability, though, we turned our son's room into an Airbnb space. We started the low end about 60, \$65. It helps us meet not only on our limited income, but it helps us do things like we put in solar energy so improvements as we want to age gracefully in our home in our community. We're active in the neighborhood association. We often use all of our neighbors use us for their short term needs for their family members. I'm also a Multnomah county democrat pcp, and a cd5 committee member. And we also hire people to help us because of our limits. We pay a living wage to the people that help us ground keep. So affordable housing is a concern shared by all of us. We want to state that we too are the cross reference of the demographics. 69% of hosts who use airbnb do so to afford staying in their homes. 8% avoided foreclosure and eviction. 12% are over the age of 60. In our neighborhoods they aren't affordable rents anyway, so not only would we not be adding to the problem, people can't rent affordable rents in our areas anyway. We just don't want to be vilified and lumped in to the larger groups that misbehaved.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: Could I just comment on that? I live near pccc sylvania as well. I have been thinking of places like sellwood, Multnomah, vibrant, walkable places. In your particular instance people would look to mountain park or Tigard because it's not that walkable. There's not that much to do in our neighborhood. So, I think for your particular instance that's made me think about what would the impact be on businesses which are actually on the outskirts. Thank you for testifying.

Wheeler: Next three, please.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Shannon Hiller-Webb: Good morning. I'm Shannon hiller webb. I'm really here to say thank you for doing the good work and we really appreciate being able to present and share our thoughts as hosts. I'm here to actually just clarify stuff that got lost in our previous testimony. One of the things that --

Fish: Just little closer to the mike.

Hiller-Webb: One of the things I wanted to make clear, we felt the ordinance had a guide for once it's adopted in how you provide public awareness, they have adequate time to

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respond and if it's in the ordinance we felt like it should have been given the same burden that we had only four days to gather and put this testimony together in an all-volunteer nature. We worked tirelessly to present something to you worth consideration. I just wanted to make that point. Then we would have also had time to seek a little more expert opinion because we really do want to present ourselves as a formal entity that can really inform the good work you're doing. That's pretty much all I needed to clean up so thank you so much.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Debi Hertert: Good morning. I'm debi hertert. We most to Portland in 1976 to start a family. We live in the first house we ever purchased for now over 40 years. As chair of host to host I want to say hosts are proud of Portland being a leader in this industry. And of being the first u.s. City to create legislation around short term rentals. Host to host is also a first in the nation being the first trade association for hosts. Our foundation is built on community, education and advocacy. We really appreciate the time afforded us today to convey our thoughts and have our voices heard. We hope the city recognizes host to host as a committed partner and stakeholder in the city proceeds in addressing affordable housing concerns and legislation around short term rentals. To summarize, our recommendations are, one, postpone the taxation implementation until data is gathered through the new pass-through legislation. Two, move forward with the pass-through registration that will eliminate the unlicensed commercial hosts. Three, involve hosts in discussions of stakeholders in drafting both pass through and taxing legislation. Host to host is committed to be a valuable partner to the city and its host constituents. In the event the taxation ordinance moves forward we hope you will consider the following. One assess taxes equitably and include hotels under 50 rooms in the same tax burden. Two, remove the per day assessment and apply a small increase to tit to all Portland accommodations to help protect the city from drop in revenue that may occur as commercial operators or short term rentals are removed. Three, provide fair representation with travel Portland to include metric driven equitable marketing for short term rentals as well as host representation on the board. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Anne-Marie Claire: I'm ann marie claire. I am a long time 40-year resident. I raised my daughter within the Portland school district and have volunteered on many community activities throughout the years. I'm a retired librarian on fixed income who votes for and pays for taxes to support schools, parks, and affordable housing along with other city, county, and metro services. Each year my property taxes increase while my income does not. I'm already working a part-time minimum wage job to help pay for expenses related to my home. I'm doing all of my yard work except for hiring arborists to prune my five trees which I can no longer do myself. My home was built in 1926, which requires other maintenance and upgrades as well. As a single woman homeowner, I rely on room rental income to cover these expenses and to remain in my home. Since my home has only one bathroom it's difficult to host a long-term rental. However, I welcome hosting travelers for shorter visits and family and visitors as well. My home is in a well-established, safe neighborhood within walking distance of parks, schools and small markets. I keep brochures on hand of local cafes and businesses to promote economic activity in a neighborhood not in a conventional travel corridor. I feel that the council has an opportunity today to gather more complete data before making a ruling on additional taxes for homeowners such as myself. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Karla: The next three.

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Star Erickson: Good morning. Thank you so much for hearing us. I don't have much to add. I just wanted to provide a variety of voice as a stay-at-home mom. Airbnb provides me to stay home with my children and also, we live in an old home in northwest Portland, 1966, and it needs lots of repairs. We're paying 20% of our mortgage cost goes to property taxes and so this \$4 charge is significant to the small nightly fee that we provide for budget travelers. Also want to mention that a lot of our travelers are our neighbors. Sometimes we get guests from northeast Portland who just don't want to travel as far to go to pcc, whether they are working or going to school. Also, neighbors whose homes were flooded. We had people that were living in a car in the wintertime and needed a warm place to stay for a week or something. Please consider that as maybe changing it to a more of a percentage rate as opposed to the \$4 flat rate. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Carol Wiles: Let's see if I can -- hi. I'm carol wiles. I grew up in Portland. I have been a short-term rental host for seven years. I feel like I'm an ambassador for the city that I grew up in. I want to say if you really care about affordable housing please help us stay in our homes. The short-term rental industry is predominantly women run women worked business, 68% of the hosts in Portland are women. And the fastest growing demographic is seniors that need to be able to stay in our homes. Like I said I'm one of those hosts. I provide an affordable place to stay. This tax and fee will do economic damage. It will disproportionately affect people who travel that are low income and on a budget. So, what happens to me, I have already had to drop my price \$10 a night to get any business in the high season in Portland. Adding \$4 a night will begin to make it once again before Airbnb and short-term rentals came along possible for only the affluent to travel. Many people come to Portland because they can find cheap places to stay. They are going to go to Boise if they can't. I'm not trying to avoid paying the tax. I'm trying to bring to light the fact that we already have been paying directly into the affordable housing fund. When I contacted the city two years ago I was told by city staff that over \$2 million a year was going into the affordable housing fund from just Airbnb tax alone at that point in time no other platforms were paying into it. It's now two years later. There's twice as many so I'm assuming that price is up to 4 million a year that I was told was going directly into the affordable housing fund. So please help us stay in our homes.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good morning.

Dennis Frengle: Good morning. I'm Dennis frengle. We have a two-bedroom adu that we rent out. We have done this for eight years. I want to read you something from fortune magazine issue of august 3, 2015, talking about cost of travel and it talks about taxes and it says while this study doesn't chart the rise of taxes over time, it does pinpoint the hot spots for travel taxes in the united states. Topping the list is Portland. The average traveler to the city of roses pays \$22 a day in taxes research found. It's closely followed by Boston, \$19, and Indianapolis, \$18. The lowest areas would be Burbank, California, \$2; orange county, California, \$3; Ontario, California, \$4. About 22 states levy a specific statewide tax on lodging ranging from as low as 3% to as high as 13% of the price of a night's stay at a hotel or motel. This is three years ago. Oregon is now 13.3%. What we're talking about here is raising it up to 15.3% plus the \$4 a night. So that's when the fella said that we're close to the top, we're at the top and we're going to be way over the top and that impacts our guests. With the two-bedroom adu, specifically cater to families that can't afford to go to hotels, and we have seen over the years we have seen when we had to add we two years ago once you legalized adus we immediately became registered, licensed, and started collecting the taxes.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Frengle: What we saw with that 13.3% was the number of families declined that came here. We --

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Wheeler: Sir, I need you to wrap it up.

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

Wheeler: Good morning.

Laura Angyus: Hi. Just me. I'm Laura Angyus. I live in northwest Portland. Nob hill area. I have been a super host for two years now. I'm a member of the organization host to host. The comment earlier about us not -- about the affordable housing being the same, that's not my situation. I'm more like the hotel. I do have the transient people. So, I don't see the comparable. If I had time to prepare and think about it, I might have come up with stats that said how much of Airbnb is actually, you know, transient like you said, where people are looking for a hotel. I never let -- it's my dining room that I turned into an Airbnb. My in-laws had visited, and they had a walker and I thought, I need them to be on the main floor. I turned it into a bedroom and then they left, and I thought, what the heck, I'm an empty nester now, I invite people in our home and I meet every one of them. I talk to them like a concierge would, 15 minutes, 30 minutes. We become friends. I tell them about the businesses. I tell them all the places to go and they go and do what I say. They come back and tell me all about it. They have a great experience. I do compare it to a hotel but it's the true Airbnb thing. We connect. We exchange -- some people are still on my snapchat. We exchange -- we build a friendship. Somebody coming from Argentina tonight. It's really interesting for me and I meet people from all over and I just think the comparison -- I'm not taking short term housing away. I wouldn't offer that room as a long-term thing. Anyway, that's just my situation. Airbnb isn't all encompassing adus.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

Karla: Was there a Tamara kodutz, or Darlene zimbarq?

Wheeler: Good morning.

Rose Bergen: Good morning. I'm rose bergen. I have been super host for about three years. I love it. I have people come from all over the world. Amanda responded to me too. I sent you all emails. So, I agree with everything that everybody said. Portland is at the highest. I don't interfere with long term rentals. I wouldn't do it. The one thing that has not been addressed is homelessness. I dealt with the homeless brother who died on the streets. You know, I think that I would like to just point out that the more I helped my brother, the faster he could use it toward his own demise. The faster he could use it toward his own demise. So sometimes if we become a magnet community because they look for it, they know Salt Lake City is good, san Francisco is good. If we become a magnet community to draw people like that to us, I live in close in northeast. I'm already picking up trash every day. Blankets. Smelly stuff that you wouldn't want to touch. I put it in my trash bags. We're community members. We live in our homes. We care about our neighborhoods. We take care of our neighborhoods. We know the people living next to us, behind us, across from us. We take care of each other. I'm not the only one who does this. Lots of people do this. You don't want to drive us out because we can't afford to stay in our homes by taking away this opportunity of Airbnb. You drive out community members who take care of their communities, who care about people in our community, plus I direct everyone to local businesses just like everybody else, so we contribute a lot to this and to put extra burdens on us is going to drive down maybe even what you get in taxes. So, take a look at that. I agree with holding off on this. Thank you.

Fish: I'm compelled to respond to the comment you made about the fact that when we invest in homeless services we put the welcome mat out. We do --

Bergen: I would love to be on a committee for that.

Fish: Happy to have you. The mayor I'm sure would be very happy to have you. We do an annual street count. We collect data on who is -- we have pretty good data about who is on the sidewalks. We know that most people are experiencing mental health crisis.

Bergen: That's right.

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Fish: Most people are home-grown, not moving here. For as long as we have been doing this work there's been this idea if we invest in solutions we're just putting the welcome mat out. I assure you that's not the case. The data doesn't support that. If it turns out that some homeless people come here because they think we're a compassionate community, they are coming for the same reason a middle-class family comes here because they want to go to good schools or an affluent family wants a nice quality of life. But in the main our data does not support the welcome mat theory.

Bergen: Yeah, I would like to do more research on that. I know that my brother was very aware of communities that were more open to it. I think that's a general rule within the community of homeless people. I think that that does influence it even though the data may not show that.

Fish: I'm sorry about your brother.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here.

Mark Saltveit: I'm mark saltveit. I was born in Portland and I have lived in northwest Portland basically my whole life. In fact, I think my brother john went to high school with mayor wheeler.

Wheeler: Yes, he did.

Saltveit: My wife and I are recent empty nesters and we very much need the money we get from Airbnb to make ends meet because we're basically old school arty low-income Portlanders. Of the kind you don't see much anymore. I'm a free-lance writer and standup comedian. I used to work on Indy films in town. In fact, commissioner Eudaly used to sell my palindrome in her store, reading frenzy. Miriam says hi. My wife worked at the miracle theater here in town for 15 years and is now in graduate school, so that she can teach students about Latin x theater which many don't even know exists. I think there's a misconception that has not been addressed here today. That is the idea that somehow people are like little hoteliers. As you probably know, there is a rule you cannot get a license in Portland unless you live in the house. This is not like other cities and with all due respect, commissioner Fish, that's why your studies don't hold water because in other cities people buy up a bunch of condos and rent them out absentee. We are exactly the kind of people this measure --

Fish: Let's be clear on that. One of the things that makes it difficult for us to quantify our data is 80% of the hosts are not in compliance with city law.

Saltveit: Well, and --

Fish: Let me say that again. 80% of the hosts in the city of Portland have not gone and gotten the requisite license and inspection, the minimum that we require.

Saltveit: Shouldn't our focus then be the city enforcing that? They are stealing our money. Everyone talking to you today.

Fish: 80% includes Airbnb, home away and all the platforms, sir.

Saltveit: Let me offer my services as someone who researches books and is good with databases. I would be happy to help you crack down on unlicensed short-term rental people and I have some specific ideas how to do so.

Eudaly: I actually have the bureau that's responsible for the inspection enforcement. Because the short-term rental platforms have refused to share their host information it's virtually impossible to enforce and it would be incredibly expensive. So, if you're worried about a \$4 a day extra charge now, you need to consider we would need to --

Saltvit: It would be expensive to enforce your rules?

Eudaly: Absolutely. No, it's not ridiculous. How do you think we would prove that -- we don't have the address. We're not provided -- [speaking simultaneously]

Eudaly: I'm not interested in feedback from the audience. That's not how this works. Please be quiet. I'm talking to this gentleman. Soon they will share that information with us

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due to the settlement and enforcement will be a lot easier. But the fact is we do have hundreds of people with illegal short-term rentals on the market across all platforms.

Saltveit: I think you can be rest assured that people who showed up today are the ones who got the licenses and are playing by the rules. I think I speak for all of us saying we would love to see that crackdown. As poor as I am I will volunteer my services. There's a specific database field in the Airbnb. I'm on the inside. I see the other end of the platform. I can tell you the field where you're supposed to put in your city license number. It's as quick as a database search. No enforcement. Bam.

Eudaly: Some very interesting conversations.

Saltveit: If I may, I would like long term the city council to address the issue of the vanishing of sros, which is an underlying factor. I don't know what the new generation will be but there needs to be something and I'm sure it's not tiny houses. If you look at the hotel industry, things like the crystal hotel, eighths society hotel, those are all converted rental apartments that were converted into boutique hotels.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Sounds like commissioner eudaly will pick you up on your offer.

Saltveit: Great.

Wheeler: I want you to know, with the affordable housing levy that the people of the city passed in 2016, that also includes a component of that and part of that is going to be to secure existing sros that are in pretty awful condition and preserving those for the long term which means we'll have to make some investments but you're absolutely right. When we get to the vision that commissioner Fish and others have been talking about around permanent supportive housing that's a critical component of the infrastructure investment. I wanted to acknowledge that you're right.

Saltveit: Thank you for your dialogue. I appreciate that.

Wheeler: Say hi to john for me.

Saltveit: I will.

Wheeler: Next three, please. Good morning.

Beth Fernandez: Good morning. My guests are adventurers, musicians, young elopers, new grandmothers, parents of college students, photographers at weddings, hikers, lovers of beer and weed and food grown in our neighborhoods. My guests can't pay \$250 a night for a hotel. They come here, and they spend their money for \$65 a night on their honeymoon. They come back, they move here. They love our town. They love our neighborhoods. This is a penalization for not having money. The very thing we're against in this town. I hope you will consider that you are actually penalizing people with the least. I don't open my home because I want to. I do it because I have to. I don't think anyone does. So, consider that too. Another penalization for the people in town that have the least. Please consider that. Beth Fernandez.

Sydney Mead: I'm Sydney mead with habitat property management. We're a small local family run firm that helps support short term rentals with housekeeping and reservation services. What I find is that our clients are mainly single women who are using the short-term rentals to supplement their income to age in place. These are expensive times in the city of Portland. A lot of people are struggling to be able to afford to live in this city. One of the things that I'm really challenged with on this particular proposal is really the timing. As you can see the industry has completely shifted from what it was ten years ago. It's great, travel Portland is great. Working with the board and hoteliers to come up with a proposal and not get the contributions from folks that are working in the short-term rental industry with the Airbnb's and home away and all the other home share programs that doesn't work. You need to get their voices in. As you can see it's a completely different type of market and business model than a hotel. I would urge a delay on the vote until you can get those voices into the conversation.

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Fish: I have a quick question. Are your clients exclusively single-family homes and condos?

Mead: No. Most of my clients have adus. You mean do they live in single-family homes? Yes.

Fish: So they are people that have single family homes, they rent out a unit in their home or an accessory dwelling unit?

Mead: Correct.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Good morning. Sorry, you already testified.

Tom Lea: Good morning. I'll start then. I'm tom lee. I came down here as a drop-in mostly just to represent. Some of the decisions that are being made lately by the city council affect me directly and I thought I would come down and introduce myself and kind of explain the type of person that these decisions are affecting. Obviously other people beat me to that. So, I'm small time landlord. I own two low income houses out in forest grove and a very small house in southeast Portland. I'm about to spend my retirement to build a small attachment to my house to I was going to hope to Airbnb. The reason I wanted to come down here is because I felt like I'm being unduly targeted. I grew up in Portland. I went to metropolitan learning center downtown Portland. Low income my whole life. I have lived paycheck to paycheck. As you get older -- I didn't set out to buy these small houses that I own. They just sort of evolved that way. I lived in one, got married, moved out. I was trying to help another person buy a house which is how I ended up with two units in forest grove. I feel like people get to the place where most of the people are here representing simply by living in one place long enough you acquire. I have lived paycheck to paycheck my whole life up until about now when I'm finally doing fairly well but it's because I have three small rentals and about to do an adu. Without that I don't think I would be doing very well. I would still be living paycheck to paycheck. So, the decisions you're making affect people like me who we're not hoteliers. We're not upper income. If I could charge more for rent I would, so when a fee is added it actually does come out of my pocket. It's not something that if I could charge more I would be doing it.

Fish: Can I just ask you about that? The assumption on these additional charges is that there is an ability for a host to pass them on to the guests. So, we're talking I guess, speculating about whether the market will bear that. What I have heard from a number of people is they are charging rates which significantly are below the hotel industry. You're getting the benefit of being in a neighborhood and a home with a caring host at a significant discount. I can tell you that as someone who sometimes travels with my family it's just impossible for us to afford to go to a hotel. So the question is what evidence do you have that the \$4 can't be passed on?

Lea: I don't. A lot of what I'm doing here is learning. For instance, I do have a small rental. I have three. I charge \$795 for a two-bedroom rental. If I could charge 895 I would. If a fee was going to be added on to that it would be coming out of my pocket. The rental market for adus here through Airbnb I can only speak to you as a low-income traveler, I stay at Airbnb's when I travel to Olympia or san Juan islands or something because I can afford \$65 a night, not 150. It's significant.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fish: You're here because you want to see the \$4 dedicated to parks, not housing?

Mary Anne Cassin: You guessed it. Yes. I actually am an Airbnb host myself, have been from the day it was legal. One of the most exciting things I heard was perhaps some renewed commitment to getting compliance. I have certainly noticed I also cater to budget travelers, people that are patients of families at ohsu, et cetera. Business has definitely gone down. I fully support the goals that you're trying to meet. No question. Those are both worthy. But I believe that by lumping the people that are renting out a single bedroom in

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their own house is different than the pearl condos where nobody is there. I think there's a more nuanced discussion that has to take place about who we're targeting and why, and how that aligns with the goals. The second reason I stayed despite everybody else saying the things I would have said has to do with process. If it weren't for host to host I wouldn't have known this was happening today. You obviously have all my contact information. I pay every fee that there is and yet I received no notice that this was happening. I think the process can be improved upon. I'm glad to see host to host is picking up that role of speaking for those of us that are so disparate across the city. Probably hard to target. Those of us who are legal, we're doing it right. We would like everybody to do it right. It's not a level playing field today.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fritz: Name for the record, please.

Cassin: Mary Anne Cassin.

Wheeler: I want to comment on what you said about communication and outreach. There is a broader community conversation that needs to take place about how government and the public communicate. The reality is we communicate through a myriad of means. Of course, we have a free press in this community that also covers these issues. I know there's been discussion, but on almost every issue that comes before this council whether it's large and controversial or whether it's small and somewhat pro forma, we hear this refrain that I just heard about it yesterday because somebody called me, or somebody e-mailed me. For me as the mayor of this community, it's alarming. So, we are going to have to work together as a community to figure out what is the right place. Where is the interface between us and the public? We cannot rely on the media to do this for us. But similarly posting things the way we're legally required to, it doesn't work. We don't have a newspaper of record per se the way it would have been posted in the past. We have lots of different options and outlets. I would be very interested in host to host thoughts and perspectives on how we might improve that process. It comes up a lot. I'll say I don't have the immediate answer, but it is of concern to me and I know it's of interest to all of us here.

Cassin: In this particular case it occurred to me that outreach could have happened because those of us with permits, who there's a database somewhere. You have our names, our contact information. We renew our permits. Specialized case here.

Wheeler: That's fair. I just got back from the u.s. Conference of mayors. This is a conversation we're all having. In an era of lots of information that is highly fragmented how do we actually connect with the public in a meaningful way prior to these things getting to the council chambers. I appreciate your comment. Thank you both. Next three, please.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Deb Grant: Good morning. I also come with a concern about my guests. I feel that it just keeps getting higher and higher.

Fish: What's your name?

Grant: Deb grant. I'm a host in the southeast Portland area. On Belmont. At 13.3% it feels high if you go up to the 15.5% then of course the guests are also everyone knows they are paying like 12% also with the Airbnb fees or vrbo fees. I understand that doesn't need to enter into this conversation, but I mostly came with a couple of big questions. It does feel like the burden seems inordinately landing on lodging. It was very interesting to hear about all the work that's been done with tourism in the city. I'm wondering why the restaurants are not taking on a little bit more of this burden regarding the tourism money. It feels that the guests that I have who are traveling more on a budget, you know, they don't have a ton of money to be going out to restaurants necessarily. But if they had more money they would. I guess I'm trying to understand the restaurants are also benefiting from the tourism being brought into Portland. Are they helping as well to pay for some of the tid. This meeting here has been very helpful for me to understand some more about the fees

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versus the taxes. But to add the \$4 per night and the 2% on top of the 13.3% that we're already looking at, it just feels punitive in a way. A little inordinately put on the lodging industry.

Fish: I very much appreciate you bringing the restaurant industry into the conversation. Israel beyer proposed a while ago as a concept that we add a charge to a cup of coffee as a way of creating additional resources to deal with people on our streets. As you know voters in Oregon have overwhelmingly and repeatedly rejected a sales tax that could be the third leg of the stool that particularly is helpful with visitors because visitors are used to paying a sales tax in many other cities, at the airport or when they are visiting downtown. We don't have either tool. I think it's a very good question, though, to pose what can other entities that benefit from tourism and we heard from jeff earlier that Portland is doing really well on tourism. In fact, one of the things you know from our budget we're seeing year to year record revenues in terms of people coming here. So that's a good thing. People are coming here because we have the world's attention and hopefully they are spending money here. What is the role of the hospitality industry including restaurants and helping address these questions. I think you pose a very important question.

Grant: Leaves out some of the travelers who are really traveling on a budget, I see many of them balking when they see the 13.3% plus other fees. I see when we clean up after they leave, they have been out buying things in the stores. They don't have very many options in southeast Portland on where they can stay. The hotel situation in Portland isn't plentiful. Some of these neighborhoods most of the people I get are there to visit family or explore the Portland neighborhoods. They really do go to the restaurants, the shops, they do all that. I just feel that this is -- it feels so excessive. It's starting to feel punitive landing too much on one entity, not being spread. I have even had to tell guests when they saw some of the fees or taxes, the price added on to the actual nightly I say we don't have sales tax in Portland, you know, that will help. But they are traveling on a budget just trying to make their own food, do what they can, that doesn't make a big difference to them.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: You mentioned 12% Airbnb portion. If that room is listed for \$100 does the guest pay \$112, so they pay the 12 to Airbnb or do you get 88?

Grant: The guest pays 12. If it's 100 they pay the 12. Basically they are paying already about 25% more with every stay. Then also adding a nightly fee, I see more and more guests really just feel like it's really pushing to their limits. I wonder if they are going to have to start to question whether they come to Portland and maybe visit somewhere else. I think we're really pushing a limit here. It's more of a feeling.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Good morning.

Shawn McCloud: Hi. I'm shawn mccloud. I'm a longtime Portland resident, grew up here. Been fortunate enough to live here over 40 years. I have an Airbnb which I rent out of my house. I also have some long-term rentals in northwest Portland. I have been fortunate enough to live in a number of other places for a period of eight years. I moved back to Portland in 1994, and the reason why I moved back to Portland is because I realized just what a great place this is to live. I hear a lot of conversation and justification for the increase of the tax due to affordable housing and the housing crisis that exists in Portland. That is for sure an issue and something that we need to address however I feel it needs to be done in an equitable way. Putting an additional tax on an already transient taxes that is already I think the highest in the country or close to it is an unfair way to do it. The real issue that Portland faces, which is a goods issue, a good problem to have, is that people want to come here. They want to live here. This is a great city. It started in the '70s when we put together the urban growth boundary aid tried to control growth and make this a great place to live. I just feel that the \$4 a night is unfair, unequitable. I would be in opposition to that. The other thing I would like to say I have heard a lot of talk about or a lot

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of facts I guess that have been referenced by commissioner Fish and eudaly. Namely around the research that rentals are impacting affordable housing I would like to ask that that information --

Fish: I never referenced vacation rentals. There's as we know there's different segments of the market. The concern I have if maybe I misspoke is taking long term rentals off the market and converting them to short term rentals. When this council many years ago legalized this practice we actually had a lot of landlords who came forward and said I would be a fool not to convert my long term into short term rentals because I can make a ton more money. That's been acknowledged by the landlord community and well documented in other cities. I don't actually have the same concern, sir --

McCloud: I apologize for saying vacation rentals. [speaking simultaneously]

Fish: Vacation home can choose to rent it or not.

McCloud: I meant to say short term rental. If you could share that data where you're saying that short term rentals are negatively impacting --

Fish: I would be happy to. It's in the "wall street journal," in the Harvard study --

McCloud: There's a number of things that affect housing crisis. Short term rentals are not the only one. The question is what percentage is impacted by short term rentals versus other things.

Fish: If you could leave your email with my office I'll send you the materials that we have.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Wheeler: I will remind people we're not actually taking a vote on this item today. It's a nonemergency ordinance. I want to be very clear about that.

Mary Sipe: Good morning. I like having the last word. I'm Mary Sipe. I want to say I support this. I'll give you a lot of reasons why. We're talking about \$4. We're talking about \$4 that these people, these guests would pay if they were staying in a hotel. I don't see this as being targeted or punitive. What I do see is that we have the opportunity to generate \$1.1 million to help fund affordable housing. As you know from previous testimony I have made in the past I'm a real proponent for affordable housing. I live in affordable housing. The testimony from the lovely lady sitting next to me really struck me. She shared her story about how at age 58 she lost her job and so she and her husband are, or she is now renting out a room in her home. She made the statement if I couldn't do this where would I go? Exactly. I had the exact same experience when I was 58 years old. I lost my job, but I also lost my home. I lost my pension. If it weren't for affordable housing I would be sleeping on the streets. We need to recognize what this is all about. We're talking about \$4. We need affordable housing. When I got into my unit eight years ago, it took me nine months to get in on the waiting list. It now takes people three to four years to get into the housing I'm in on the waiting list. I just want to say I really support this. I want to throw out another thought for people. I keep hearing people expressing concerns about all the homeless sleeping on our streets and the negative impact that it's having on tourism. If we can use this \$1.1 million to house some of the people that have been sleeping on our streets it will have a positive effect on tourism. Think about that. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues, would you like to bring staff up for follow-up questions?

Wheeler: We will get to unreinforced masonry next. We'll probably take a two-minute break after this. We call it compassion break. [laughter]

Fritz: Thank you. Reference was made earlier about there's a requirement in the ordinance when we legalize short term rentals that there would be notice to hosts with any changes. Is that correct?

Lannom: There was a gentleman who testified about the administrative rulemaking process, which I have requirements in terms of public notice that however is not the case with obviously city council action. There's a different track on which that notification takes

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place. In this instance we provided draft ordinances to the platforms themselves approximately three, four weeks ago. We also provided a copy of the ordinances to host leadership on either June 1 or June 4. We're not quite sure when that was. Those were courtesy advance copies of the ordinance.

Fritz: Do we have the capacity to contact hosts who are registered to us?

Lannom: Certainly, yes. We have their names and addresses. The 20% that are registered. The other 80% we don't know who they are.

Fritz: That wasn't considered as doing that?

Lannom: We did a fairly typical outreach for this sort of thing which includes the major stakeholders. There's always an opportunity to do more and we could do that in the future. But that was the process that we used for these ordinances.

Fritz: When you calculated the over all percentages and compared them between small hotels, large hotels, you didn't include the 12% that Airbnb charges or what other platforms charge.

Lannom: No, those are private party transactions. We're not looking at that in terms of the burden. We computed the per-night fee. What many people lose track of is sales taxes. It was mentioned earlier. We don't have a sales tax. In many jurisdictions they do. You may see a hotel-motel tax rate in a different jurisdiction that also has a sales tax applicable. When you do those comparisons it's important to look at the total all in burden that a traveler has to pay, not just one element.

Fritz: I heard from Rose and from Jennifer, comparison with the hotels. The hotels don't have anything similar to the 12% surcharge, do they?

Lannom: I don't -- I don't know.

Williams: I'm not aware of hotels that advertise on online travel platforms that they have an additional fee on top of that. That's not how that model works to my knowledge.

Fritz: In Las Vegas pretty much everybody charges a resort fee that you can't get out of paying.

Fish: There is now a kind of a scam with renting hotel rooms online where I went online the other day to rent a room at the Vagabond Inn in Los Angeles where my daughter and I are going to visit, and it said I couldn't book a room so it routed me to the booking agent that turned out to be a third party. The third party said we have a great deal for you. We'll get you a traffic rate. It was more than the rate I was locking in online. I realized I was paying a fee to a third party that didn't even disclose that it was not the hotel company. There was a third-party provider. I would say you have to be extremely vigilant in getting these rates. These folks are very sophisticated.

Williams: A lot of the platforms not just short-term rental but the hotel like Expedia and all of those, they have an amount for taxes and fees and it's clumped together, not spelled out what's in there. That's going to have both the taxes charged by local or state governments and there could be fees that that platform is doing as well but you just don't have information about what is all in that.

Saltzman: First I want to thank everybody that testified. It's been very informative. I guess I want to ask just a couple -- my issues center on fairness. Keep your answers simple. [laughter] Why are we doing a flat \$4 a night fee and then a 2% tid fee? Why not a percentage for both? Flat fees are regressive. Why don't we just do a percentage for both?

Lannom: Well, so we have an opportunity to do that. I know that there are jurisdictions that are proposing a percentage. There are other jurisdictions that have implemented a per-night fee that Airbnb in particular is collecting. There was a level of prudence in making sure we were proposing something that could be implemented. The other piece there is I think our analysis showed that the \$2, \$4 price point was not material generally not material to a traveler's decision. At \$2 or \$4 someone is not going to change their

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destination from Portland to some other city. The academic literature doesn't support that travelers are making decisions on basis of whether they are paying an extra \$2 or \$4.

Saltzman: We don't know how to do it on a percentage basis? We don't know what's being charged by the host?

Lannom: It can be done on a percentage basis. We could implement it that way. I'm not aware of anything barring that.

Fritz: You told me something with the charter we couldn't do that.

Lannom: It would be a fee, not a tax. That's the reason the tid was set up as 2% many years ago so when we brought proposal to bring these into the structure that's why the 2%. That's existing.

Williams: There's lots of cities that have a model of tracing a per-night fee to fund certain things. There are a number of cities around the country. That was when that was proposed it was just following models other cities have done by doing a per night. But it's not required.

Saltzman: We could do a percentage. It's not because we lack information.

Williams: No.

Saltzman: What hosts are charging. That's what I wanted to clarify. Also, just on equitable basis I can't -- if allowed I would offer an amendment today to include hotels less than 50 rooms in the tourism improvement district. I would make that now.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: And a third from the audience.

Fish: I'm sorry. Questions on the motion or just -- that's an amendment on the table.

Fish: I have some questions much are the current fees and charges that we levy, which are flat fees, and which are percentages? By that you mean transient lodging tax related if you add up what a short-term rental host pays could you just remind us which of those are flat fees and which are percentages?

Lannom: Everything is a percentage --

Fish: Which of those fees are flat and which are percentages.

Lannom: Okay. The only flat fee would be the per-night fee that I'm aware of. What we're proposing to do today. The transient lodging tax, 6% for the city, 5.5 for the county, 1.3 for the state, 13.3 all in. That's all percentages. Those are all transient lodging taxes. Then the only other switch here today would be the inclusion of the tid, which most hotels pay 2%, not a transient lodging tax. That brings the average hotel up to 15.3%. That's what they are paying today. That's what short term rentals -- short term rentals would be at 18.9% all in if the \$4 in the tid were set up in that environment.

Fish: Thank you. We have had some people testify about in essence the thaw breaking because of the outcome of the lawsuit and the charter change on home away. I had the great pleasure of being council sponsor of the ballot measure that changed the charter to clarify that we could collect a certain tax, and I also was involved in guiding the legal team in trying to resolve a host of legal questions which were raised. That went on for years. My recollection, Thomas, is nothing in that litigation prevented anyone else in the industry from following the law.

Lannom: That's right.

Fish: The fact that we're at 80% compliance. I know some gentleman volunteered to help us, it is challenging when the hosts -- excuse me, when the platforms will not give us certain data. As a practical matter, we don't have the staff to go around just trying to do intelligence gathering. We have faced massive -- excuse me, sir. You had your chance. Question have faced massive resistance to our regulations. I'm not saying that to disparage anyone here. Get the sense most of the people here today are licensed, hopefully so. They talked about their business proudly. I hope they have done the right thing in getting a business license and doing the minimum we require around life safety.

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We're still at about 80% noncompliance. Nothing prevented people from complying with the law. The litigation dragged it out and we had ever argument thrown at us, federal preemption, internet safety. Internet this and that. It was a lawyer's protection racket in litigating but ultimately designed to prevent the city from ensuring that a guest was safe. Let me say that again. It was ultimately designed to prevent us from establishing that a guest was safe when they occupied a unit in our city, which I think is unconscionable. Do we know what the average cost of a short-term rental is in the city of Portland?

Lannom: The average cost in terms of dollars per stay? \$111 at our last computation. That's the average.

Fish: How do we know that?

Lannom: That was imputed based on actual admittances from large platforms divided by the nights or units. It is a fairly accurate computation based on real data.

Williams: Based on the data to the best of our knowledge.

Lannom: We have seen some of the larger data scraping websites like Airbnb -- insider currently showing 119. I understand there's been some rebuttal as to the quality of their data, but it does give us some comfort that we're seeing numbers similar to the ones we computed in other places.

Fish: We heard testimony from people today that are renting out rooms in their homes at 50 or \$60. That would be -- that segment of the market is about 50% of the average. Average rate.

Lannom: I don't know what the distribution is. We don't have data on, for example, what the median is so I can't speak to that. It's plausible.

Fish: Thank you very much.

Lannom: I think what I would add, though, there was some -- one of the pieces of data that was presented was a chart that showed kind of the percentage burden on a rental that was \$40 or \$80 a night. While those percentages appear to be roughly correct, it's just important to remember that does not represent what's typically out there. The average is 111. The actual burden is coming in under 20%. Again, there are other jurisdictions that are above that.

Fish: I would like to offer a friendly amendment.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: It seems to me one of the questions that has underlays a lot of the testimony we have had today is what is going to be the impact of this additional fee on the industry and will it have a negative impact on people coming to the city. Will it have a negative impact on some of the small business owners who use this to supplement their income and the like. Other questions were posed. I would like to offer a friendly amendment that Thomas Lannom and his department would report back to us at the end of year one with a report on the amount of money collected, whatever actual evidence and not just anecdotal evidence they have of the impact on the marketplace, and I would hope that in the preparation of a brief report to council that you talk to, for example, the industry reps that were here today so we get a sense. If there's any fine tuning that we need to do to this, it seems to me we should have good data at the ends of year one. You keep waving at us.

Wheeler: I will second that.

****: There's one point that slight misconception. You say 80% of people are not registered but Airbnb still remits all the taxes to the city of Portland even from the 80% not registered.

Fish: We don't know who they are or whether the units are safe.

****: You're getting the money, though.

Fish: At the end of the day I hope you appreciate that if someone were to die visiting our city in an unsafe unit it would be a very dark day for this industry that has fought us tooth

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and nail in terms of giving us the most basic information about the location of these units. I hope you understand what that would mean for our city and god help us if that happens.

Wheeler: Any further questions of staff?

Eudaly: Just some comments. Thank you. I have been up here scribbling notes. I have actually been listening to all the testimony and writing down my thoughts, not writing my memoirs. [laughter] I'll have to wait until I'm out of office to do that. First, I want to thank everyone who testified today. This is it obviously a somewhat heated and emotional conversation. I want to thank Debi. I don't think I got her last name quite right. Hertert. For her thoughtful testimony and reasonable request. I wanted to ask if she would please submit those to my office. I didn't catch everything as it rushed by. I want to thank my chief of staff for meeting with host to host twice although I did not respond to individual emails my staff has been connecting with your advocacy group and relaying your concerns to me. I'm really sorry that you didn't feel adequately informed or engaged in this process. Even if imposing a short-term rental fee is right and reasonably know it doesn't feel good to have something forced on you. I don't know if any of you are business owners and remember the street fee tax debacle. That was an alarming as a small business owner to have the city considering imposing considerable fee on small businesses with really very little input or understanding from those businesses. Although I am an advocate for I want to make it clear that my issue is not with hosts who are in compliance with our rules. I'm sorry that you feel this is punitive. I know there are many scenarios where hosts are renting out rooms that would never have been in our rental inventory. I have many friends, believe it or not, who rent out rooms on short term rentals and there are many, many scenarios where this income is simply helping people stay in their homes. I appreciate that. Our intent is not punitive. It's about capturing dollars from tourism to help offset the impact of the industry over all. There really is no denying that short term rental platforms are part of this crisis that we're facing. They are not all of it. I don't even think they are half of it, but I do think it's significant, reasonable for us as a city to look at how we can offset that. I will say that after listening to all the testimony today I'm not confident that we have hit the right number. I'm interested in the conversation of a percentage versus a flat fee and I really welcome your feedback in the next week or -- when is this coming back?

Wheeler: Next week, I believe.

Eudaly: In the next week. Please do contact my office and everyone's offices. I want to say we also appreciate what legal operators are contributing to our city. We have largely built our brand, the Portland brand, on our arts and culture community and perhaps most notably in recent years our food scene. From one of the reasons so many small, creative, innovative businesses have been able to thrive here was the relative affordability of Portland compared to other west coast cities. That's certainly part of my story. You couldn't survive as a tiny independent bookseller like I did in most major cities. That is no longer the case. We are seeing restaurants -- I won't name names -- renowned restaurants in our cities and retailers who are struggling to staff their businesses because their workers cannot afford to live here. So, when we talk about restaurants -- I don't know, imposing a tax or fee on restaurants I think we have to be really careful with that conversation right around now. I'm very concerned that the things that make Portland such an appealing city and why it's such a popular destination for tourism are going to disappear if we don't get a handle on this housing crisis which we're now in the eighth year of. Just summing everything up, we know that many hosts are relying on short term rental income to stay in their homes. We know around 30% of homeowners in Portland are also cost burdened by housing costs, which is a really alarming statistic. If you add that to the 50% of renters who are cost burdened, that's around 40% of people who live in Portland who are spending more than we generally think they should on housing and that is really spells disaster for our local economy and for our quality of life. I just want to say that I feel like we're all in this

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together. I hope we can return to this conversation with a little more calm and friendliness. I really want to hit the right number for you and for our visitors. But I'm getting thumbs up, which is nice. We got lots of thumbs down today. I don't think we can completely abandon this possible revenue stream. But I'm looking forward to hearing more from you.

Fish: We're about to vote on some amendments then this thing goes to a second hearing next week. If there is an appetite by council to modify the provision to take it from a flat fee to a percentage, that could be raised up until next week. So just so people understand if you're watching at home trying to figure out how this procedural plays out. There was a woman who testified earlier today, I'm trying to see if she's still here, who was hesitant to testify about halfway to the table she said I don't know whether this is a sham, but I guess I'll go ahead and testify. I hope people don't feel these hearings are shams. What I experience as a member of this council is very similar to what happened today. A lot of people came forward with thoughtful testimony. Council had questions and some push-back and some concerns. Mayor made a rather large -- put a large issue on the table about how we confer, consult with people. I get in the mail weekly a notice from the planning and sustainability commission. It's a little folded document that tells me about things going on in my neighborhood. I confess I don't spend as much time reading them as I should. That may not be the best way to communicate with me because I have a 14-year-old at home and a working spouse and we're always sort of running ragged. But technically I'm getting notice but I won't tell you that I always open it and it may freak me out if I actually read it. We're talking about big questions. We're also talking about how we deal with the housing crisis. How do we share the burden? We'll have that conversation later this fall about a metro housing bond but we're having this collectively about how we deal with a situation that everyone in this room agrees is morally unacceptable. If you really want to flip this hearing around to what we all agree on I heard broad agreement that we need to do something. The question is who bears what cost and how fair is that. That's fair. I think it's very important for commissioner Eudaly to point out that this is not intended to be a punitive conversation. Obviously, any new fee or tax can be viewed as punitive by nature, but the question really is what we can all do collectively and individually to address this crisis. I am very proud of the fact that we took 100% of the revenues from short term rentals instead of putting them in the general fund where they could have been spent for any purpose we put them in the housing investment fund. For purposes what we do with tax receipts it's for many of you form over substance, still being spent by government, but we said we would use it for a special purpose, to address the housing crisis, and I hope you share some pride that the revenues from your industry is actually funding that. Now we're talking about whether an additional fee can help us continue to address a very acute problem in our community. I think this has been a very thoughtful conversation. I'm ready to vote on the amendments. I have learned a lot, but I hope that going forward even if you disagree with the outcome when we bring this up for a vote next week, I hope you continue to stay engaged as both mom and pop operators and as industry -- association members, in how we should get it right. Because the thing that's still burns me up and it does not apparently apply to the majority of people here, 80% of the people are not in compliance with the law. It is embarrassing for me to be in government and to have a statistic like that because it says we're being very cavalier with people that are visiting our community and staying in essentially unregulated units. None of us here endorse that I hope. We're doing our level best to fix that, but we have had every legal roadblock thrown in our way. I could spend an afternoon recounting the highlights or lowlights of that. I appreciate this conversation, mayor. It's been very productive. I look forward to voting on the amendments and continuing the conversation with our colleagues between now and next week when this comes back for a vote.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Fritz.

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Fritz: I'm struck by the fact that we did not hear from the platform companies, which is a remarkable change from when we first approved allowing these companies to operate in Portland. I'm very impressed with the testimony on very short notice that we got from the hosts, yourselves, very impressed with host to host. Just in a few months, 159 hosts joining that. Still a dues paying union member and proud survivor of the ohsu strike I know when regular people stick together you can make a difference with large corporations. I would like to ask the sponsors if you would be willing to meet with representatives from host to host over the course of the next week to discuss the concept of changing from a fee to a percentage.

Wheeler: As long as you like early breakfast I'm sure we can fit it in.

Fritz: I'm also struck, we heard from travel Portland. They were willing to have the conversation with small hoteliers about adding the tourist improvement district fee to the hotels less than 50. Commissioner Saltzman and I are proposing to just do that. Would you also please meet with travel Portland and representatives of the small hoteliers so that we can find out is there a particular reason that we should not do that.

Wheeler: Now we're going into late night. [speaking simultaneously]

Fish: I think there's a fair bargain. If commissioner Fritz continues to respond to all the emails individually you and I will have the time to have those two meetings.

Fritz: I'm glad you mentioned that. Airbnb set up a platform where hundreds of people could send us the exact same message. I cannot tell you how discouraging it is as somebody who tries to respond to community members to read the same darn things over and over and over and I can't find the input from people who have taken the time. I was glad I was able to see from rose and Olivia and Ann and others but it's difficult when you're sifting through to see did someone add to the end of that message. In the future, two sentences of your own thoughts are so much more helpful to me than reading the same thing which trust me I could quote it verbatim at this point. That's not a good thing. What I'm interested in to come back by next week is what's fair. What's going to put the hosts at a competitive disadvantage in relation to the hotels in particular? We can't do anything about whether Tigard, lake Oswego and others would up this fee despite the disparaging remarks about my neighborhood it's still a very nice place to be. I hope that particular business will continue, and we need to recognize that there will be some impacts that we need to take into account as we're making these decisions. So, thank you very much to everybody for participating.

Wheeler: I would like to move to the vote. We're way behind schedule. We have had people waiting patiently for other issues. Unless there's just ago burning issue I would like to call the roll on the first amendment that I offered up that clarifies that the funds would go into the housing investment fund if the ordinance itself is adopted. Any further questions on that issue? Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. To be clear that goes to item 626 as I believe all three amendments do.

Saltzman: I think mine is 627, actually.

Wheeler: Includes the boutique hotels. Yes. That's correct. Correct. 627. Please call the roll.

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

Fritz: This does address part of the issue with the disparities in the competitive disadvantage. Thank you for moving that. Aye.

Wheeler: Yes. Aye. The amendment is adopted. Next is commissioner Fish asking the bureau to come back with quality data on the impact of the fee. I assume that is 626. Is that correct? Correct. Please call the roll.

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

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Fritz: Just to be clear there may be a further amendment next week. We're not saying bypassing this on to second reading it will stay exactly the way it is. Thank you again for showing up. Aye.

Wheeler: I have thoroughly enjoyed this session. I wasn't sure where it was going to land. But I appreciated the number of people who showed up. I appreciated the thoroughness of the testimony. I appreciated hearing the personal stories that people brought to the table. I feel like I'm leaving with a deeper understanding of the nuances of an industry that I don't personally participate in at nearly the same degree obviously as you as hosts. I think we raised some good issues here. I appreciate the amendments that I think have strengthened the core ordinances, so I'm just really pleased by this. I feel that the tension and maybe the negativity I sensed earlier, it seems like it's gone. I feel like we're leaving as a community on a positive note. So, this to me is already a very good day. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Colleagues, 626, this is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading as amended. 627, this is also a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It also moves to second reading as amended. Before we take a two-minute break which I desperately need I want to refer item 629 back to the mayor's office. Could you read 629.

Item 629.

Wheeler: Colleagues, and to those watching, I'm referring this back to my office. I want to make sure we honor folks' time and give this the time and attention it deserves, eliminating barriers to housing is critical to increasing opportunity and it's a priority for me and this council. My intention is we will take up this resolution next week when we have more time. That is moved to my office. We will take a two-minute recess and come back and do urms. Thank you, everyone, for your patience.

Wheeler: Karla read 628, please.

Item 628.

Wheeler: I want to start by thanking everybody for their patience and understanding. This is a time certain item that should have happened over almost two hours ago now, and sometimes we just cannot accurately judge how many people are going to want to come and testify on items so thank you very, very much. I personally appreciate your patience. We are here today to again discuss unreinforced masonry building mandatory seismic retrofitting requirements. A little over a month ago we heard what I believed was a very compelling presentation from the bureau of emergency management outlining the seismic risks, and the risks that unreinforced masonry buildings posed. We didn't hear any disagreement on that issue. Everybody in the room started with the baseline that whether we agree or disagree with the policies, we all want to do what is in the best interest of the safety of the community. Where he heard from numerous building owners who discussed concerns, particularly around the financial burden of mandated seismic retrofits. And I have continued to receive testimony both in support of implementing mandatory seismic retrofits and against implementing those mandates. My colleagues and I proposed several amendments, and I hope that we are able to come to a conclusion that will take steps in the right direction that both keeps people safe in the event of an earthquake, but which do not pose an undue financial burden, particularly on small building owners and operators. We will review the resolution and the amendments that were introduced at the previous reading. We will also hear some new amendments that will be proposed today. We will take votes on the previously proposed amendments that have already had testimony at the very end of the meeting, we will then take the votes on the new ones after we have heard public testimony on those new amendments being proposed. To be clear, we are offering oral testimony, but only on new amendments that are proposed today. We have already taken public testimony on the items previously introduced, we will then call for a vote on the resolution. For that I would like to call up, she is already here, Jonna Papaefthimiou, to

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give us a summary of the resolution before the council and run through each amendment once again. I promise you someday your name will roll off my tongue like fine music.

Jonna Papaefthimiou, Bureau of Emergency Management: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. For the record, I am Jonna Papaefthimiou, planning and resilience manager at the bureau of emergency management. I would like to just very briefly review the original urm resolution and walk through the amendments that have already been introduced and where I think that there is consensus. The resolution directs staff to implement the recommendations of the unreinforced masonry building policy committee with respect to mandatory retro fits, that includes strengthening the existing code, to make it more difficult to phase the project in a way in that avoids size application upgrades, to be clear this does not change the standards. But it does also direct staff to write new code to require seismic retrofits. So, it's a critical building like fire stations, of which there are six critical urms in the city, need to achieve immediate occupancy within ten years, so that they could be used immediately after an earthquake as a part of an emergency response. It says schools and public assembly spaces like park community centers which are important during recovery, would be required to achieve a damage control standard, within 20 years, and that means that we could expect to repair and use them again in the weeks to months after an earthquake. Most commercial buildings, this is 85% of urms fall into this category. It would be required to achieve a collapse risk reduction standard. This would, to be clear, not guarantee that they would not collapse. But it would make it much less Likely. It would require the owners to brace the parapet, tie the roof to the walls and strengthen the diaphragm within ten years and for those a little less than half of the buildings that are more than one story tall, tie the walls to the floors. And then finally for those small urm buildings, of which there are 200, the picnic shelters and auto garages, it would require them to brace the parapet within ten years which is complying with the current code. The original resolution also directs staff to come back to council with a suite of financial supports for property owners, including a tax exemption that could offset the cost of the retrofit. A proposal to capitalize and administer the revolving loan fund or something like an interest buy-down program or a grant program. And a program of staff assistance to help urm property owners navigate the financing and the permitting portions of the retrofit process and finally a legislative agenda to support the state tax credits. That promote retrofiting. It directs staff to assess city owned buildings and the steps necessary to retrofit them. And finally, as the staff recommendation, not from the committee, it directs the city staff to develop ordinances that would require placarding of non-residential urm buildings and require urm building owners to disclose to their renters that the building is an unreinforced masonry building.

Saltzman: Define Non-residential.

Papaefthimiou: Yes. The original recommendation is for non-residential only.

Saltzman: Okay. My amendment would include residential.

Papaefthimiou: Absolutely, yeah.

Wheeler: And somebody had asked me last night if I could show what the placarding would look like. It says this is an unreinforced masonry building, they may be unsafe in the event of a major earthquake. I believe you were asked that, I can't remember. I didn't have the exact language.

Papaefthimiou: Great.

Saltzman: Thank you.

Papaefthimiou: So that's the, that's the original resolution. There are amendments am.

Saltzman: I am sorry.

Papaefthimiou: The first amendment shown in the matrix, which I believe commissioners have in front of them, it's labeled Fish 1 and provides additional context in the whereas

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section so it doesn't require additional action but it's shown right here, in your table as Fish 1.

Wheeler: And it's my intention that we're going to vote on these previously discussed items as we come to them. So if there is any further discussion on Fish number 1? Karla, please call the roll.

Karla: Who seconded it?

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

Wheeler: Aye. Maintaining affordable housing is critical, also important that we don't compromise either safety while taking into account the question of affordability, and this does that, so I vote aye. The amendment is adopted.

Papaefthimiou: Great.

Wheeler: And commissioner Fritz, I believe you made changes to your amendment, which is position number two on the matrix.

Fritz: I just refined the language, which I hope is okay with commissioner Eudaly, who seconded it. The office of financing in collaboration with the city budget office will develop a financial plan within a year to bring all city owned class one and two unreinforced masonry buildings into compliance with the adopted mandatory seismic retrofitting standards based on the assess cost to retrofit.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly, are you okay with that? Very good, any further discussion on this item? Please call the roll.

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

Fritz: Many of the class one and two are the ones that the city or public entities own, and these are the ones that we want to stay standing off, so it's essential that the city figures out how to put its own house in order and have community centers and other places that are going to be available after the big one. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted.

Papaefthimiou: So moving to the third Amendment in the matrix, which is proposed by mayor wheeler, if you look at the retrofit requirements, originally, what it does is extend the time line from 10 and 15 to 20 years for all of the upgrades. At least for now it eliminates the requirement for the wall to floor ties, and then it adds a resolution to form another committee.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further discussion? Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: One of the most compelling pieces of testimony that we received is from the Oregon state seismic safety policy advisory commission that chair J. Raskin sent us two letters. And he said I propose that the council pass the class one and two recommendations and delay implementation of class three pending further study. The delay in class 3 implementation will also allow time for the city to reexamine the incentives aspects of the urm seismic upgrades, and there is a real danger in adopting substandard seismic upgrade recommendations for urms since it will foster a false sense of security where building owners and the public believe that these buildings are safer than they are. So my recommendation is that we do the class one and two and go to the committee to do further work on the class 3 and 4. Rather than adopt, saying that we're going to go to adopt it in the next, even with the changed time lines. And not including the floor ties.

Fish: May I be heard on This?

Wheeler: Please, commissioner Fish.

Fish: So, I think that commissioner Fritz, commissioner Fritz raises a concern that I have had notwithstanding the urgent life safety issues here. I feel like with respect to class 3 and 4 buildings, we put the cart before the horse. However, because of the two amendments that the mayor intends to offer, wheeler 2 and 3, which are, which we're going to vote on, I actually think that it has the effect of accomplishing the goal that commissioner Fritz and I share because in effect it defers for one year any code writing, and instead, directs the

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committee to come up with various options for financing any of the potential mandates under consideration, and still leaves it to the council at the end of that one-year period to direct the future action. So because of the mayor's amendments to and three, I'm comfortable supporting wheeler one because we have, he's in effect modifying his proposal.

Wheeler: That's correct, commissioner Fish. These are two items, and the effect of this amendment plus the second amendment that is wheeler 2, that would basically say that there is no mandate until there is the opportunity to actually identify a specific source of funding, and I will explain my last amendment which I am introducing today which we get to that point. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: I believe we need to delete the second, be it further Resolved in wheeler one because it says be it further resolve that the city council directs the staff to develop the code language. And it mandates that the class 3 and 4.

Wheeler: They are developing the code language, but it's my understanding that they will not implement that code language until they come back to the city council.

Papaefthimiou: We couldn't do this.

Fish: The reason that I am prepared to withdraw Fish 2 is that under wheeler 2 and 3 amendments, it requires a working group to come up with viable financing options for class 3 and 4 property owners. And it requires a work session at which council is briefed on those options. And then still requires council affirmative action to move forward with any changes in code. I believe that that is the insurance policy that you and I were seeking when we both identified a concern about putting the cart before the horse.

Fritz: And it still says, except not including wall floor ties, it says that they have 20 years to perform the retrofits. It seems that's putting the cart before the horse, not addressed in the amendments.

Wheeler: Can I get a staff opinion on this, please?

****: Basically, the requirements in the current code, which is the bracing of the parapets.

Wheeler: That's not changing except that we are strengthening the code so it's clear what it means.

The only difference being made is that the current code requires that change be made only when the real roof is done. What this does is mandates it be done within the 20-year time frame.

Wheeler: Correct. So that is the current code?

*****: Yes.

Papaefthimiou: So this -- Sorry, commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: I am trying to pick up here, trying to understand I am concerned but stating that we will not have any strength of the seismic code unless we figure out a way to pay for it. I don't think that that's how you do life safety rules. It's nice but it's not necessary. It's not an obligation of the city to figure out how to pay for something if it is in the realm of life safety, and we have Portland fire and rescue personnel here who can talk about a lot of rules, if we had to figure out a way to pay for them, like checking fire escapes, make sure that they are, they can hold the amount of weight, if we had to pay for that, we probably wouldn't promulgate that rule. Same thing with requiring the smoke detectors and sprinklers in existing nightclubs. So, I am just trying to understand, are we amidst the wheeler one and two amendments? Are we somehow stating that? That we will not promulgate the stricter rules unless we figure out a way to pay for them first? Anybody here?

Wheeler: I will answer that. And again, life safety is critically important, and we are up against a statistical event that will happen at some point in the future of this city. We have heard lots of testimony particularly from small building owners that see a financial hardship, and they would like us to work with them to address that hardship, and that could

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include working together during the next legislative session on specific financial remedies for those small building owners. It will come back to the city council within a year for the recommendations, and the city council as per always reserves the right to act at the time. If they feel the people have blown the conversation off, aren't taking it seriously, haven't found viable solutions or are not seeking them, we always reserve the right to write that code. My thinking around this has been, you know, we all acknowledge the life safety issue. We agree that there is a degree of certainty to this issue. Between now and 12 months from now, statistically, there is no increased risk to this community, but there is a real financial risk to small building owners and operators, and I think that we can be thoughtful about this over the course of the next year, and have them do their work, work collectively with our staff, and work with our legislative leadership and the governor, and come up with a solution not just for Portland's unreinforced masonry but hopefully for the entire state. Unreinforced masonry, and then bring it back to the council. Hopefully there will be some, you know, my expectation is that there will be solid recommendations coming out of that work group, and that we will be able to take action on them at that time.

Saltzman: that's all well and good, I just hope that nothing in here says the council will not move forward unless that's all figured out. Necessarily. They always have the option not to move forward but I don't want it saying language ahead of time that we have to figure out a strategy to pay for it, or we won't do it.

Fish: May I be heard?

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: Because it's a long day and because we have half the clergy and the state of Oregon here we have to, first say amen, can I get the an amen? Thank you very much. And this is a very complicated issue, and there is some new faces here, so, if I could, mayor, at the risk of oversimplifying, just provide a road map. So commissioner Saltzman, who is in charge of the fire bureau, has put down a marker and it is, I think, it's fair to say that he has taken a position on life safety issues that he thinks should be prioritized, that are paramount, and he's also raised the concern that he does not think that we should wait to have all of the ducks lined up in terms of the funding and other details worked out. He thinks it's a compelling public safety issue, and I am not speaking for him but just, And that is consistent with a view he has taken in other debates. So that is, that is one end of the spectrum. And we are going to get a chance to vote on an amendment that commissioner Saltzman has offered which would tighten the timeline for compliance. A couple of us, and that would include, I think it's fair to say me, commissioners Eudaly and Fritz have raised concerns about unintended consequences of putting a mandate on class 3 and 4 buildings, and let's be clear, class one and two buildings, basically have been resolved, those are larger institutional buildings, still a question of how you pay for it. But they have different capacities to pay, school districts have different capacities to pay for upgrades than a mom and pop building owner. So we're talking about class 3 and 4. The three of us have raised concerns just to put it, use the terrible cliché, putting the cart before the horse until we have mechanisms for softening the financial blow, and part of that is guided by what we have seen in Seattle, and the Seattle experiment was experience was until those issues were resolved, the council there did not feel comfortable putting a mandate on. What the mayor has done, is the mayor has had negotiations with a number of concerned parties. In my view he has come in with a workable compromise that I can support, as being one of these folks who is concerned about Mandates because I think that leads to demolitions and to unfavorable transactions in the marketplace. The mayor has come up with a couple of amendments which I think strike a narrow, strike the balance in the middle. And my guess is that we're going to have a couple of contested votes on these amendments because you have got people on the wings, and you have got the mayor trying to center the conversation. That's how I view the package of amendments that are

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left. While commissioner Fritz has identified in wheeler one, potential inconsistency with wheeler two and three, the reason that I can support it, is that the be it further resolved, the second, to strengthen triggers in existing code, that's what we've been talking about. Why has the existing code not gotten us better outcomes. What have property owners been able to do to avoid the obligation when repairing, replacing a roof or something to take care of the seismic upgrade. So I appreciate that. When we begin developing code, I am agnostic on that. As far as I am concerned people can work on code tomorrow, council will not give the green light to implement that code until we have had a work session and a hearing and something else. So I am, I am less concerned about the mechanics of developing the code, and frankly commissioner Fritz, it may be in the process of developing the Code that you and I learn things about what's practical and what is not practical. I view the mayor's amendment 3 and 4 as the 2 and 3 as the insurance policy that I need, that nothing will happen until council has had a full briefing from the committee.

Fritz: That's helpful, and I note for everybody and myself that this is a resolution. It's not binding. It directs what is going to happen over the next year or more, and so with that I am more comfortable with proceeding as just has been outlined.

Wheeler: Very good. I was waiting to see was a reasonable center or was I road kill? So thank you commissioner Fish. I appreciate that.

Fish: Good job finding the center, mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you. So very good. Please call the roll. Wheeler 1. Position 3 on the matrix.

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

Fritz: With the provision that I hope that wheelers 2 and 3 pass, aye.

Wheeler: I should structure these things like this more often. I vote aye.

Fritz: I could reconsider.

Wheeler: Please don't. Number three.

Papaefthimiou: This is the last amendment on the slides, and it adds a resolution to shape the and the and to clarify even though this committee may be formed before the boards and commission Reforms are fully adopted, or fully implemented. We won't move forward until the committee can participate in these.

Wheeler: Very good, that's position 4 on the matrix. Very good. Any further discussion? Please call the roll Karla.

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

Wheeler: Aye. Thank you.

Fish: Mayor, at this point I am formally moving to withdraw Fish 2, which was my amendment that I offered last time, which simply took class 3 and 4 buildings off the table all together. I am doing so in anticipation of an opportunity to vote on wheeler 2 and 3.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Fish, number two, that's position 5 on the matrix is withdrawn without objection. Now we will move onto the next amendment, moved by commissioner Saltzman, and that is position number 6 on the matrix. Is there any further discussion? Item 6?

Saltzman: So my amendment, for those who were not here last time, requires that the wall to floor tie his occur within a 15-year time horizon rather than 20 years, and I realize why I voted for wheeler 1 which states 20 years you know, my heart of hearts wants to support the work of the committee. That we empaneled for a four-year period that looked at this, and this committee had representatives of Apartment owners, and the churches, the clergy. Anyway, so I believe that they spent a long time looking at this. Their recommendation for a 15-year time line on tying the walls to the floors, which is one of the most important measures, ways of preserving a building, and giving people an opportunity to get out, or not have the building necessary collapse around them, is a time line that we should not frankly delay. My problem with 20 years is 20 years is so far over the horizon

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that I don't believe that people take it seriously. And nobody will work on coming up with good options to retrofit their buildings if they are told that it's a 20-year requirement because they are going to say hey, I am going to retire, I will pass this onto my kids, let them deal with it. We are all going to be gone and it's going to be a new council, going to have to wrestle with these issues again, and god help us, there is not a major earthquake that happens in those 20 years. If there is, that will certainly change the debate dramatically, and we would probably pass something overnight, more stringent than what we are considering right now. So, I think that my amendment to accommodate the wall to floor ties within 15 years is a reasonable compromise between where we would be if a tragedy struck today or tomorrow, and where the proposals are right now, which is 20 years, which is too far over the horizon to be taken seriously by anybody who is really in these chambers or following this debate right now. It's just -- it's another issue for another generation. And I would argue we are trying to protect another generation, so I offer my amendment to the required 15 years.

Fish: It has been moved and seconded and I call the amendment.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: This is a resolution directing more work. And so, I am comfortable, I think that we should not do something that does not work. And so, having the water flow connections back on the table, we can discuss the timeline. It does not have to be this. This is a non-binding resolution, what will matter is when the code is adopted so there will be a process that will engage people who feel like they have not been engaged before to discuss whether or not to do this. So, this is not the final decision.

Wheeler: Very good. Call the roll.

Fish: I have great respect for my colleague and his concern for these issues, but I respectfully disagree with this amendment. I vote no.

Saltzman: Aye. **Eudaly:** No. **Fritz:** Aye.

Wheeler: No. Amendment fails. Now we're getting to the new amendments that are being put on the table. Commissioner Saltzman, it's my Understanding that you have a new one that you would like to put on the table, and it is under position 7 on the matrix.

Saltzman: This amendment, thank you mayor. Will require that unreinforced masonry buildings have a placard, and there be a requirement on the owner to notify tenants that this building is as the placard would say, as the mayor just showed, this is an unreinforced masonry building. Unreinforced masonry buildings may be unsafe in the event of a major earthquake. We follow this amendment, developed as closely as possible, following the language that exists in san Francisco. And other California cities, and I think that we toned it down a bit from san Francisco, from what they say, and the reason that I am asking this is that I think that with requirements being out there in the distance, there is a long period. 10, 20 years that we will not have the buildings that are up to the seismic snuff. There is an obligation upon us who lead the city to give tenants the right to know, the tenants the right to make an informed decision about where they live or where they choose to work. This placarding and the tenant notification language does that. And I don't think that -- it's really, who could be against giving more information to the tenants to make informed decisions. I think that's what a lot of this whole economy is based on is making sure that people are Inferred of the decisions they make and have as much information. They have a right to know as much information as possible. We have the information, and we have an obligation to make sure that it's disclosed to people. And it's really, as I like to think about it, with, you know, newer requirements now being probably 20 years away. This is an obligation to our ten-year-olds. This was an obligation to the generation, not at the table in these discussions. These ten-year-olds, 10, 20 years will be living and working, but living in these unreinforced masonry buildings. We have an obligation to act today to do our utmost to make sure that they know of the risks that they are undertaking when they

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choose to rent an apartment in an unreinforced masonry building. So I do think that this is really something that I would hope my colleagues will support, and I do think that it's very important to the health and safety of the Portlanders.

Wheeler: So commissioner Fish has seconded that, this item? And these are new amendments, so we will leave these open until we have heard testimony on these new items. Colleagues as I mentioned previously I have an amendment I would like to move. It's wheeler number 2, which is position 8 on your matrix. What this does is continues the work done on this. The committee process has been a long and thorough one already, And the charge to a new work group that would be created by this amendment is a very simple one. And the goal is to pair any new code requirements that go beyond the current code with financial incentives that are being proposed, and there is a long list of incentives that have been proposed that people could potentially use this as a starting point. And to ensure that the participants are fully engaged and working towards this solution, I propose that this group made up of owners and tenants and others, subject matter experts, will present its findings at a city council work session's six months after the first meeting, after which the council shall hold a hearing to direct any further code development. Commissioner Fish?

Fish: Your amendment, the time says that the work session within one year of the first working group.

*****: I am sorry, I did not update my talking points, thank you for catching that.

Fish: I will second that.

Eudaly: I already did but I don't think anyone heard me.

Wheeler: Give it to commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Yeah. I am not going to introduce a formal amendment, but I want to request that the committee includes people with financing insurance and actuarial experience because while we have done a great job with the technical apples, we have not done a great job with the financial analysis. And I just -- that's what's holding me up on this issue.

Wheeler: I would gladly accept that as a friendly addition to the amendment.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. The more, the merrier, what we want to do here is be thorough.

Eudaly: Hopefully someone can spell actuarial better than I can say it.

Wheeler: It's not easy. I have one additional -- that was seconded. Correct, by commissioner eudaly and Fish, thank you. I have one additional amendment last night I spoke to a number of the pastors who are in this room today. They shared with me concerns that they had expressed about their congregations. They were deeply disheartened because they felt that they had not been fully heard, that they had not been fully included in this process. And I believe that they also made some very good points, which related specifically to nonprofit, religious institutions about how some financing mechanisms are not going to be as appropriate for religious nonprofits, and they did express their strong desire to be actively engaged in this process and work alongside other nonprofits and faith institutions to address the needs that are unique to that sector, and come back to the city council having done work to the city council. I came away from that conversation. At first chagrined. Then highly optimistic about the level of engagement and energy That this group would like to put into this effort. It struck me as rather than creating a decisive outcome today, why don't we take them up on that generous offer that they put on the table to create a group, work hard with our staff, and invite in experts, and meet with others in the state with an interest in this, and let's see if we can build this coalition into something that gives us some powerhouse solutions. Therefore, I propose the additional amendment before you, which is now in position 9 on your matrix. I am proposing this additional working group to address the particular challenge of nonprofits, including religious nonprofits, and allow them extra time to work with us to propose

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recommendations to aid them in achieving retrofits that will keep their congregation safe. I propose they be exempt from other seismic retrofits other than those in the code, until they have worked with the city staff to strategize obtaining incentives particularly to religious, nonprofits. And they have assured me that they will approach this in a highly active and engaged way. And it is in that spirit having been convinced that this is the right path forward that I offer this amendment to my colleagues.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: A motion and second. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Do you need to read the language into the record.

Wheeler: Legal counsel, it's on the matrix. So, do I need to? I am happy to read it in. Be it further resolved the city council directs the city staff to convene a working group comprised of representatives of nonprofits, to develop recommendations for standards, financing options and time lines for a mandatory seismic retrofit program for nonprofits, including but not limited to religious nonprofits and educational nonprofit. Be it further resolved that nonprofit institutions are -- that should be exempt, not accept, typo, from all new mandatory retrofit, you knew that, didn't you? You knew that was there. And all mandatory retrofits until this working group presents recommendations to city council. At which time city council will reconvene to direct further code developments specific to nonprofit institutions. Nonprofit institutions are not exempt from current city code. Do I have a second? Commissioner Fish already seconded it. Great. So -- commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: I want to get an understanding. So, the group will be formed. There will be an effort to find financing. City council will reconvene. And then decide at that time whether further seismic retrofits and then the existing code is necessary for the nonprofits, is that correct.

Wheeler: That's correct.

Saltzman: Okay. Not saying we are exempting them Forever.

Wheeler: No. And through our conversation last night, certainly heard me that the life safety issue is imperative. They persuaded me that we could take this extra time and see if there is not a solution that we have not considered that might be viable. Thank you. Very good. So those are -- are there any other amendments that any of my colleagues would like to offer up at this particular time? Commissioner Fish?

Fish: Is it your intention to see in anyone here today wishes to testify on those three amendments?

Wheeler: Specifically, on the new amendments that are offered today that we have not yet voted on.

Fish: And they have been offered and seconded, so people can read the tea leaves so people are free to testify, but it would be on the amendment.

Wheeler: Yes, and we have had a number of people waiting patiently who would like to do that, so I think that we are ready for our first testifiers. How many do we have signed up?

Karla: We have 17, but I am not sure if they knew that they could sign up to testify. So if you want to testify to the amendments, please come and sign up.

Wheeler: So I am going to have to limit us to two minutes each, and the reason is because we're due back for another city council session at 2:00 p.m. So it's okay if you want to appoint representatives who share your views or stand with them or however you would prefer it but let's limit it to two minutes. Name for the record and we don't need to know your address. Thank you.

Wheeler: Afternoon and thank you for your patience. I appreciate it very much.

Ezell Watson: Thank you very much. I am Ezell Watson, I am a resident of the Parkrose community, in Portland, and I would first like to speak in support of mayor wheeler's amendments. Councilman Saltzman you made a really pungent point that we need to give information, we have an obligation to disclose information to our tenants about safety. I

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took a look at, in support of this amendment, in support of this amendment, I read through the committee's report. The committee's report says that there are, urm building, 44 schools, 38 churches and 248 multi-family structures that impact 7,000 residential units. If we apply about a 1.5 ratio to every residential unit, and we say about 25 people are in the churches and 50 in the schools, and we compare the language in the resolution currently that says at our public testimony meetings we heard from 200 people. That means that we heard from less than 1% of the people that are probably going to be impacted by this policy. I don't think that that is consistent with the bureau of development services mission Statement with respect to equity. It says that the bureau of development services is committed to the elimination of racism and discriminatory practices in our services and our workplace because we understand that the positive value of equitable systems. I notice in the report that the nonprofits and the church buildings impacted and the urms, over half of them serve underserved communities. Historically African American, Chinese, Samoan, and it says Latino but I will say latinex. I support this because I want you guys to have a better commitment to equity, and I appreciate you bringing this amendment forward.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. Good morning sir. Good afternoon.

Dr. Leroy Haynes: To ted wheeler and the distinguished members of the Portland city council, my name is reverend dr. Leroy Haynes. I come to the, to you representing the ministerial alliance, the oldest active alliance of ecumenical churches and the historical Havana community of the north and northeast Portland. To mayor wheeler and the city commissioners, the African American community and the city of Portland is feeling right now like they are under a siege from a long, historical, systematic effort of broken promises, urban renewal, gentrification, educational assault, economic depravity, disproportional stops an arrest, lack of available housing, disproportionate and abuse of black citizens by the Portland police. This says that to help services and incur displacement. And now we were facing an attack on the heart and the soul of our community. Our churches. Our faith houses. And we fully understand the importance of life saving issues of the earthquake proofing. But the lack of communication to churches, in particular, African American churches and others, and the lack of steps to ameliorate the special needs of the institutions is very troublesome. This critical urgent problem has to be resolved. Therefore, thereby the minister alliance the effort of mayor wheeler and the compromise of amendment to take place. Thank you very much, sir.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. Good afternoon, sir.

Pastor Mondaine: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler. And thank you for hosting us here today. I applaud your efforts to come out and speak to us last night. It was most gracious. And my hope is that the other commissioners would have followed suit and found it necessary to speak to our community. Commissioner Saltzman made an excellent point. He indicated as my apparatus fails, never fails. He indicated that the citizens have a right to know that we are Citizens. To be uninformed is to be disarmed. The African American community is usually historically the first to be affected by the community or social ills or etc. and the last to be informed. So, disengage an already marginalized community, brings us to a place of un-comfortability and those places usually foster fear. Fear is something that drives us to places of vivid and wild imagination, things that might or might not come to haunt us or to harm us. As we engage this new amendment as we are appreciative of your kindness, it is our hope that in the future endeavors that the effort to reach our communities, as to sustain good and comfortable relations with you in terms of the trust would be most appreciated and wholeheartedly embraced. Thank you so much.

Fish: Can I off one -- offer one word. I hope that satisfies a bit of the pain that you have expressed in terms of the communication. This hearing began weeks ago, months ago, I lose track. And months ago. And we did hear from a broad range of stakeholders in class 3 and 4 buildings. Including faith communities, including nonprofits, housing providers, and

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the like. We did have an amendment on the table coming in to this hearing, which would have exempted them all together. From any regulations. So, I don't want you to feel like There was no listening. What is happening today is we are bringing the two sides together in my opinion. Informed by the conversation that you had with the mayor when he got off the plane from Boston. And struck an agreement on the second amendment. But we did have a framework that had been introduced and seconded that would have exempted the class 3 and 4 and would have put us back under the code so I don't want it to be quite as despairing, but we can always do a better communication, sir.

Mondaine: Yes. We did read that this amendment, that you speak of, did exist, and that, I don't think is a problematic matter. What is the issue was that we were not involved. Yes.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate you being here. Thank you for your testimony. Next three people.

Dr Hennessee: That was pastor Mondaine who did not tell you his name for the record. The naacp president.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here.

Bishop Marcus Irving: Honorable ted wheeler, and to the host of council members, we certainly indeed appreciate your ear for this afternoon. I am bishop Marcus Irving, Albina christian life center. We are affiliated with the international church of god in Cleveland, Tennessee. The scriptures, therefore said I and the lord places behind the wall and on the higher places. I even set the people after their families, with their Swords, their spears, and their bowls and I looked and rose up and said onto the nobles and to the rumors and to the rest of the people, do not be afraid of them. Remember the lord which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren. Your sons and your daughters and your wives and your houses. Came to pass when our enemies heard that it was known onto us and god had brought their counsel to not that we returned all of us to the wall, everyone onto his own word. And we are here representing those who are on the wall. I was present here on May 9 council meeting, and as I sat and listened to the professionals presenting their findings and results of their studies to give validity to the seismic retrofitting mandate that sits imminent, staring us in the face, and after learning of that meeting just three days prior, I left that meeting feeling devastated, overwhelmed, and violated. I wondered who is this that seeks to do us harm? Who sits in the voting booth, not truly understanding the immense cost and the negative effect of these plans towards our churches and all other businesses and those affected by these plans, but today I am out of time. I would like to think that we are at an impasse, but I feel we're behind the eight ball rather than an impasse, an impasse would mean or suggest that our being here would cause you to rethink the imposition of these plans. Due to the enormous impact of this process. The exploding of our churches and those mom and pop businesses would do immeasurable, irreparable harm and damage to all involved especially the faith community that god has ordained to extend his love to all mankind. You, city council, have a job to do to try and prevent hurt or death in the event of an earthquake or of an earthquake, yes, I kind of lost my place there, too. But we want to say thank you and I will have to send you a copy of my, the rest of my testimony.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate it. Thank you.

Pastor Roy Tate: Good afternoon. Mayor and city commissioners. First, I want to say thank you for showing up last night. You brought us some hope. I want you to know that there were a lot of African American community people that had a short fuse on yesterday, not understanding, not knowing what's going on, and so by you showing up it eased some tension. I want you to know that. It's important for you, the commissioners and the mayor to know that we are concerned about safety. Safety is our number one thing. That's why we preach the gospel. It's about being safe. So, we know about safety. Just like I want to be safe when I come to this building. I want to be safe when I drive on the Hawthorne

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bridge, Fremont bridge, and I want to be sure when I go to the lord center I Want to be safe. It's not that we are not concerned about safety. The concern is that we want to make sure that our places of worship, places that we have put our sweat and tears and people before us have invested, mortgaged their house, put in their offering, that somehow or another, because we cannot afford to have our houses of worship be earthquake proof, that the city ends up taking over our property. That's a major concern. That's a major concern because we are a 501c, we cannot afford to spend thousands of dollars, if we did call a contractor in, where are we going to go to have the services? Where are we going to go, if we go somewhere we need to get a permit, it will cost us money, and where are we going to go? That's not what we want to do. I don't think that the commissioners or even you, mayor, want to go on the record that you were the one who calls, caused an uproar in the African American community and churches.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Tate: The name is Roy Tate, pastor of Christ memorial church. Thank you.

Dr J W Matt Hennessee: Good afternoon mayor and members of the city council, I am j.w. Hennessey, a senior servant of Vancouver avenue first Baptist church and also the chair of ecumenical ministries of Oregon. I come to echo what has already been said by those before plea, and I just would like to underscore just a couple of things. Number one, I really appreciate in fact, the fact that the mayor and Maurice came with us last night, both after a very long flight from Boston and the fact that they came to visit with us means that they have got secured now seats in heaven. What I also, what I also wanted to say is that safety is number one for us, and I pray that you know that that's important. Number two, our concern was really about engagement in the process. We want to be as thoughtful and to be as, have the access to information to help make good decisions for our community and we felt that we did not have that, and we are looking towards this work group to be able to do that. Thirdly I think it's extremely important that you understand that we come not just for ourselves but recognize that there are people who live in buildings in three and four, whatever you call that, three and four, who are voiceless, and we want to be able to do that for them. The fourth is that when it comes to churches, or religious organizations, I should say, particularly in the African American community in Portland, and I am sorry to say this but it's true, our banks are not always what we need them to be. And we suffer when it comes to going to banks, asking for, asking for loans and grants and things of that nature. So we're looking forward to the working group to help us with the state, people like peter Courtney and others, to really Say how do we do this? How do we make our, our places safer, and how do we work with you to continue on this march to make our churches, our houses of worship, seismically consistent. So we thank you. We appreciate you and we support the amendment.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Minister Alonzo Chadwick: Afternoon. Thank you for taking the time mayor and commissioners. Again, I want to echo thank you for showing up last night. It really was awesome that you made that choice to do that. Last night you asked the question, and you said what do we know? And I think that the thing was it's not about what we know, but about what we didn't know. And I think that that's the key element. This narrative has been recycled for generations. It's always been said that we were informed or that we were reached out to, and it has never been the case. If we are not at the table or a part of the committees, we are not informed. And if this has been on the table for four years, and you did not see us here, it's very clear and direct that we are not aware or informed about anything. This has been the story. It has not changed and at this point, we are no longer going to accept the responsibility for you all dropping the ball and expecting us to continue forward because that is the clearest example of white privilege. We are here. We are not going away. And we are not only deserving but we demand to be at the table. In particular,

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when it becomes, when it comes to our communities and when we are being impacted. We deserve a right to know what's going on and to be at the table to speak and to be able to make sure that our voices are heard of the that's all that I have to say.

Wheeler: Appreciate it.

Fritz: Put your name into the record.

Chadwick: Alonzo Chadwick, church.

Tim Evan: Hello, I am Tim even. Hello mayor and commissioners. I understand your amendment has a new committee being formed. I want you to please be sure and double-check that your new committee is made up of affected people, affected owners, affected tenants and affected minorities and also citizens who have no conflict and none of the committee makeup as the last time where everyone was set to profit or to gain in some way, and Mr. Saltzman I really am disappointed you did not know that and you misrepresented that earlier in your comments about the prior committee. They were totally biased, set up by Steve Novak who started this whole thing. He handpicked the people, picked the lady as the chairman that set up the code before. He stacked the deck. He had his sister, or his wife's sister-in-law write an article for "the new yorker" and have it published. And then your bureau of, your emergency management director carmen merlot stated the reason was this, was because of the Article in the new yorker. And here turns out that she was involved in writing it, too. She goes back to new york to talk about what a great article it was. She lied to us on that and also lied to us at the building owner's represented on the prior committee. You probably don't know that either. She told us well, [inaudible] was a representative. He's told us that he was not a representative. He got locked out today because your meeting ran late and you would not let him in the building. Walls to floors mr. Saltzman is not life safety. You should know that as a developer or whatever you are. With no vertical support it's just another place for the building to collapse and pancake. It's kind of stupid to do parapets and the walls if you are not putting vertical supports in there. The cart is before the horse on this project from the beginning when novak started it to now. Even when it got to you we were told by carmen that at the policy commission we would be heard. We have not been heard. You just have been driving this forward just like with this meeting supposed to start at 10:30 and starts at 12:30 and on the may 9 meeting all the false numbers and detailed reports you put in that meeting, all the crap numbers, even you said that they were crap, then you are going forward with this without Pausing to look at what's going on here. You need to stop the rush to resolution and the amendment. You need to listen to your policy. They said no placarding. They also had no consensus whatsoever. The only consensus that they had was on the October 4 meeting where they voted to just go for parapets, but the chairman of the committee threw that vote out and they had five illegal closed meetings that the state meeting laws for public meetings will be a legal option in the future. So ethically, you should look into that.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony, good afternoon sir.

Vik Savara: Good afternoon. I am vik savara. And first of all, I would like to commend all the commissioners. I heard what happened in the morning. I was listening to that, and I commend all of you for keeping your cool. The outburst was horrible. Okay, I am talking about -- I would like to talk about the three or four buildings, and I want to make sure that the working committee, which you have proposed, consists proportionately of the people who are impacted. It does not matter, it does, it is not good to have one person who is a urm building owner to be represented. With 80% of the urm buildings are reinforced, so I hope that the new committee which you formed, which I am very glad you Are doing that because the old committee was horrible. I was there from day one. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Thank you for all being here. Appreciate it.

Wheeler: Good afternoon. Hi there.

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John Hollister: I am John Hollister. First off, I want to check with all of you to see if you had done your homework and read the color of law.

Wheeler: I am like three chapters in, I confess. I am looking for the time.

Hollister: Did you read the tie things?

Wheeler: Nicely annotated and I appreciate that. Including with dots.

Hollister: Good. Good. We got that one done.

Wheeler: Slightly add but impressive.

Eudaly: I am also making my way through it and propose to a room full of big developers in Portland that they read it with me. It's spreading.

Hollister: Good. Good. And it very much addresses the issues that were brought up from people earlier here that talked about being included in these types of proceedings. I have told the, I have told a lot of people to have total trust in you. And people who will be right after me as far as sharing, I have told them to trust you. You have proven to me with you meeting with the people last night that you are a man of integrity and you want to do the Right things. And bottom line, you were handed a mess. And the, and what you are trying to do is to look at all angles of this thing to say hey, what is a path out of this thing to where I can be respectful of safety and respectful of small business owners and all of these various things. So I trust that you will do that. And I trust that the processes will go in that way. The previous commissioners that were, that supported this actually, 1994 actually is when it started. There was a good code but one of the things that Portland seems to have an issue with, that we all know is implementation. So the code was good. So 23 years later we have not implemented it well so we are looking at a lot of things. You talk about the 15-year time frame, so far out, there is 23 that went by that were poorly implemented code. So we are faced right now and we are looking at putting placards on 1600 buildings for people not to go in, and we have these ten-year-old kids that might be living in them some day. But these ten-year-old kids are now going to go home to their house that they live in, that is a urm building because there is over 100,000 single family homes where these ten-year-olds currently live and they will go in their house so it is the -- so we're not really looking at the whole issue. If truly is safety, why aren't single family homes looked it said as well. And the argument was that those Are personal residences. Well, those people are citizens, as well. It's a much, it's a much bigger problem. I would like the amendment that you put in with regard to looking at things with nonprofits and with churches, but those are tremendous size organizations of, where people are going to be, and so the fact that if we have an earthquake in 15 years and we gave them a break and said they don't have to do anything, at least they died with a good cause. And the, the whole thing is the same thing with class 3 and 4. Let's look at these things, and let's look at what happens afterwards. That's where we need to plan, after this happens. Thank you.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Angie Even: Hi, I am Angie Even, and as you know I've been working on this for about 22 months. I have read every document. I have went to every meeting. I have went to hundreds of, talked to hundreds of people, went to community meetings and neighbors and associations and businesses and I have gotten a real pulse of the city. Everyone learns and understands this issue. And understands both sides. One that safety is important, but two putting the onerous of these causes on building owners is going to be devastating to our entire community. This is what I think, this is one of the most consequential decisions the city council has Had to made with land use, gentrification and social issues. I had to write this down because we were not told that we were going to testify so if you could bear with me, I had like to start with the truth. The city failed to notify owners, it has been the owners that, who have notified the owners. We know the mailing list has over 300 addresses invalid because we got your list and those mailings came back. The end of this policy calls for a certified letter. If you are going, once you mandate

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these buildings, the city owns the building owners to receive a certified letter that they own a urm because we did not know that until we found out about that project. No resolution needs to be passed to further study these issues. If the purpose of this vote today to advance the resolution of the proposed mandate, without any provision for feasibility studies, for studies of impacted communities or affordable rents, I will leave that alone. If I could say two more things. Roof retrofits are in the code. And once you take them out of the code and mandate them, even if it's in a time line, you have now created a new, unfunded mandate. If you look at the cost that the cities came up with on May 9, the roof retrofits and the roof replacements are the most expensive parts of this, the phasing. It's front loaded, not funded, and I don't see anywhere where anybody is worrying about that. It is not maintenance but a mandate, once you attach a timeline onto it, and it is an unfunded one. And I will just say this last thing. Unintended consequences are no longer unintended, if you know about them.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Roger Jones: wheeler and city council. I am roger jones. This morning at 8:00 the Hawthorne boulevard business association met to discuss this issue. And other things of very high importance including design guidelines which we are adopting to restructure all of the loss that is we have had with buildings built without, without the kind of context that we love because our main street is a main street. It's a place. We have a sense of place. Today's, today's wheeler 2 amendment side steps a most important issue. That is that after 25 years, of experience, with city code, 2485, we have come to the conclusion as you guys have come to the conclusion, it is not incentivized, and that's why 95% of the buildings are not in compliance with 2485. That's a serious, serious hole in the process. And I hope that in the future it will happen. The other issue that is most, that changes with the amendments are the timelines. The timelines that exist have already since two years ago, 25 months ago, you all, the city, Adopted the reinforced masonry data base. That database has been scraped by the banks. It's been scraped by the insurance companies. It's been scraped and put into the conditions that now of the 40 plus buildings on Hawthorne, they can't get a loan. They cannot get a loan, and they cannot affect these safety issues that we would like to be able to do. We are all about safety, trying to help. Please keep those two items, and if you can, take that thing down. Take that defective urm database down until we get it right. It's wrong. It's got a lot of problems.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Kathy Rogers: I will be briefer since I am the only one standing here between the vote. First, I would like to thank you for, I believe you guys have really considered the proposal given to you. I think the proposal from the committee had a lot of holes and the work is not complete, so I appreciate you stepping back and taking time to look at it. Specifically, I would like to address the three new amendments because my understanding is that's what the testimony is supposed to be on. First of all on the Saltzman regarding the placarding and the ten assistant notification, was had that Fish? Saltzman, too, okay. Sorry. I believe that needs to be discussed with any new Committees that you are putting together. I think that the placarding has the potential unintended consequences, primarily for the small businesses. So, I think that I believe that needs further discussion. I support wheeler 2 and wheeler 3, and I think that as you have seen here today from a lot of new people that are here and what you heard before, is that a lot of key stakeholders, building owners, tenants, business owners, nonprofits, religious organizations, strongly feel that they have not been part of the solution. I would encourage involving that community. I think that we have got great ideas and hopefully we can come up with something. I support tying any new requirements to some level of funding so that we can actually pay for this. I am not sure if I said my name, Cathy rogers and would love to be involved in those committees moving forward. Thank you.

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Wheeler: We would love to have and you Elizabeth will snag you on the way out. Okay. So, thank you everybody. Excellent testimony. Again, thank you for your patience. That concludes our hearing on these amendments. I would like to close the written record at this time. Are there any further discussions on the new amendments before we take our votes? Very good. Karla could you please call the Roll on Saltzman amendment number two please?

Fish: This amendment, this amendment directs city staff to develop a placarding ordinance and to return to council within three months for review and adoption. If we don't get it right, I know that we will hear from the community and we will get it right. So I think that this is a reasonable measure. I vote aye.

Saltzman: I do think that as I said, my remarks when I offered this amendment, this is a fundamental right to know the tenants deserve. And we have that information. It's incumbent upon us to make sure that our public has that information, too, so that they can make informed decisions. Informed decisions by informed citizens are the best thing that we can be doing in the city. There is no need for committee a placard language to death, that's why we stole san Francisco's language by and large. I am sure that they had a great process, they probably spent a lot of time on it, and let's take advantage of the work they put into it by saying this is the placard language, the size of the placard and the font and where it needs to be. So I am hopeful that we will adopt that ordinance three months from now and have it in effect by march 1, 2019. Aye.

Eudaly: I want to thank you commissioner Saltzman for bringing this forward. If you had not, I would have. This entire conversation is complex and thorny, but this is the clearest issue for me, every tenant and occupant have a right it make an informed decision as to whether they want to live in a urm and denying that information to them is not reasonable. So thank you as a renter and thank you on behalf of the renters living in the urms. Aye.

Fritz: Thank you for this discussion. Thank you to everybody who is here today. This is like the others, directs the staff to come back with an ordinance. So this is directing further work. I believe that everybody who goes into a building should know, if it's only in the tenants agreement, they are not going to know, so the mayor pointed out the university club, six, has had one of these placards, I've been in the building multiple times, had not noticed the placard. Yet it is important for the people to make informed decisions about whether or not they want to go into these buildings. And so I support developing the language. I know that we will hear more at the hearing to consider whether to adopt the ordinance. Aye.

Wheeler: I strongly support this amendment. I am appreciative of commissioner Saltzman bring it forward and doing the research in terms of what is being done in other municipalities. And yes, commissioner Fritz just pointed out one of my favorite urms in Portland is the university club. Every time I walk by it I am very, very impressed by it, and no, I don't think that they would want to have me as a member probably. But I love the building. And there is a couple of placards on the outside and one day I thought maybe it tells me something about the history of the building or the architecture or something else, and I went up and looked at it, and it's actually a notification to their membership and to their guests. It is an unreinforced masonry building. And has not been seismically upgraded, and they did that as a courtesy to their members and guests many years ago as I understand it. It has done nothing by way of dissuading people from being there but is additional information that, as other commissioners have noted, I believe that people have is a right to know. So I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Thank you, commissioner Saltzman. Could you Karla please call the roll on wheeler number 2.

Fish: I want to spend part of my remarks lavishing praise on the mayor for this one but since he's already learned today that a place in heaven has been secured, because of his third amendment, I think that modesty requires I tone down my remarks because we have

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to work with this guy going forward. I just want to acknowledge the work of Jamie Dunphy on my team who worked very effectively with your team, Kristen, there were a number of people but I want to just thank you for that, and in wordsmithing Wheeler number two. I think that this is a good compliance. It's the basis upon which I would, I went through my amendment and I think it gives us breathing room to see whether we can address the problem that I have identified for some time, which is the cart before the horse. I also have a couple of recommendations for committee members that we will share with both you mayor and the commissioner in charge of the bureau of development services. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye.

Eudaly: Thank you mayor for incorporating my request that we make sure that financial experts are included on this committee. Aye.

Fritz: This amendment is why I am going to be able to support the overall policy because otherwise I was going to vote no. I don't think that we should be moving on class 3 and 4 without the financing mechanism. I respectfully disagree with commissioner Saltzman that we heard testimony from lots and lots of individuals at the previous hearing and again today that we have to have the financing options and get to the nonprofits in the next amendment. I want to stress the urgency of finding the financing. That to me is going to be whether or not I am going to be able to support this coming back. So we have had a lot of discussion about what should be, the regulations be. We still have things to discuss on that. What we have to do is to look at how are we going to help people pay for them. And it is people who are going to pay for them. And I do think that part of what needs to be done is to update the historic resources inventory. Many buildings that we should be preserving as a public benefit, and it should be public investments in helping to preserve those. There is others that frankly might be better, demolish and had something else built instead that would be safer, more habitable and having inclusionary housing, and I think that has to be part of the discussion, too. I know that's not part of this vote but I know that the mayor shares the concern of updating the historic resources inventory and I think that that should be part of the solution. Let's figure out which are the special buildings and how to pay for them. So thank you mayor and to commissioner Fish also who has worked on this amendment. And particularly to Clare Adamsick on my staff who has followed this intensively, aye.

Wheeler: This amendment really was shaped by many, many people. In particular the majority of my colleagues on this council have worked with me to help shape it. I am appreciative it is a group effort and I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Karla could you please call the roll on Wheeler number 3.

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

Fritz: I am really sorry, that I didn't reach out to you before. I should have realized why the churches and the other nonprofits are not here at the last hearing. Earlier today we had -- we were commending the mayor for the exclusivity of his staff, and the fact that there wasn't specific outreach is a failing on behalf of the entire council. And I am sorry. I appreciate the applause, but I don't deserve that. I should have, I should have thought, and I appreciate that you are here. That you stayed long after the appointed time to make your points, to have your voices heard and correcting a problem in this entire process. So, we have made progress on equity and on the way, we think about things. This speaks to me that we have evidently not made nearly enough progress. I am committed to making sure that we are thinking about why the hosts are only finding out about Airbnb at the last minute. Why are religious institutions that our community centers, that are important to our community to especially to folks in the African American community. How should we have intentionally involved you and how can we do better in the future, and I will do my best to try. Aye.

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Wheeler: I vote aye. [gavel pounded] the amendment is adopted. Is there any further discussion on the resolution as amended? Karla please call the roll.

Fish: A lot of hard work went into this now amended resolution. I think that it strikes the right balance. Earlier on I kind of identify what I thought were the wings of the debate and the center of the debate. We do our best work, and sometimes between the 40-yard line and we certainly do our best work when we listen to all our stakeholders, so I appreciate the hearing and all the staff work that's gone onto this and I think that this has been quite a, both a collaborative process and also been a learning experience. Aye.

Saltzman: I appreciate the work that has gone into this, all the participation we have had. I will support the resolution but I want to say once again my misgiving. I fundamentally think that we are allowing too much time to make the changes that will save lives in a major seismic event. It's postponing the day of reckoning for two reasons. One first we going to do the committee process again and I am not sure the committee is going to achieve any more consensus than the last one achieved. Judging by the first hearing that we had. And secondly, I don't believe Implementation of life safety standards will be subject, absolutely, to the ability to pay for it. That's not government's role. Our role is to make sure that our citizens are safe, our residents are safe. And so I fundamentally disagree with that principal. I don't think that that's what the mayor or anybody of my colleagues are really intending, but I think that that's the bottom line where we are going to end up. We will convene a new committee, take another run at the legislature and we won't necessarily come up with any more resources. Then what? So we are going to turn a blind eye to the major seismic threats that face this area? I know that as I said earlier a day after a major event happens you won't have a committee. You won't have time for public comment because we will be here adopting ordinances -- I won't but adopting ordinances right and left in light of the tragedy because none of us will stand up in front of a destroyed building and say well, we need a committee. We don't have a way to pay for it and we need more time. We will be doing those things lightning speed. So I hope those who participate in this committee, participate with the knowledge that you have got to figure something out. I hope our legislature, city council, federal government will step up with the resources to do it. If they don't, it's our job to Make sure that life and lives are saved. I will support this and appreciate the support from the building placarding and tenant notification, but I do worry that we are not being aggressive enough. Aye.

Eudaly: First I want to thank everyone for being here today for sharing your candid and deservedly harsh words. As was mentioned, this process was initiated by a previous council and led by them. I want to point out that bds provided the structural expertise and think, and thank staff members for that. But I can't not mention how disappointed that I am by the lack of the public engagement in this process. Especially with the nonprofits who stand to bear extraordinary financial hardship. We question the lack of financial analysis around you and the last year. Unfortunately, our inquiries went largely unanswered. So I share your frustrations and certainly your concerns. But like commissioner Fritz, I feel that I should have known better. And I want to thank you for coming and pointing out the failure to us, and I hope that moving forward we are all committed to doing a better job around the public engagement. We certainly should not be creating more hardship to the African American community, and so I am going particularly interested in coming up with solutions for churches and nonprofits. And now to my planned remarks, this is the really thorny issue. We cannot do nothing. We cannot keep kicking it down the road. It is one thing to make a decision for yourself or your individual family, another thing to be responsible for dozens or hundreds of people who are inside your building, and yet another thing for council as a body to be responsible for over 600,000 people in the city. It's -- this is probably one of the hardest conversations we have had since I've been in office. I remain hopeful we can come to an amicable agreement sooner than later that is going to protect

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laves of our residents as well as keep our streets clear in order for emergency vehicles to get through the city and make it to people who desperately need their help. As I said before, I don't think this issue needs more technical analysis, it needs financial analysis. And I want to thank the mayor for agreeing with me on that. If we get the financing tools right, we can come together to address this problem. My sense is they have a property tax credit which isn't going to help for concerns. We've mostly heard from private owners. That could help owners get a down payment on getting the work done to add to our existing property fit loan product and property tax abatement. While I'm going to vote yes on this item today, I want to be clear that I will not support it going forward, any new requirements going forward until we know how everyone is going to afford the retro fits. And the questions that remain for me are how many city-owned buildings will be subject to the new policy? How much do we believe it will cost to bring them into compliance? Do we have a time line and financing strategy to make up grades required by the new policy? And how many faith-based buildings will be affected and whether they are technical or financial supports available to this group of owners beyond property fit. I'd love to have a rubric and identify compliance cost associated with each class as well as available tools to assist each class of owners come into compliance. Some people are going to have it easier than others. And we need to sort those out. I'm hungry and tired and I can't believe I just got through all that. I'm starting -- my vision is starting to blur. I vote aye.

Karla: Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. Appreciate everything you just said and conquer with it all. I want to start by thanking jonna papefthimiou, which I can say because I've been practicing. And sticking to it. I know this takes us one step further forward. It does not take us to mandates that's without the financing options. And so, I appreciate it. Also continue to move things forward. So, this does move things forward. And no mayor I've worked with so far has really been able to move things forward. So, thank you for that. It has been building for a very long time and we do need to continue working on it together. I have heard from all of us. We care about safety. We care about our own safety and people coming into the buildings that we frequent. So we've got to be able to figure out how to fix them. I have said all along I would not support something that requires private property owners to do what the city will not do for itself. The city is in the same position as the non-profits and the churches. Property tax measures are not going to help us. A lot at the proposed financing. So, I appreciate welcome to council with a plan for financing the city-owned class one and class two within a year. I will reflect that I asked for 500,000 dollars from the budget that just passed to start looking at how much is it going to cost to fix up the park's buildings. And it was only funded a level of 350,000. And that doesn't do very much of an assessment of all of the buildings. And so, I respect, commissioner, you are not going to be here when we are having that report and figuring out oh, my goodness this is going to make fixing sidewalks and fixing the ada ramps pay insignificant because we do need our community centers to be up and running when the big one hits. And so, I stress the urgency for these ongoing committees. How are we going to pay for it needs to be just as much front and center as what should it be? And so I thank everybody for all of us working together to move it forward. And, again, thanks to everybody who has contributed in big or small ways. This is going to make a difference. We just have to keep working at it. Aye.

Karla: Wheeler.

Wheeler: First of all, I'd like to thank everybody who testified over a period of several meetings. We are moving forward, and we are moving forward very deliberately. I'd like to be able to blame the geologists for this. It was great when we just had old buildings and lived in the bliss with a lack of knowledge. We know we are in a seismic zone and big seismic events don't happen frequently. It's undeniable that they do happen. And there are

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models that show within our lifetime. Maybe not my lifetime but my daughter's lifetime one of those seismic events could happen here. We have been forewarned. What commissioner Saltzman said around life safety rings true with me. I want to be very clear about that. I heard a number of people who testified today that said the same thing. The life safety imperative rings true. That being said, we're moving forward on tier 1. We're moving forward on tier 2. We are strengthening the existing code which was somewhat vague and nebulous around parapets, chimneys and cornices and the like. I think we make the right decision to pass the amendments that give us further consideration around financial incentives matched to increase seismic retro fit mandates. The amount of time that we're asking for is a year. In the scheme of things, I don't think is too big of a sacrifice. These buildings have been around some of them for over 100 years and waiting one more year to make sure we've covered the issues, that we have informed the community that we have brought the community along around pragmatic solutions to this. It is worth the very miniscule risk that by delaying this for one year we will actually put people in life safety danger is a very small statistical possibility. Although, it is a real possibility. And I just want to address that. I want to thank Elizabeth Perez, from my office. She is somebody who was brought into the city as a Hatfield fellow. She excelled immediately in our office and rather than having her do something that might have been easier, we immediately put her on this. And I believe my last words were good luck. And she's done a really excellent job. I want to thank her for working with me through a fluid process. The Portland bureau of emergency management did a terrific job being responsive to this issue. I want to thank former director Karmen merlot. They worked tirelessly on this issue with their team of the I want to thank the bureau development services, emit kumar. Prosper Portland, shelly hack, members of the technical committee who gave a tremendous amount of their time and energy to this issue. And informed this issue in such an important way. I want to thank each and every one of them personally for their contribution to this effort. Members of the policy committee. Committee chair Margaret Mahoney who did a fantastic job of keeping all the ducks in a row. And I want to thank everybody who testified. You've been vital to the process. As many people have noted, this is an incredibly difficult thorny issue with real tradeoffs. But we have moved forward anyway. And as I feel at the end of every Wednesday, I feel proud to be the mayor of this committee. We will have much work ahead. But we're going to do it together. And that makes me very hopeful for the future. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted as amended. Each of your offices have been pulled. We will adjourn until 2:30 p.m. We will take up the remainder of this agenda. Mostly second readings in the afternoon. And then we'll get to our afternoon agenda starting at 2:30. We are adjourned.

Recessed at 2:10 p.m.

Wheeler: So my recommendation, commissioner Fish, a lot of what is left, we have a number of items left over from this morning's agenda. I recommend we dispose of those first. We have quite a few second readings we can get rid of. You've got two items. And we have procurement reports, we have an appointment. We have a fourth's agenda item and we have the afternoon session items. We have the parking management plan. We have a time certain at 2:45. I think we can read those two items together.

Fish: So looks like I have an early absence. As long as we have all the emergency and second reading stuff done by, I think, 4:00, I don't think I'll be inconveniencing the council.

Wheeler: Very good. We're back in session. It is June 13th. This is the afternoon session for those of you watching on tv. We are behind schedule today. And we're going to play a little bit of catch up and hopefully folks will be brief in their presentations in their remarks. But not too brief. Call the roll. [roll call]

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

Wheeler: I'm going to skip the introductory comments.

*****: I assume they were read this morning?

Wheeler: They were read this morning. Item 640.

Item 640.

Moynahan: Amend the building demolition code to simplify definitions, revise dust/site control and demolition delay provisions and make technical amendments.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: Staff recommended changes to the building demolition code in January 2017. Since then the council adopted an ordinance adding dust and site control requirements to the demolition code implemented by July 1st. This includes the changes bds staff proposed along with two amendments. The changes are amend the definitions of demolition, major addition and major alteration to be clear and easier to apply. Require suppression from major alterations that use mechanical equipment to demolish parts of the structure. Clarify points related to existing demolition delay appeal hearings. Expand the types of certifications for on-site personnel. Remove the exception to the inspection for accessory structures and make other minor technical changes to the demolition code. I would now like to introduce Nancy from bds to give more information and answer any questions from council.

Wheeler: Great. Thank you. Good afternoon.

Nancy Thorington, Bureau of Development Services: Good afternoon. I hope you got some food. I can see you chewing. Good. Commissioner Eudaly basically summed up what's in this ordinance. It's mainly clean up-type of ordinance. Changing the definitions of demolition, major alteration, major addition based on the discussions that we had last year. Make them cleaner and easier to apply. We also -- as we've been getting ready to implement the dust and site control measures, we found some things that we wanted to tweak a little bit. First was adding back in making sure that the demolition inspection is mandatory. We had carved out an exception for the small thing. As we got into the process, we realized we could use existing programming and that we could do all of those inspections without exception. And also, as we got into doing the administrative rules, it became clear that we were requiring somebody on site for the asbestos to oversee in case there's asbestos found. We had limited it to an inspection. Very specific certification and discovered there are a couple others to be used. Based on the input from the community and to add and instead of having to have somebody on site the whole time, doing what they call destructive asbestos testing as an alternative. And technical changes. So that's essentially it. If you have any questions, I'll be glad to --

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: I have a question about the definition of demolition to removing all exterior walls above the foundation. I know this has been a gnarly issue we've struggled with over the years. What's to stop a developer from keeping a very small portion of the wall and calling it not a demolition.

Thorington: That they can do right now. So that's not changing that piece. So what we did was to add in the requirement. Basically, there are two issues if you divide it. There's the dust control. So to address that issue, any time during a major alteration. They have to use the dust control measures. So that gets the dust control. What it doesn't get at is the character of the neighborhood. In discussions with the mayor's and commissioners office and our director, we want to take a look at that piece separately. It's not really a fire life safety issue. It's more of a character of the neighborhood. So that may be something we want to look at.

Fritz: Is that currently happening?

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Thorington: To my knowledge, it is. But we will definitely be following up. If it's not, we'll look at another way to address it.

Fritz: Yeah, I would like to put this to bed once and for all.

Wheeler: Did you have a question? Public testimony.

Sue: Two people signed up. Perry cabet and terry parker.

Wheeler: I see mr. Parker. Thank you for your patience, as always.

Terry Parker: Thank you. I wasn't here the full time. I wasn't going to testify on this until I saw it out there. My comments are really brief. Currently, there's a lack of oversight. Developers are having contractors file for demolition permits before filing for ownership of the property. That creates a problem for people trying to save a house or a structure in their neighborhood. The oversight needs to be approved and makes me nervous about the oversight for the new program. Finally, deconstruction is probably better than demolition. And it would be better if we could extend beyond 1917 homes. I'll end there. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, sir. Please call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: Aye **Saltzman:** Aye **Eudaly:** Aye **Fritz:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye

Eudaly: Thank you for being here, Nancy.

Fritz: Thanks for your on-going work.

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. Next item 641. Second reading.

Item 641.

Wheeler: This one has already been read into the record. There's been a presentation. We've taken public testimony. Any further discussion? Please call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: Thanks to metro for supporting what is known in east Portland as the hidden little gem of that community and leach is a fantastic amenity in our city and this combined with the investment commissioner Fritz has overseen means they are one step closer to realizing great vision. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye **Eudaly:** Aye

Fritz: Thanks for your on-going partnership and support. Aye.

Wheeler: Excellent work. Thank you. Aye.

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. Next item, let's get rid of some of these. Please read 644.

Item 644.

Wheeler: Call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: Aye **Saltzman:** Aye **Eudaly:** Aye **Fritz:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. 645. Second reading.

Item 645.

Wheeler: Please call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: Aye **Saltzman:** Aye **Eudaly:** Aye **Fritz:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye

Wheeler: Ordinance is adopted. 646. Second reading.

Item 646.

Fish: Aye **Saltzman:** Aye **Eudaly:** Aye **Fritz:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye

Wheeler: Ordinance is adopted. 650. Second reading.

Item 650.

Wheeler: Call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: I'm very pleased that the council is fulfilling a commitment that three of us made many years ago to bump the business owner's compensation deduction to \$125,000 which is great news for our smaller neighborhood small businesses. And I'm grateful we have this additional revenue source that was able to allow us to reach consensus on a new budget. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye **Eudaly:** Aye

Fritz: Since 2008 when I was elected to council, I supported increasing the compensation deduction. I have consistently supported this increase but -- 90,500 in 2012 and 100,000 in

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2013. Most of those years have been cut budgets and it was not feasible at the same time we were making painful cuts. This year with the increase in the business license fee, we are finally able to increase the deduction to \$125,000. As I mentioned in my vote to approve the budget, I am also interested in increasing the exemption from the current 50,000 to 100,000. Hopefully, it won't take another ten years to accomplish this which will benefit the smallest of small businesses in Portland. Thanks to the mayor for your leadership on this. Looks good. Aye. Ordinance is adopted. Next emergency ordinances. We're going to lose commissioner Fish at some point. 649 please.

Item 649.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Ransdi Selleck, Office Management Finance: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. What we have today is authorization for competitive bid for construction for the city hall restoration project. I met with staff in the last few weeks who should be briefed on it as well as commissioner Fritz. Thank you for your time. This project is cleaning and restoration of the exterior facade. We will also be including a new eco roof where the weight can be supported on the roof as well as replacement of roof top mechanical equipment. My intention is for this bid to go out in the fall to gain support for spring construction time line. The engineer's estimate is \$3,833,899.

Fritz: Am I correct remembering this will bring the city hall building up to seismic standards?

Selleck: This was not seismic project. That was done in 1997. We will be seismically bracing -- pinning them on the roof. You are correct.

Fritz: Check, we're done on city hall. Thank you.

Fish: Quick question. I walked the perimeter of the building the other day and i'm delighted to hear we're going to do a thorough washing of the exterior. Also in some of the decorative pieces and some of the plaster is falling. Does this fund those restorations as well?

Selleck: Yes, it does. Cleaning the building as well as retooling the facade back to the subsurface to get rid of the shaling. It's taken a beating over the last few winters.

Wheeler: Very good. Any public testimony on this item?

Sue: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Great. Let's call the roll then.

Fish: I feel very lucky to work in this building. It's magnificent structure historic building. When you are finished with this project it will even look better. Thank you. Aye.

Saltzman: Aye **Eudaly:** Aye

Wheeler: Thank you for the briefing and for all your work on this. Aye.

Wheeler: The ordinance is adopted. I am actually very excited about that one. Thank you. Next item 642.

Item 642.

Karl Arruda, Portland bureau of Tansportation: Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and commissioners. This ordinance is a street vacation for a small piece of southwest falcon street adjacent to barbur boulevard. The street vacation was initiated by one of the adjacent property owners. He and his family owned several parcels of land adjacent to falcon street and barbur boulevard. They are planning to redevelop their properties and the street vacation of the small piece of falcon would help facilitate their redevelopment plans. We sent out notices of the required bureaus and agencies. PBOT and trimet and odot all asked and petitioners agreed to slightly reduce the area being vacated to allow for the possibility of sw corridor mass transit project. Back in October of last year, we received an email expressing support for the projects direction. The planning sustainability commission reviewed and recommended approval back in January 9th of this year. One of the conditions is that the bureau of environmental services has asked for an easement for

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strong water drainage purposes. Comcast and pge both asked for easements in the ordinance to protect their lines in the area. And finally, PBOT asked for a right of way dedication next to the vacation area to allow space for a vehicle turn around for what's left of falcon street. And we can show that on my slide here. So this is a view from 17th avenue. Falcon street. The vacation area is in the wooded area going up the hill. Barbur boulevard goes across this way. And so the paved portion will remain paved. The new turn around will go over here on the left side. The south side of falcon street eventually as part of development. This shows the new dedication for the turn around. This is the overall area to make sure that there will be enough space as part of their project for the potential of the southwest high-speed transit line trimet is working on. And if you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them. The petitioner is here and has comments and slides also.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Fritz, do you have a question?

Fritz: In addition to the space for the light rail line, is there enough room for a sidewalk?

Arruda: Yes. I believe when they were consulting with us and the petitioner, the extra right of way includes all those features for the road and trimet and sidewalks and bike lane.

Wheeler: Very good. If the petitioner wanted to make brief comments, this would be a good time to do it. Come on up. Thank you for being here. Thank you for your patience. I know you were here this morning.

Gary Fallou: No problem.

Fish: You got a flavor of how council operates.

Fallou: Educational how public and private come together to make things work. I learned a lot.

Arruda: I believe there's slides the petitioner's architect sent over that sue can help me load up maybe.

Fallou: Just to give my background. Gary. I'm the petitioner. My family and I have owned the golden touch since 1982. My mom owns it. Then we've added more land around it. I've added land. We have four parcels there. And the falcon street as Karl pointed out. They've been amazing to work with. Really, we started this when the barbur concept plan came into effect in 2013 in April. And I looked at the concept plan and my brother pointed out that it was a multi-family building. We grew it to this concept. So if karl can go through the slides. If you look at the first slide, the blue area is what we worked with to do the sidewalk and the bicycle paths. There's six miles that has no bicycle path. That's the goal of this and the sidewalk. Then we got great hints from trimet that light rail's going to run from ohsu to bridgeport. So they wanted us to design this to fit the planning. That's where it's going to lie for barbur and bridgeport. We have given land in front of our building and projects for them. We planned for 2021 and 2026 depending if light rail happens or choose to go down a different path. The yellow area that karl is pointing to, that's the area of the parcel street vacation. That's an important area for us. That's where we're building c and that will be amongst three properties that we own.

Fritz: Just as a clarification before you move off that then. The easement isn't over the whole part of the property.

Arruda: Immediately following the street vacation, it will be over the entire street vacation area. They are planning to put in a new storm drain pipe and at that time the easement would be replaced with a new smaller easement.

Fritz: I see. Thank you.

Fish: For those of us who don't live close, building a is now a grocery store?

Fallou: Building a is a restaurant. It's the golden touch.

Fish: Okay. What else is on this site?

Fallou: If you go down. Go to the next slide. Okay. So, this is what's going to be developed into. So, you see across the street, there's the safeway built in 2014. It's up in the top corner. So, building a is where the golden touch is. And then building c the long

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broad building, if you look at the base of it, that is where the falcon street partial vacation will occur. Then building d is an apartment building which is held by an llc that I own. 16 apartments. And building e is commercial property. Three buildings that we own. No one's occupying the buildings in building e.

Fish: Thank you very much.

Saltzman: This will be commercial and residential?

Fallou: Absolutely. We can run through that. We had to work with odot and pbot. And it runs the highway and pbot runs the streets by it. Plus bes storm water pipe and trimet, which wants to run lightrail. So we kind of brought since 2014 we brought what the public entities wanted with what our private land holdings. So we designed this to fit the neighborhood. So we'll have I 5 which is this is the section of I 5 between Terwilliger and the Multnomah exit. If you are going down south towards salem, this is the first exit off there. And as you can see the vacation will occur between buildings e and d. That will remain city property. We will do the street up towards barber.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Fallou: If you go to the next slide, our lead commercial is going to be natural grocers. They will take the corner of barbur and 19th. They've signed a lease for 15,000 square feet. We have 20,000 more square feet that we have not leased yet.

Fritz: The parking is underneath?

Fallou: 401 stalls underneath. It will be the entrance of the parking. Then one off Multnomah and another through the falcon street. We designed this so we can have both commercial and the housing units. So if you go to the next street view, this is the street view from barber and 17th as we're looking towards southwest. So that's what it will look like. You see the sidewalk and then the bike path. And if light rail comes through, it will be right in front of the platform right in the middle. And we've made room for that.

Fish: My eyes aren't good enough to pick up your architects. Who is ma?

Fallou: Well, it's a long story. We grew up in Portland but my very close friend lives in Prague. Mark vidra. And mark and I designed this with an architect from prog who is an American. We wanted to give it a European feel.

Fish: That's what I was going to say. It has a european feel.

Fallou: I was born in greece and my family is greek and we grew up in the restaurants. The reason we're doing the plaza is because we're trying to figure out what will fit for 2021. We're assuming light rail will go through. Regardless if it goes through or not, this is the centerpiece of the southwest corridor. And that's why we designed it this way.

Fritz: And is that as tall as you are allowed to go?

Fallou: Yes. As tall as you are allowed to go. We went back and forth.

Fish: Are you using inclusionary housing?

Fallou: We don't have to.

Fish: So you are building to the code?

Fallou: Yep.

Saltzman: It's great. Living in that neighborhood. It's really dramatic improvement.

Fallou: Thank you. I think my mom, you probably know her.

Fish: Does Dan get discounted food at this restaurant.

Fallou: Exactly. So that's the goal. And that's why it's important for the parcel street vacation. If you go to the project info. The residential is going to be 276,000 square feet. The commercial 35,000 square feet. The parking is 173,000 square feet. The total project size is 485,000 square feet. It's 1.85 acres that we will build on. The residential units are 281 units. And parking stalls 404 underground.

Fritz: Is the parking for the residential units?

Fallou: And the commercial, both.

Fritz: So that is for both?

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Fallou: Total, yep.

Wheeler: Very good. Any public testimony on this item?

Sue: We had two other people sign up. I believe it's bill and dave mingas.

Wheeler: Very good.

Bill Fallou: He basically said everything we were hoping to say.

Wheeler: Could you introduce yourself?

Fallou: Bill, gary's brother. I'm one of the parcel owners of one of the areas that's going to be added to the development. All the city officials in the neighborhoods came together and thought of creating a kind of an interaction between public transit and the local community. It proceeded on to the southwest corridor in 2013. I was a member of that as well. Making sure the local community s looked at this mixed use as a great opportunity to put public and private work and input along with a transit system that is subsidized. So this has been kind of a dream of our family going back quite a while. And the vacation is essentially a location that's a cliff. 60 degree grade. And it will enable 16 units of apartment complexes in this thing. It will go up to over 200 with additional 20,000 commercial space. As we're viewing this as a transit corridor for the future in 2025 with the light rail possibly going through or rapid transit systems with higher frequency of buses. We are in line with what the community has envisioned making sure we increase density along public transit corridors.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you.

Saltzman: I'm glad your family held on to the property.

Fallou: And I remember my dad -- you used to come to the restaurant. My dad would say this politician supports businesses. So I remember you when I was a smaller kid growing up in that area.

Saltzman: Glad it's still in your family.

Wheeler: Thank you. Does that complete public testimony?

Dave Mingus, Comcast: Good afternoon. My name is Dave Mingas. Senior construction manager for comcast. And i'm here to speak on behalf of comcast. We are opposed to vacating any of our easement or any of the rights associated with it. We have not seen everything with this proposal. I think there's more discovery that needs to happen. We have a major hub in this area. And we have facilities that run through there that impact Portland.

Fritz: We heard the easement is going to be honored. Is that not the case?

Mingus: We're opposing any vacation of easement if --

Fritz: That's if you are not, you are okay with it.

Mingus: We are not okay with it at this point.

Arruda: So the ordinance language will include an easement and comcast favorite, they have several conduits in the vacation area. So would put an easement in comcast favor to protect those so any development would have to happen outside of those easements to modify those easements.

Wheeler: Could I get clarification? What is the basis of the opposition?

Mingus: We don't know the impact on that easement and our facilities and its a major transport hub for the city of Portland. I can't talk about the specifics of what that transports but it has significant implications for the city of Portland.

Fritz: Let me read you what it says in the ordinance. In accord in answer with city policy, this ordinance shall not cause or require the removal of sewer, water or gas main conduit of any kind, wire, poll or thing used or intended to be used included but not limited to those identified by comcast and pge. Subject to paragraph b-7. This will reserve an easement. Continue repair reconstruct to renew, replace, rebuild and/or enlarge any and all such things. And it goes on.

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Mingus: Some of our concerns is being a major hub is parking to access facility and maintain that if a facility. To make sure that nothing's going to be impacted and we're not going to be giving up any rights in that easement.

Fish: We are often accused of elevating process over substance. This petition to vacate the street was filed in february of 2015. It's now three and-a-half years later. Can you explain to us why comcast hasn't been able to resolve this issue?

Mingus: I cannot, sir. I've been in the construction department for the last two years.

Fish: You are saying they didn't get notice of this?

Mingus: I can tell you as a senior major construction, I am not aware of this proposal.

Fish: I assume we've given notice?

Arruda: We sent notice to comcast and other utilities two different occasions and we received responses from comcast on two different occasions asking for the easement for their conduits and most recently I was speaking or trading emails and phone calls with two other comcast folks locally. I think Kevin Arnold and Paul stalemarker.

Mingus: As long as the provision provides us the easement we need and we're not going to have to move facilities and doesn't take away any rights, we're not opposed to that.

Fallou: We've been working with comcast since 2015. We've met with steve daring. Paul stalemarker. Multiple meetings with them. Mr. Mingas has never shown up or never contradicted anything we've put out. First time we've seen him. We have negotiated with him. And the plan is that we're going to follow the street vacation. We've had multiple meetings with multiple people. Paul, steve and scott we've run this by them. They've actually proposed they will take their fiber off of the falcon street. It will make it easier for them to run it down Multnomah and run it down barbur eventually. So we've had these talks. So they've consented to this. We would not be here if they did not consent.

Mingus: I went with -- met with mr. Stalemarker this morning. And that was our only concern is that we have protection of that easement and we're not giving up any rights. We are fine with it at that point. The mayor admonished up to try to keep these matters brief.

Fish: This is a first reading of an ordinance. May I just suggest that if based on the representations that you have heard today, if you continue to have an objection would you please have a letter to the commissioner and to the mayor by no later than Monday explaining the basis of your objection? The council will assume you no longer have an objection. We will be voting on this next Wednesday.

Mingus: Fair enough.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further questions?

Fritz: I'd like to amend that. Send it to all five of us. You are opposed or you are not opposed.

Mingus: We have the protections we need and not giving up any rights and we're good to move forward.

Wheeler: Very good. So this is a first reading it gives to second reading. Thank you, everyone. Appreciate it. I'm jumping around. I'm mindful of my quorum. We have a four fifths agenda which requires four of us to be here; is that correct?

Moynaham: Requires anybody who put the matter on the agenda to be here. And at least four people to be here. Three majority votes to pass.

Item 651-1

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. This is about reaffirming the importance of preserving the freedom of working people to unionize. As early as this Monday, we're expecting a decision on the case which will have important implications for the unions to negotiate on behalf of all workers.

Marshall Runkel, Commissioner Eudaly Chief of Staff: Thank you. I am going to not read everything on this whole page just to try to move things along. I would say that this was developed in consultation with national groups and our local unions. The

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commissioner and I had a luncheon meeting with local union at bbs. When we asked them about this issue they said it was a 10 out of 10. And I think regardless of how the court rules next Monday or the following Monday, there's going to be significant implications for the city. Affirming our support is important today.

Wheeler: Is there public testimony?

Karla: I believe he left.

Wheeler: I do not see him.

Fish: We have the distinguished president here.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Rob Martineau, AFSCME: Thank you. I represent about a thousand employees in the city of Portland. And I absolutely would encourage the passage of this. The city has a lot of responsibilities. I never like to view our relationship as combative. I view us as a partner to help the city be the great employer and protect the people that protect the people that deliver critical services the city needs. And although this could be bad, we believe we will be stronger together. And would encourage a yes.

Wheeler: We appreciate that much. Please call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: Thank you for bringing this forward. I'm reminded that if this is decided on a 5-4 base, it will be decided on the basis of neil gorsich votes. We're talking about a federal decision that will establish so-called right to work nationally and obliterating the requirements that currently are the law which allows someone to pay a fee to off set the cost of administering a contract if they choose not to be active members and erodes decades of precedent. I'm proud to vote aye and thank my colleague for bringing this forward.

Saltzman: Aye.

Eudaly: We're joining at least 16 other cities across the country making similar resolutions. It doesn't make sense people are more productive than ever but working longer hours for less money and fewer benefits. Doesn't make sense people are finding it more and more difficult to get by and provide for their families. And doesn't make sense the 13 million Americans may have healthcare taken away. Corporate ceos have rigged our economy against working people. When the freedom to join together is secure, other freedoms will be too. The freedom to attend conference without fear of losing jobs or pay. The freedom to choose where to live because quality public schools are available to all communities not just those who are wealthy. Or the freedom to retire with dignity. Through the strength of unions working people are winning better pay, benefits and protections that raise the standard of living for everyone. Educators negotiate to keep class sizes down. Nurses, firefighters and ems workers fight for staffing levels, equipment and training that save lives. Unions use collective voice to advocate for policies that benefit all working people like increases to the minimum wage, affordable healthcare and great public schools. That's why the ceos and billionaires who spent their money and influence buying politicians and rigging our economy will stop at nothing to take away these hard-won freedoms. The economic policy institute recently noted if the court rules for Janice, it will likely have the most significant impact on workers' freedom to organize and bargain collectively in 70 years. This is why I'm proud to bring forth this resolution today that reaffirms Portland's commitment to working people to unionize. I vote aye.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner Eudaly for bringing this forward. Some people will say it's symbolic. There are a lot of things we need to do now. And my husband was president at the Oregon state hospital. My son is a proud member of the teacher's union. Where unions are strong, all workers make more money. We used to call them free loaders. Because the union negotiates for everybody and everybody's set is by whatever is negotiated. A lot of the non-represented workers are paying benefits. So it's important that everybody pays their fair share. One of the nurses when we went on strike was a single mom and thought

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she had to cross the picket line. She went to work. And three years after the strike, she came to me. And she said I want to join the union. I realize there's other protections the union gives to me in terms of job security and fairness and grievances and all the things we tend to take for granted. We will find ways to make sure that working people are still honored in Portland and it's just discouraging to feel we are going backwards on so many different levels. Again, thank you for bringing this. Aye.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly, thank you for bringing this to the council. I am very proud the Portland city council will stand with other city councils and other governments around the united states. We are standing on an important principle and it is important we be public about this and support the right to organize. We are once again reaffirming that commitment to the value here. And standing with the employees of this government. We support them in their right to organization. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. Next item. 647. We have two construction -- one is sewer and one is parks.

Item 647.

Wheeler: So these are all important projects. I just want to be mindful of the time. I don't want to squeeze you. These are excellent and important projects but I just want us to be mindful.

Fish: I think we can do this, mayor. This will allow environmental services to begin construction on a project to repair or replace about 16,331 feet. That's over three miles of 100 year old public sewer pipes in the monte villa neighborhood. The project will also install 15 new manholes, repair 72 manholes and replace 221 public sewer connections to private properties. This investment in public infrastructure will ensure continued dependable sewer service, public health and our environment by reducing the possibility of sewage releases to homes, businesses and streets. Larry Pelatt, Portland manager is here to give us a brief presentation.

Larry Pelatt, Procurement Services: Thank you, mayor and commissioners. I am Larry Pelatt, procurement services. She is not with me at least for this report. I am going to do a short version, I promise. Report recommended a contract to Landis and Landis construction. There were three bids for the project. This is low, but they are 21.65% over the engineer's estimate. There is a total of \$2,045,000 or 27.13% of the project dollars available to the emerging small business supplier participation. A portion of this follows to disadvantaged minority and women-owned business. \$1,585,000 which is just short of 75% of the total. And \$460,000 to emerging small business doing trucking and paving. They are not a state certified dmwesb contractor. They are in compliance with all of the contracting requirements. If the council has any questions about the procurement, I can answer those. There are two representatives from BES here. In the interest of time, I didn't ask them to come up. Did not ask the vendor to be here. They exceeded the aspiration goal.

Wheeler: Great. I'll entertain a motion. We have a motion.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: Motion and second. Please call the roll. [roll call]

Fish: Aye **Saltzman:** Aye **Eudaly:** Aye **Fritz:** Aye **Wheeler:** Aye

Wheeler: The report is adopted. Thank you, again. Next up 648.

Item 648.

Fritz: Thank you. I am going to take a few minutes to go over this project. It's spending taxpayer's money that was approved in the bond measure and important for people to know we're doing what we said we would do. The bond funding goes to park's urgent needs. Accepting this bid will allow us to begin construction on the north park block area. This is the fifth replacement bond playground project to go into construction. Projects will have 21% disadvantaged minority women participation which supports park's spending investments.

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Robin Laughlin, Portland Parks and Recreation: Thank you, commissioner Fritz. If I can get this to load. We're good. I'll skip over the first couple slides here since we've had a perfect introduction. As commissioner Fritz mentioned, this is the fifth playground in the park's bond to be replaced with those efforts. And this is at the north park blocks. Would you like to not see my notes? So located in northwest Portland and cover three acres along north park block avenue. And these are some of the oldest parks in the city. We've owned them since 1869. The location of our project site and focused on the playground area. The project replaces the 1993 program and will provide much-needed play for this neighborhood and serve the outdoor play spaces during the school day. Our total investment in this area of Portland is \$1,598,656. As you may understand the play structure is out dated, it has limited play activities and does not provide access for all. The walkway leading to the playground have settled over time causing tripping hazards to people with mobility issues. This project seeks to renovate the play area and has had extensive input from the neighbors from the school from the pacific northwest college of the arts the business owners in the neighborhood. We have had through those efforts, had good, positive collaboration with the community and looking forward to bringing these improvements to the neighborhood. The image before you here shows what the playground would be looking like, hopefully in another three or four months. Meeting our goals of accessibility, safety, and inclusive collaborative play. Some of the new features we'll have here are swings and I won't into the details here since you are short on time, but we are going to be additionally additional feet of play within the fenced area. We will also be doing additional lighting at the playground, and providing some accessible improvements, and curb cuts at two of the street corners says. And we anticipate starting construction in July and hope to be complete by later this fall. Hopefully by October or November, depending on the weather. If you have any other questions I will let Larry finish his statement.

Fish: I have a question of the commissioner in charge. The north park blocks gets a lot of use. And has been burdened by a lot of change in the neighborhood. Now we know with the decision to move forward with the post office site the north park blocks at the place in front of pnca is going to pivot and continue into the post office site. And that has potentially significant design ramifications not only for the site in front of pnca but to the extension of the park blocks. Does the works on this particular project impact at all the larger vision of how to I want great the north park blocks with the post office site?

Fritz: No, because it's closer to Burnside between Couch and Davis. What you were talking about is by Hoyt and Flanders, so I think that, if anything, it will draw people. It will be more attractive, so it will tend to bring people from the south park blocks of O'Bryant square through this site and then lead them, draw them into hopefully the post office site.

Fish: Just putting down a marker, it's my hope for the north park blocks, two fold, I hope at some point we organize a conservancy that engages the neighbors and the businesses to maintain it because it's a heavily used area in the middle of a changing cultural district, and two, I hope that we begin sooner rather than later, the visioning process for what will be at the northern terminus, used to be the terminus, and how that will, how that will herald the new, the new park that goes into the post office site.

Fritz: Prosper Portland is leading that, of course park staff, and I know that is a concern shared by the community advisory committee on the project.

Fish: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further comments? Anything else to add?

Pelatt: Just the procurement report itself is for, toward the contract to Faison construction, Inc. At 1,111 [inaudible] which is 13.4% over the engineer's estimate. And there is a total of 239,446 or 21.54% of disadvantaged minority women and merging small business subcommittee participation for the project. A portion is disadvantaged the enterprise is at

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181,346, and emerging small business at 58,100. Since Faison construction has aspirational goals for the dmwesb possession, we did not ask them to be present for this presentation. However, since they are a certified firm, the total participation for disadvantaged minority and women owned and emerging small businesses is just a bit short of 80%. If the council has any questions relative to that, I would be happy to answer them.

Fritz: Parks did do an analysis to determine why it was over the engineer's estimate, and the answer senior building contractors and construction materials are currently in high demand throughout the pacific northwest. And particularly in the Portland market so a matter of shortage of labor and materials.

Wheeler: Very good, I will entertain a motion.

Fish: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: A motion from commissioner Fish and second from accomplish Fritz.

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

Fritz: Thank you for all your work on all. Projects. I am really proud of the work we are doing to go, aye.

Wheeler: Looks great, I vote aye. The report is accepted. Thank you both very much. Thank you. Last, no, next to last, 651.

Item 651.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Sherree Matias, City Auditor's Office: Good afternoon. This will be very short. I am Sherree Matias from the auditor's office.

Mike Zeller, Portland Bureau of Transportation: I am mike Zeller, the sidewalk inspector with the sidewalks and maintenance operations.

Ryan Hoyt, Portland Bureau of Transportation: And I am ryan hoyt, sidewalk inspector

Wheeler: Thank you.

Matias: This ordinance, this ordinance is for sidewalk repair on property that is required by the city, and the remonstrances have been removed. Have been pulled from the assessment, and are not in this ordinance.

Wheeler: That's as brief as it gets. Very good. This technically is a hearing ordinance, is there any public testimony on this item?

Karla: I show two people had signed up, kyle bell and kristin linguist.

Wheeler: Kyle or kristin here? Very good. Very good come on up, sir. Three minutes, name for the record, please.

Kyle Bell: Kyle bell. I am not sure which one is mine here. Thank you for having me here today, the reason that I am here is to address our sidewalk removal and replacement in front of my house.

Wheeler: I apologize. We need your name for the record.

Bell: Kyle bell, sorry. I thought I had said it earlier. I have images here that are on the screen right now. This is my first time with power point so it's not very exciting and I will move this along. It's to help illustrate our concerns and discrepancies as to what was called out as a violation or a hazard, and why we feel our sidewalks were not necessarily a hazard but rather we were included in what was a complaint, what we were told from the person that inspected our sidewalk, that it was likely a complaint further up the street. They go down the block and around the corner that included our property. So we got kind of lassoed into this situation. And to be clear with the use, with what I am about to show, it's not an attack on anyone. But rather we're trying to defend ourselves because we've been saddled with this giant bill that we felt was unnecessary. This is a picture I turned in last time that I was here. I handed you a hard copy of it. It was the sidewalks minutes Before they were torn up, there are a lot of leaves, but they blow down from the neighboring

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property, and it's a process to clean those up. But you can see where they are marked up and ready to be cut, in my opinion there are no tripping hazards or any dangers. It is a sidewalk. For the sort of uninitiated, here's -- this was something sent to me on what a tripping hazard is or what a crack is, and what is something that is sort of a sidewalk that's sort of crumbling and falling apart. It's a half an inch in every direction. I sort of built this out of a ruler. It's a half an inch. Everybody knows what that is but when you actually kind of see it, it does create a different sense of like this is what we're working with to be compliant with the city. My neighboring property is a retirement home that has numerous elderly people, and we thought that maybe that was the reason that we were turned in, so in the spirit of trying to figure out what would make us compliant or what is considered a hazard, we stepped through the property on the other side of the retirement home so that we are sort of the book ends of their retirement home. On the other side is the bureau of parks, mount tabor yard. I don't know exactly what they are doing there, but it's the city property. Sitting here in the foreground of the bureau of parks, that's a quarter not a dime, I went back later and measured it. It's an inch. I moved on from there. I was like maybe this was an oversight, I did mention it in the last meeting in february but I decided all right, in the spirit of just kind of figuring this all out and wanting to better understand it, I continued measuring, this was the driveway. I threw the stick in the crack of the driveway. And from there I made it down to the city hall because I wanted to see if that was compliant. I started finding a lot of similar problems that I think would fall within this tiny half inch thing that this is our measuring bit. I do agree -- I am a fan of historic buildings and I agree with fixing up of the building. There are many violations around this entire building that we are sitting in. It's pretty easy to go around. You don't need to be an expert to go around with half an inch and measure stuff. This is cracks at the front door. There is where they kind of paved the curb. I was told that they had curb issues, too, and here it was just a regular blacktop. There is a giant chunk missing. I had some of those, that's a curb violation or whatever. At a bus stop, too. From here, it was -- I wanted to find out, I had this \$5,600 bill, and I was like how much are the permits? What portion of the permits? And so I went to.

Fish: This \$5,600 bill assumes the city does the work, Right?

Bell: Yes. Because I had met with people.

Fish: I got a bill like that once, too, and it scared the hell out of me, but it's the cost of the city doing the work. You have the right to get a private contractor.

Bell: But I didn't feel I had anything wrong with my sidewalks.

Fish: We found that the city price was significantly greater than the -- having a private contractor do it.

Bell: I brought one down I'll explain that, I am going as fast as I can, this is where you get the permits to work on the sidewalks. I think that's an inch. This is the other side of the sign, also an inch. There is a giant crack there an inch. This was the most egregious, right at the handicapped spot. You trip over a metal thing. There was a guy in pbot inside, and he sent me to the other pbot in north Portland. And to find out about my permits because they did not have information on my permits in the glass building. So I went down to north Portland, and right in front of their building was the same thing. This goes the reverse of that same shot so you don't think that I was doing something goofy with the stick. This is also right down the street from them. This is their driveway.

Wheeler: Could I speed this up a bit?

Bell: Here's where they wanted to Cut it up.

Wheeler: So I will stipulate, there are many, many, many city properties in needs of signature capital maintenance issues. Let's stipulate that. So now the question from your perspective, are you saying that you should not be subject to the existing ordinance, or are you saying that they got it wrong, and there was nothing wrong with your sidewalk? I need to know what the basis is.

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Bell: So my sidewalks were not perfect.

Wheeler: I personally, I had to pay, my recollection was it was tens of thousands of dollars. To replace the sidewalk in front of my house long before I was in elected politics, wasn't anything I did, the tree in front of my house grew and the roots expanded and it wrecked the sidewalk. And but like commissioner Fish, I got a nasty letter, and I thought I bet I can have a better price and have somebody do it as required by code so I did it, as do thousands in the city so I am trying to understand is it you feel you were targeted unfairly by the existing ordinance or I need to know the basis.

Bell: I feel like I was roped into what was happening at the street where there were trees and cracks and not to say my sidewalks are perfect. I don't believe they were, but I don't believe that they were dangerous, either. Which is why I brought the photos. There were chunks removed that were not part of the sidewalk. This was like in the grass strip that was decided.

Wheeler: That's good. And can I ask staff a question? On this in or whoever is knowledgeable. And my question is this -- is there an appeal process, or what typically happens? If you have somebody like this individual and he seems like a nice guy. He's saying my sidewalks really are not that bad. I assume that there are standards?

Zeller: Absolutely. There is an appeal process. When we mail the letters out there is an FAQ sheet that goes out, and it has the phone numbers to call, and you can actually, when the notification goes out, there is a business card. From the inspector that actually did the inspections. His phone number is on there, and they can contact that inspector. They can contact the office, they can set up an appointment, with that inspector to go over the issues that have been posted. If there is no response, the process moves on. There was a second letter sent to Mr. Bell. No response. He did not respond until he was marked out. And when he got marked out, he did respond, he's requested a final inspection, the work had been done, and the paperwork is in here. Mr. Bell came to the last assessment, and no letter was sent from Mr. Bell to halt this so we could reveal it so he came into council.

Fish: Can I piggy-back off the mayor's office question? Very rarely do people come to council and object. We've been doing these for so long I have a hard time remembering the last time. Does the council have the authority to pull -- we have a bunch of sidewalk repairs, right? If we wanted to could we pull this and give him a chance to do a final appeal and pass all the others and wave whatever time limits so he could have his appeal on whatever his argument is because I think what the mayor is channeling and his colleagues are in agreement, we don't feel that we are the sidewalk police, and pictures and other things are helpful but is there any reason why we couldn't just give him, notwithstanding whatever procedural problems, a chance to have his appeal, and pull that from the ordinances and just move forward with everything else in the ordinance? Are we by code prevented from doing that?

Matias: His assessment was pulled the last time. So, this would be a second time.

Fish: Did he exercise his appeal?

Matias: He did.

Fish: We have had his appeal? Okay. Sir I can tell you that since the mayor gave you his experience, I was roped in because a neighboring property was dinged. And in fact, the inspector walked a two-block radius around so my property and all my other neighbors were done. We pooled our resources together, got a contractor, and got a really good price. And had it done, the city has financing for people that choose to go that route where they can get, they can finance the work. But if you have already had an appeal I don't know what basis we have to over-turn that.

*******:** This is my appeal. I didn't have an appeal. I had an inspector come and look at it. It had not been marked out. I didn't know where it was. If you look it said picture I have this is the neighboring property. I have an easement driveway and I thought the whole time they

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were talking about across my easement, and I had to explain to them that it was my easement. This is, all this work was done where the trees are. This is next to my property running up it, so it was sort of a confusing matter until they painted it on my front street and then I was like oh, this is painted up and I have to have somebody come out and look at this.

Fish: We have a full house, I will make a motion. I move that we pull this particular appeal, set it over for 30 days, and ask the bureau to take one last look at it. Report back to us and proceed with the ordinance as amended.

Eudaly: Second.

Wheeler: A motion and second, and I am not hearing from either that this creates a Problem for the rest of the package, is that correct?

Zeller: If I could add.

Wheeler: Please

Zeller: We went to the appeal process and the last assessment, and.

Fish: I think you are hearing, it's not illegal, it's not improper. The council would like to move forward. We have consensus and everything else. Do you object?

Zeller: Well, I wanted to finish my speech, but it's not my talk. We did contact mr. Saltzman's office, and the letters have gone through. I understand.

Fritz: What I would like to see next time is rather than just bringing this back as a package, I would like you to have a specific presentation on this is the allegation, this is what we found so that we have more of an understanding of how you came to your decision.

Wheeler: We have a motion and second, and that is an amendment. Please call the roll on the amendment.

Fish: We are just taking one appeal, one issue out of the package. Karla, we are setting it over, back for, in 30 days? And we're going to be having -- this is a first reading of an ordinance, so we will be voting on the underlying ordinance next week. I vote aye on the amendment.

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

Fritz: As I mentioned last time I believe that the parks improvements are going to be Part of a bigger improvement project. Regardless the issue is your property and whether or not it is in compliance rather than is it unfair, I would have to say that it's one of the few times that I am happy to have a sidewalk near my house. Because I think that it is an issue that we have to grapple with citywide. First, how do we avoid burdens to the property owners, and second of all how do we provide sidewalks where there are not any so there is bigger questions, and I appreciate you bringing up, aye.

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. Use the time wisely. This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance, moves to second reading as adopted. Last item from this morning, item 633 was pulled, I believe, by commissioner Fish. Is that correct?

Karla: Yes. I also have 643, the appointment.

Wheeler: Yeah, you are right, I am sorry about that. Let's do 643 first.

Wheeler: I apologize, I skipped over that.

Item 643.

Eudaly: The Portland adjustment committee is a decision-making body that considers appeals of adjustments to development standards of the Portland zoning code. The adjustments are processed through a discretionary public land use group review process, the public can request an appeal of the city staff decisions on adjustment applications on the grounds a proposal does not meet One or more of the applicable approval criteria. The committee is comprised of seven individuals from the public who are appointed by the city council, the committee members are required to have an expertise in one of three areas. There is currently a vacancy in the specialty of engineering, finance, construction, building management, or land development. Council will be considering today the appointment of a

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member of the public to this vacancy. Douglas Hardy with the Bureau of Development Services will be presenting the nomination. Welcome.

Douglas Hardy, Bureau of Development Services: Thank you. Mayor Wheeler, council members, thank you. So, Commissioner Eudaly gave a good overview, I will keep this under five minutes. Basically, as was indicated, we do have a vacancy on the adjustment committee, and that committee, basically, hears appeals of the decisions that the Bureau of Development Services staff have made on the request to modify the standards of the zoning code, so increasing building height, setbacks, beyond what the code allows. Basically, anybody can appeal that decision of the BDS planning staff, and that appeal goes to this committee. It is a committee made up of seven volunteers from the public. We do have one vacancy. We did work with the office of the neighborhood involvement, and at BDS, equity and policy office, and recruiting candidates for this vacancy. And we recommend appointing Michael Fu. Michael is currently employed as an associate housing developer with the Portland community reinvestment initiative, also known as PCRI. PCRI is one of Portland's nonprofits, affordable housing providers and developers, and Michael has worked on the financial underwriting of affordable housing development. And has experience in all aspects of both the zoning code and the building code. He has an undergraduate degree in math, mathematics and economics and a master's in economics. And with that experience he will bring a unique perspective to the committee, and certainly our interviews with him. He is somebody who is enthusiastic about improving the quality of life in Portland.

Wheeler: Any questions? Otherwise I will accept a motion.

Fish: So moved.

Wheeler: A motion from Commissioner Fish, second from Commissioner Saltzman. Please call the roll.

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

Eudaly: Thank you for being here Mr. Hardy and thank you to Mr. Fu, aye.

Fritz: I appreciate your work. Thank you, aye.

Wheeler: Great, we are lucky to have Michael Fu stepping forward and thank you for the work you did to recruit him. I voted aye and the report is accepted. Last item from this morning, 633.

Item 633.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fish.

Fish: My first question was who the hell pulled this thing, and Karla can clarify I pulled it. We have a two-hour presentation but in the interest of time we will do it in three minutes. This ordinance supports the Bureau of Environmental Services and in implementing a system to manage the data for 4,000 commercial and industrial users, the system will improve management of data across multiple work groups, and improve data security and integrity, and improve transparency to the public by making it easier and quicker to remove the data. And Matt, BES compliance manager is here. Take it away.

Matt Criblez: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner Fish and Council. And good morning, along with me is Barron Howe.

Wheeler: I am still laughing, that's great.

Criblez: I am the environmental compliance division manager for the Bureau of Environmental Services. Our objective in my division is to protect the city's sanitary and stormwater sewer systems and water quality. And we do that with industrial pretreatment and, alternative discharge control programs which are permitted programs for sanitary and industrial stormwater and maintenance inspection programs for private stormwater facility inspections, And outfall basin investigations and incident investigations, pollution, complaint investigations and our fat soils and grease program. These programs regulate many of the same customers and share data, however the individual programs use a

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variety of desperate systems to manage data including BES developed applications, commercial product, spreadsheets and various paper and electronic files. We require an environmental compliance information management system to effectively and consistently track the commercial industrial user's compliance with regulatory requirements to properly protect the city's sanitary and stormwater systems. The data management system will be used to track the data for each of the regulatory programs in a single system, including information about regulated industries, requirements for inspection monitoring and reporting, and compliance with those requirements. The data management system will address the data security, data integrity, data accessibility, and operational efficiencies. After a competitive vendor product, process, we selected info-tech in consulting and we are going to run this system, we're going to develop this system in a multi-phase process, phase one, which we basically have completed already, is the implementation, or the planning phase, and that was a not to exceed value of 242,776. The second phase, to mitigate risk, and as recommended by Procurement services the contract payments are set out as firm fix prices based on accepted deliverables, not time materials. And procurement services recommended that the contract intentionally facilitate the future planned amendments for implementation for the specific projects, and the programs, and for maintenance and support of the system so that's all covered. So phase 2 is the implementation, and that's including the system configuration and customization, data migration, interfaced with other systems including the lab analysis. And report development testing and training. And each development, planned amendment for one or more programs, will again be firm fixed prices tied to a statement of work. The project was reviewed by bts. Liz mitchell here is available, as well which determined bts determined it was not subject to a technological oversight committee. And partly that's because it results in a specific need for one division, it won't be used by other bureaus or the public. The one big external benefit to this system is that we will be able to expedite the public records requests by searching from one point instead of multiple systems. And I can take questions or barron or Liz Mitchell can take questions.

Wheeler: Very good. Is there any public testimony on this item?

Karla: This was pulled.

Wheeler: 633. Very good. This is a a first reading of a non-emergency reading, moves to second reading. Thank you gentlemen. That completes this morning's session. Good afternoon. We are all back here and I hope you enjoyed your lunch. The first item on our afternoon agenda is 652.

Fritz: As a point of clarification we have two hours and ten minutes scheduled for this afternoon, and is your intention to do all these?

Wheeler: I have lost most of the people who are planning on testifying on item 653 and 654, which I had intended to read together so my suspicion is the presentation will be much, much briefer than was originally anticipated. So it is my hope that we get out of here in the next hour.

Fritz: I am due back at 5:00, the framework, is that something that could be moved?

Wheeler: Let's go ahead and go to the first item and confer with staff on that issue. Why don't we start with 652.

Saltzman: We will keep our presentation to 30 minutes or less.

Item 652.

Wheeler: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you mayor. The parking management manual, we are bringing forward today establishes operational guidelines for implementing city council adopted parking management policies, found in our transportation system plan, and also in the comprehensive land use plan. The manual also fulfills council direction from April 2016 ordinance that directed PBOT staff to create a plan for implementing the performance-

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based pricing. The goal of the manual is to translate the council direction into guidelines that are starting points for staff to consistently and fairly respond to the questions received in day-to-day operations, in a new parking management district, and changes to existing enforcement hours, we will come back to the city council for approval prior to implementation. We greatly appreciate the work of both the consultants and the stakeholder advisory committee. For committing their time and over the last 18 months. Our consultants, Rick Williams and William Reynolds are presenting the stakeholder advisory committee recommendations for the parking management manual. And division manager with PBOT parking operations, Melissa McCready is here to answer additional questions. So, come on up.

Rick Williams, Rick Williams Consulting: Mayor and commissioners, my name is Rick Williams, with Rick Williams Consulting. It's a pleasure to be here and to have had the opportunity to work on this. In the interest of time, my partner William Reynolds will give you a brief power point presentation that summarizes the elements of the manual itself. And William, Melissa and I will be here at the end of that to answer your questions. So, thank you very much.

Williams Reynolds, Rick Williams Consulting: Thank you, Mayor and Commissioner, I am William Reynolds with Rick Williams Consulting and thank you for that introduction. The direction to develop a performance-based process for managing parking was initiated more than three years ago as a key recommendation that emerged from the outreach process associated with developing the 2015 citywide parking strategy so that process included communication with 1,000 individuals and more than 50 briefings, meetings, and public events in the city. Consistent theme that emerged was a desire to manage the parking using the transparent data driven approach referred to as performance-based parking management. So as Commissioner Saltzman mentioned with resolution 37204 and April 2016, the counselor directed PBOT to develop this program that formalizes the operational guidelines to implement the city policy. So it has been developed.

Saltzman: You have a box here, blocking your --

Reynolds: Oh, thank you. It has been developed over the last 18 months and essentially just relies on the standardized guidelines, performance measures and exception processes. In order to consistently and transparently manage the public system based on data collection efforts. So what you see on the slide now are the chapters, each of the key chapters within the manual, and I will use this brief presentation to walk through each of these chapters and the key contents and the three of us can answer questions at the end when they arise. So each of these chapters provides clear guidelines on each of the topics referenced, to serve as a resource manual. To help add clarity and consistency to the questions that PBOT gets asked. Each chapter was developed by the stakeholder advisory committee who we are here to represent today. And it's based on a performance-based process that uses data as I mentioned, annual data collection efforts and best management practice to inform parking management practices. Citywide. So, what you see here is the actual ten-member stakeholder advisory committee who led the development of this parking management manual, and that includes the Pearl District Neighborhood Association, Portland Business Alliance, Venture Portland, and the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine, Portlanders for Parking Reform, and the Central East Side Industrial Council, Northwest District, the Portland Great Committee and the Downtown Neighborhood Association. And many of these organizations have provided letters to support and several are here today. So, with that I will go and get into each one of the individual chapters. The first chapter, chapter 2, refers to parking management district. More perfectly, outlines the processes for going about establishing new parking management districts within the commercial corridors around the City, so there are currently no guidelines for establishing parking management districts. And so the parking

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management manual establishes clear guidelines and including the eight-step process, one of which would be establishing a work group of business representatives and district residents who would be responsible for recommending parking management strategies within that parking management district. And monitoring the performance and reviewing the annual data collection efforts within that parking management district. The process, important thing includes outreach to surrounding communities, specifically including nearby historically underserved communities of color and potential impacts from parking management within the commercial corridors, and we have an opportunity to make sure that they are mitigated in the surrounding neighborhoods. Once the management district has been established, one of the parking management strategies that may emerge at the recommendation of the district representatives would be potentially moving to on-street paid parking. So the parking management manual clarifies the existing city policy and establishes a series of requirements that must be met before implementing a new meter district within a parking management district. As noted in the parking management toolbox which came before the city council in January this year, meters should really only be used as a tool to Manage demand and commercial corridors after time limits coupled with consistent enforcement, are not able to achieve stated performance objectives. That is to say, demand simply exceeds the ability for the system to serve effectively those who are seeking to get to their destination are not able to find a spot quickly and easily at that point the meters may be considered. So overall, existing city policy was used to develop all of the guidelines within chapter 2, and it helps to add additional clarity, and transparency in the implementation of the city policy. Chapter 3 deals with the details surrounding the implementation of time limits. So one of the key recommendations in this chapter is to standardize the time limits citywide. Using essentially three tiers. 15 or 30 minutes for very short-term parking needs. Two-hour parking areas, and four-hour parking areas. And importantly actually these three tiers have already been implemented and all five existing meter districts around the city, and these guidelines are used to serve as a tool for future parking management districts as they emerge. So for new parking management districts, another recommendation is to default to two hours as the first tier of time limits in the area. Starting enforcement at 10:00 a.m. And adjustments to those would be based on data as needed Through performance-based process. The next chapter deals with the pricing or more specifically using data, using the data driven approach to inform the pricing adjustments within meter districts. So to implement a performance-based process, the parking management manual establishes clear performance targets. That's specifically goal occupancy range of 65% to 85%, during the peak hours. And it provides guidelines for how to go about adjusting the rates annually if needed, may not be needed if it falls within that range, but the adjustments would be based on annual data collection efforts. The primary goal would really be to support the economic vitality, and allow visitors to quickly and easily find convenient parking even during the peak hours. So at the core of this is a standardized annual review process. So rate increases, sorry tiered rate adjustments are used or established to allow for clear transparent driven approach, and further all proposed rate adjustments emerging from this process will come before council each year. Other cities that have implemented the performance-based pricing include san Francisco, Seattle, Washington d.c., and they have all found it to be an effective method to adjust rates based on data and therefore balanced demands more effectively across the system. So the goal of a performance-based pricing adjustment system is to provide additional parking options for all users, so rate increases would be targeted and only areas with the highest demands, and this allows for rate reductions and lower demand areas providing more opportunity for individuals to find on-street parking at more affordable rates within each metered district. This is also coupled with the off-street system. The rates will continue to provide a lower cost option, and the smart board garages allow a pass for low

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income residents, so taken together, the goal is to provide a variety of parking options within each area. Next, on-street management during events at larger venues. So there is currently no guidelines for establishing new event districts around large venues and working with the stakeholder advisory committee, we determined that large venues, in this case would be defined as those with the capacity of 10,000 or more, which takes the list down to what you see on the screen, providence park, which currently does include an on-street event district and rose quarter and the convention center so we worked with the rose quarter and convention center to come up with the guidelines in this chapter. And essentially the parking manual establishes a process for managing the public parking during events. Including a process for how to go about adjusting the rates based on data collected during the events at these venues. And the goal would be to encourage the use of alternative modes, reduce congestion around these venues and minimize the impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods. So the convention center and the rose quarter are supportive of the guidelines that we developed. The last key chapter is related to the truck loading zones, on street truck loading zones, so the goal with this chapter was to establish consistent loading zone management practices citywide. So the parking management manual establishes five standard loading zone options which is reduced from 44 different loading zone signs you can find today. The goal of this reduced number of signs is to improve the consistency and allow both freight operators and visitors to easily find available parking. So we worked with the Portland great committee and met with them several times throughout the process, and they support the guidelines and provided a letter of support and note in the letter that they feel these guidelines will support businesses and continue to support the businesses with on-street delivery needs, while allowing equitable access for all users outside of the loading time periods. So that concludes the presentation. I just wanted to show the contents again but please, we are here to answer questions and dive into the details. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Any questions? Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: I want to acknowledge right off the bat that I've only had two kind bars to eat all day so I am somewhat cranky. I am really concerned about this is a fairly massive policy document on parking and doesn't have the kind of public input I would expect at the hearing of this magnitude. So for various reasons Starting two hours late may be one of them. I am concerned to start off with that the ordinance says that the ordinance is binding city policy. It seems to me that some of the things in the manual are new and not existing binding city policy. So maybe I can just go through some of the concerns that I have. From looking through it, fairly briefly in chapter one the policy identifies six key objectives. Equity is not mentioned. So, I am not seeing throughout this, I am not seeing attention to who benefits who burdens who gets to make the decisions. Lots of the decisions are being made by the people who live close by and the businesses. What about the employees, what about the other visitors and what about the impacts on low income folks who may be needing to park in an area for various reasons.

Williams: I think that in terms of the new districts, because the existing districts are in place. In terms of the new districts, the formation of the stakeholder advisory committees that will evaluate the process of establishing the district, the intent would be to include those Populations.

Fritz: That's not in here so if this is binding city policy I should think that it should be in here. I thought the last time that we discussed it we were going to do pilot projects.

Liz Mitchell: We are doing the pilots for the permits for our area parking permits. This is nothing to do with permits. It is about establishing process so that when we get contacted by the community to come out and look at their parking problems or their perceived parking problems, we can establish a process to do data collection and to do outreach in those areas to learn how we could manage their parking challenges. And it would be a lot

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of outreach before we would establish anything and if we were to bring something forward it would come to council first before any kind of adoption would be happening. For any district. This is just for new districts.

Fritz: That's helpful. And for instance on page 12 when it says establish a work group it should specify looking at who may be particularly burdened and it may not necessarily be the residents and business owners nearby. For the implementation on page 13 it says once approved PBOT will lead the implementation as a recommended parking recommended strategy, I don't see a point where it says it comes back to council for approval.

Mitchell: It would. We can add that.

Williams: We can add that. That was the intent.

Fritz: It needs to be clarified.

Wheeler: It would come back, is that correct?

Mitchell: Yes. Any time that we establish a new district it would have to come to council for approval.

Williams: Because it would be a new district which council would establish, once the process is, is determined by the stakeholder process, their determination would come to you for approval.

Fritz: I think that would be helpful. Thank you. And the minimum sides of 80 on-street stores, how did you get to that number?

Williams: That's a standard within best practices around the country. That's a place to start. Certainly, once the process begins, it's also an establishment, there is certain economies of scale that work for enforcement and establishment of a district that the 80 stalls begins with but that can be expanded or contracted per stakeholder process and determining where the data collection occurs.

Fritz: It can't, this is binding city policy.

Williams: To begin the discussion.

Mitchell: It would need to be at least 80 spaces because the parking enforcements make it an efficient management of a district. If we are going to implement parking regulation we need to enforce it.

Fritz: Okay. Moving to page 43, it talks about variable meter of pricing, And that -- this manual establishes an hourly rate ranging between \$1 and \$5 per hour, and that's the range that which would be approved by council. And recommended that the PBOT director has the authority to make the right adjustments that remain within this range so that sounds to me like the department, the commissioner in charge of transportation gets to decide whether a meter is a dollar an hour or five an hour, is that correct?

Williams: That would be included in the rate, the director would put that in the rate schedule that comes to you every year.

Mitchell: And it would be incremental increases and based on data collection.

Fritz: It does not say that's approved by counselor but approved by the director.

Mitchell: They still have to come before council for the fee schedule.

Saltzman: We raised the same question last week with our check-in with Dave Benson. I think this is the same item? I am a little reluctant to surrender to council's authority to approve new meter rates particularly downtown. Am I speaking of the right report?

Mitchell: Yes, you are speaking of the right report. So performance-based pricing, we were directed to come up with a plan, this is the result of our stakeholder advisory committee for our plan. Other cities are doing this. This is best practice, in other cities, that has been effective. One of the things to keep in Mind with the adjustments based on data is that not only is it possible to increase, but also possible to decrease, so that provides better efficient use of the whole parking management system, and so folks who maybe don't want to pay for the higher demand areas and would prefer to park farther from the

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destination would have that option and we are pricing, where the higher demand is in a manner effectively managing the parking.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz I don't want to take you off can I ask a follow-up on this issue? And thank you for highlighting economics Saltzman, thank you for addressing it. So I want to make sure that I understand what you are proposing. So if I am hearing you correctly, just tell me if I am wrong, I am hearing you say that you want to have this new rate structure that you would give the bureau director the commissioner in charge the discretion to propose a change to that structure, but it has to come back to the city council for discussion and approval, is that correct? Or not correct?

Mitchell: It would come back as part of the transportation fee schedule.

Wheeler: Help me as a relatively newbie, coming back as part of the transportation fee schedule, is that --

Mitchell: When all the fees come before council.

Wheeler: So you cannot change it in the meanwhile? It has to come back.

Mitchell: Yes. An annual adjustment based on data between two goalpost that is -- what we are requesting today, and setting the goalposts between \$1 to \$5 an hour, with incremental increases of no more than 20 cents, 40 cents, or 60 cents annually based on the data collection.

Wheeler: You could not change them at the discretion of the commissioner in charge or the bureau in between those?

Mitchell: No, it would be only once a year.

Wheeler: Got it. And it.

Mitchell: And it would be as part of the budget process.

Fritz: I think it would be helpful to have that written down.

Wheeler: I agree, that's not how I read this to be honest with you.

Mitchell: It's nuanced which is why we are sitting here.

Saltzman: It's the range set annually?

Wheeler: Parking rates.

Mitchell: The increase or decrease. Keep in mind there is most likely decrease.

Williams: There is a floor, which is \$1. That's cost to maintain the system so the rates could go down. The \$5 is a horizon, \$1 to \$5, the rate increments come back as a part of the data and in increments of 20, 40, or 60 cents, based on the thresholds established. Once an area gets to \$5, some years in these, the range would come back to council to be reestablished.

Saltzman: Any increment between the \$1 and \$5 gets approved in the transportation Fee schedule annually?

Mitchell: Correct.

Fritz: Continuing on, thank you. I appreciated your forbearance, it's not clear how the decisions are made about the event districts. It says that the threshold is 10,000 attendees but not whether that's a trigger or whether there is some discretion allowed. And currently it's only the 10 matches, the event price, what would be the process for deciding whether the Thorns or a future-based ball club or anything else would be event charged pricing.

Williams: So we worked with the rose quarter as well as the convention center on that issue, and they actually come up with attendance estimates for each one of their events. They do that to adjust their own parking rates ahead of time so they have a six month calendar where they are forecasting their attendance, and based on that forecasted attendance you would work with the stakeholder advisory committee around that event district to term if the event rate would be warranted based on the projected attendance, so for small events within the rose quarter, you would not implement on-street event rates. It would only be triggered for the larger events.

Fritz: Who makes that decision?

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Mitchell: It's the same as the performance-based pricing. So, there is thresholds, and there is incremental increases based on data collection of occupancy and how the system is Getting used.

Fritz: It has to come to council? That's why we got tripped up the last time.

Mitchell: Again it would have to come through in the transportation fee schedule. There wouldn't be just a random adjustments, it would be an annual process for a couple reasons, we cannot do data collection more than once a year, it's too expensive.

Fritz: So obviously mayor we are going to have to schedule a particular hearing on things like this. I would think. Because people do care about where they get to park and don't. And my final question is about, or at least for now, is about the truck loading zones. This is on page 62. Is there a rule about it has to be a commercial truck or does any truck get to park in a truck loading zone?

Mitchell: There are rules. There is code that dictates who can use a truck loading zone. What sort of vehicle can park in it and how long and it's all dictated in chapter 16.

Fritz: But the challenge is what if somebody has a big truck and they are not necessarily delivering to a business. They may be delivering to something else or just using a truck loading zone because they happen to have a truck. They own a big truck. How do you differentiate.

Mitchell: Enforcement uses their discretion in the field.

Fritz: What the rule? If you are a truck do you go to Park in a truck loading zone?

Williams: It's a commercial, a registered commercial vehicle. Generally, has signage on the side of the vehicle. If someone came with my pickup and I wanted to park in there I would be illegally using the zone. If I wanted to deliver something not in a loading zone, the city has a permit process where I could actually quote/unquote bag a stall and use it for unloading for those purposes.

Fritz: I understand the parks bureau has to have hundreds of dollars of tickets, for using the loading zone by the park, even though they have trucks, they are using it for a purpose so, and that comes into conflict with others who may be wanting to load and unload in those zones and not being clear as to who is allowed to get a ticket. So I would suggest that this needs more clarification even though I appreciate you going from 44 to 4 zones, it needs to be clearer as to what the purpose is, not just whether it's a truck or not.

Mitchell: So this is not addressing that, this is just to reduce the number of signs that we have. It's not talking about how the zones or used, that's a code review. Title 16.

Williams: It does not deal with the rules against which a citation is issued.

Mitchell: Just to reduce the number of signs for a more efficient management of the system and the great committee, we met with them three times and they are supportive of this approach. Just to manage the system. This is not about policy.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good, any other questions? Public testimony?

Karla: Five people signed up. The first three please come on up.

Wheeler: Two minutes, name for the record and I am going to set over item 655. That is the establishing of a priority's framework for the city of Portland smart city PDX initiative. This is a resolution, there is no way that we are going to get to it today, so I would like to move it to Thursday, June 21 at 3:30:00 p.m.

Tony Jordan: Hello commissioners. Thank you for hearing my testimony. I hope that I can thank you later. I will move this up. For approving this policy on my 40th birthday. I also have been here for like several hours, and I might go a little over.

Wheeler: A birthday present.

Jordan: I am tony Jordan. And I am the founder of Portlanders for parking reform and I served on four, as a volunteer on four stakeholder parking committees in the last four years including the committee that produced this manual. Access equity, safety

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sustainability and affordability, these are critical issues that parking policy has an impact on and is important that we look holistically at our Transportation and housing network when we think about parking and transportation. Access to downtown in our commercial corridor, equitable and safe to all Portlanders now? Is the status quo sustainable? Can we keep things the way that they are, any critical, sustainability goals? And I don't think so. Cheap and free parking leads to congested curbs with little turnover and people poor, rich, or in between waste valuable time circling for parking. Often to eventually give up and park farther away paying the same price to park in a crud spot by the freeway or someone is paying to park in a prime spot in front of the restaurant where everyone wants to be. Time is money and oftentimes it's worth more to people with less money and less leisure time than to office workers. Performance parking management uses pricing not as a tax but as a way to allow people to make their own educated choices about how they value their time and money, and people do care about where they get to park, and that's important. With properly managed parking the parent with grumpy kids can find a spot and complete an earned quickly. That might be worth an extra 50 cents or dollar. With performance parking people can find parking they make fur turns. They drive fewer miles which makes the air cleaner and more people will take other modes which makes the city work better. The policy is not something made Up. My mentored professor said in his book the high cost of free parking. San Francisco and other cities have implemented them starting 2011 and Portland has been discussing this for 3.5 years. I've been to all the meetings and I know people don't want to pay more for parking. But in all those meetings I have yet to hear a better solution to the lack of access, the pollution and danger that parking caused than performance pricing, we cannot afford to spend millions to build massive public garages, and if we could it would be an ecological disaster.

we cannot add on street parking in the policies are leaning to remove on street for bike racks, transit layups, and drop zones, the options are to adopt the best practices or do nothing and let people not have access to downtown. I suggest we do something.

Wheeler: And happy birthday.

Jordan: Thank you.

Wheeler: A heck of a way to spend your birthday.

Jordan: It is a labor of love.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here.

Rick Michaelson: Good afternoon. I am rick Michaelson and I am the chair of the northwest parking stack and a member of the group that worked on this project. I think we need to look at this as an incremental step. It's really the first time that these policies and things have been put down on paper in a way that people can understand them And that's a great step forward. I believe probably in the next year or two perhaps when the next rate increase comes through you are going to want to look at these and change and adjust them. I support their adoption today with the understanding that it's a step down the road. We've been working on making changes in northwest parking for years. And it's a very slow process. If you don't take the first step, you never get any farther beyond that. Thank you.

Fritz: I thought the first part of the ordinance says that they are implementing the guidelines compared in the manual but then it says it is binding city policy. Won't it be more difficult to make those adjustments if everything in it has to come back by ordinance? And changes to anything in it?

Michaelson: I have to admit that I am happy that northwest is exempt from these guidelines, because we have another policy going on. But I think that, how to say this, I think that it's easier to respond and make changes to something, to guidelines that are down than continue the way it is that nothing adopted. And I think that it's the framework of how rates are going to be determined, and the timing of those rate changes is going to be,

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and how we approach counsel and who we approach in order to make those changes along the course of time. I am not sure that answers the Question. It's all pretty new.

Fritz: Making everything in it set in stone seems premature, perhaps.

Michaelson: If we were not going to come back and look at these for ten years it would be premature to be adopting it today but since these will be continuing to be worked on it's better to take this step. And not delay it for another year. As Tony says we've been trying to get to this piece of the project for 3.5 years.

Fritz: I am not saying that we should not adopt it but we should remove the clause that said it is all city binding policy for adjustments as we go along.

Saltzman: We can take a look at that.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Terry Parker: Terry Parker, northeast Portland. I will try to summarize some of this. Equity is missing when a developer can purchase a property in an adjacent, in or adjacent to a lower density neighborhood and construct a large apartment complex which creates parking deficiency. The crux of this is created by city policy that allows housing to be constructed without minimum off-street requirements. The developer makes it profit while the rest of the neighborhood takes a hit with a street full of cars and/or the residents are required to purchase parking permits thereby subsidizing the profits of the developer. When this happens the developer ought to be able to, should be paying for the parking permits for the residents in perpetuity. When you have streets full of cars, safety issues for emergency vehicles, garbage trucks, bicycles, visibility issues and access issues with service and delivery vehicles and access for mobility impaired people to access things like the tri-met lift. People that use an alternative means of transport also have cars, a similar statement is continually vocalized by bicyclists as an excuse for not paying their own way for specialized bicycle infrastructure. The city's own study suggests 72% of households have cars. 59% of low-income people drive to their place of employment. Is the elimination of off-street parking with affordable housing, a form of income discrimination? Having to pay to park on the street in front of your own house so a developer down the street can make a profit is unjust. In that motorists pay a variety of taxes on the streets curb-to-curb establishing curb space as an additional pay to use commodity as a form of discrimination. This is true when curb space is taken up by bike lanes with no charges or user fees assessed to the bicycle lane. I believe that you need to require off-street parking for new development. And I have listed how it should be. My neighborhood agrees with that. Rose city park does. choice in housing, we offer, We talked about choice in housing, but we want to dictate the transportation mode, and I want to say that drivers are the most underserved community on any city committees, even more so than the communities of color and whatnot. Drivers just do not, are not on transportation committees. And I know that I talked to you about that. When you first became mayor on a one to one, and it is not happening.

Wheeler: Very good. Some day when I am the transportation commissioner I will look forward to working with you Terry. Thank you for your testimony. Happy birthday.

Jordan: Thank you. I hope so.

Wheeler: Next, two more?

Reza Farhoodi: Thank you very much. Good afternoon mayor and commissioners. I am Reza Farhoodi, I am also on the stakeholder advisory committee that got into the development of this manual. Representing the neighborhood association. And on behalf of the pdna I urge you to adopt the manual that's before you today. The idea of the study performance-based parking was formed from a recommendation of the downtown meter rate adjustment subcommittee in 2015 and I was also on that, committee and the idea is an intuitive concept. Set the pricing to ensure optimal utilization, and of the on-street supply, and that is 85% so what does that get you? Two things. One it reduces the need to

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circle around the block and reduces the use of the off-street garages and that reduces the congestion, reduces the gas emissions and makes for a more safe and livable neighborhood. Also increases the turnover, helps the vitality of the businesses so that's also important. And then another thing is it will codify the net meter revenue allocation policy, and that's used in northwest Portland today, and it allows the meter revenues to be used for the benefit of the area in which it is generated. And so you can use it to pay for transportation demand management programs such as the transportation wallets, and needed projects to improve access and safety. The problem with this right now is that in manual will not apply to the downtown meter district which includes the pearl and also downtown, old town, south side waterfront, goose hollow. We have thousands of residents in these neighborhoods, a lot of the low-income residents as well. And we really think that we need to have access to this to, you know, to your own priorities so we think, we thank PBOT for listening to our concerns and issuing a memo to staff to review this policy and we know it's a long process but it's always like this with the parking committees, the circle of life. We have the central city committee and downtown meter rate subcommittee and finally This committee, so we look forward to working with the city to meet the transportation needs of the pearl district without making a major impact to the PBOT general fund.

Steven Liem: Good afternoon mayor, I am Steven Lynn the owner of underwear for men retail stores. We are located at southwest park in Washington, and the store is the largest men's underwear store in north America and takes up a quarter city block. We represent the businesses in the west end, and I would like to say that overall, anecdotally with conversations with those businesses, we support the performance-based data, parking structures, and I can tell you that, from my own business, once Sunday parking went into place, my business increased. We are seeing better terms and we would like to see parking times for Sunday morning before 1:00 even added. Sunday is our second busiest retail day now. Not number five or six like it used to be years ago. It's now number two. These are important changes that have taken place, and its data performance on parking that will make a difference for us. 40% of my current customers come in by car. I am one of many businesses that also offer smart park vouchers to my customers with a \$25 purchase. We also support our employees, so they don't drive down with mass transit subsidies, so parking is still an important aspect of what we do. Database is great, the data driven pricing is an excellent Model but it also misses the future. How does this process handle future needs? I will bring one to your attention that is very important to me right now and to many of the other big businesses that supported, that are getting, that need to be able to be supported when we are going up against amazon. Shopping on the web but in-store pickup. That business model is becoming more prolific across the city. I will give you the example of Nordstrom's today has in-store pickup and they pick up the, the customer picks up on southwest park, double parking almost five, six times a day, I am just seeing it all time. And they have added over 1,000 square feet of in-store pickup on that southwest park entrance way with no short-term quick parking ability. My store is the same. With dozens of in-store pickups, because they shop on the web, pickup in the store is the easy way and that's how you support the small business and how you support a structure of businesses being able to go up against the big internet commerce businesses. I would like to see some of the areas like this. I would like to see more of a business outreach. None of us knew this was going on and we would like be inclusive. We are not part of the stakeholders' committees. Most of us are not members of those organizations, which are larger developers, there needs To be some outreach to those of us in small business.

Wheeler: Thank you. That's really interesting testimony. I learned two things I didn't know. Number one that the Sunday becoming the second most vibrant day for shopping, and I am going to ask around because that's interesting to me. The second thing is discussion

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about the change in the business model from buying online but picking up. That's good feedback.

Liem: I have another list I will be emailing it in.

Wheeler: Great.

Fritz: You have the largest men's underwear business in the country, that's something.

Wheeler: Thank you. Free advertising, everybody, free advertising. So that concludes our public testimony, anything else before I move this one along? To the second reading?

Fritz: I would like to meet with you over the next week, commissioner Saltzman, to discuss, whether it's binding city policy and to clarify some of the equity requirements and also what comes to council and what doesn't or when it comes to council. If that would be acceptable to you?

Saltzman: Yes.

Fritz: There may be some amendments next week.

Saltzman: Okay.

Wheeler: Great, thank you. Good testimony. Good presentation, this is a first reading, non-emergency ordinance, moves to second Reading. [gavel pounded] last but not least item 653 and 654.

Items 653 and 654.

Wheeler: I am sorry this happened so late that I think that we lost most of our presenters, but we still have strong folks here waiting. The housing bond as you all know promised 1300 units of permanently affordable housing that would be created at a variety of income levels within five to seven years of passage. We are on track to accomplish that. In the first year and a half, we have nearly half of the promised units in process. In both new developments and acquisitions of existing buildings, to both provide new housing opportunities as well as preventing displacement. With the addition of this acquisition, the Portland housing bureau now has three bond projects identified, and of the three under contract, that means either in due diligence or preparing to close, and two prospects. Progress to date includes 314 total units, 270 net added, the remainder, of course, being permanently protected, and 199 family sized units, and that does not include 44 Ellington units, and 96 units sat 30% ami, and 29 supportive housing units, and 68 project-based vouchers. And the housing bureau is very excited as am I to bring this resolution before the council signifying an important step forward in the housing bond. The acquisition of this 51-unit building will provide affordable housing to individuals and homeless families over 160 People in total, in an area highly vulnerable to gentrification and displacement. The property's location in the Hazelwood neighborhood and David Douglas high school district in east Portland is home to the most diverse populations with communities of color and foreign-born households representing half of all residents. The building includes eight studio, 21 bedrooms, and 24, two-bedroom apartments. After purchase, one studio apartment will be converted to a community space, and for supportive housing services, and resident service activities. 16 project-based housing choice vouchers will be available from home forward, and for households earning between 0 and 30% of area median income, and nine units will be reserved as supportive housing for families. The remaining units will provide housing for households earning between 31 and 60% ami. And home forward will provide asset management services for the property under the intergovernmental agreement which has been approved by the council, that was approved on February 28. Upon transfer of the property, income qualified tenants will move in immediately including nine households currently experiencing homelessness. The strategy will focus on utilizing the homeless family system of care to provide referrals to the 16 units for households earning between 0 and 30% ami. In coordination with the office of homeless services and the home forward, join will be Contracted to provide on-site services to nine supportive housing units for formerly homeless families. Residents

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services will also be available for all tenants for the newly created units, and through a partnership agreement with a local nonprofit experienced in providing eviction prevention, resource referrals, and youth activities. Last paragraph, more progress is on the horizon for the housing bond. The demolition of the former safari club is complete. Making way for the predevelopment work of designing the future building for 3000 southeast Powell boulevard, that includes at least 200 units of affordable housing. Staff is also hard at work assessing three or four additional projects under contract and finalizing the policies for tenants screening criteria, incomes rising in place and over income residents of existing building acquisitions. With that I will turn it over to director Callahan, are you first up today?

Shannon Callahan, Portland Housing Bureau Director: I am. And --

Wheeler: Fabulous.

Callahan: Thank you, and I think that you said quite a bit.

Wheeler: I sure did. It felt like I said quite a bit.

Callahan: Thank you very much, and I know that the lateness of the hour I will just touch on a few highlights before I turn it over to Frieda Christopher and to Susan Emmons, the Stallworth panelists who remained with us. Frieda having served on the stakeholder advisory group to create the policy framework and Susan now working on the bond oversight committee with us. We had the opportunity to buy this building, that we are able to lease up quickly. It's been a very fast process for us, I am going to skip. Within six months of hearing of this property we are now bring it to you for your approval. It is a high-quality building with durable finishes, these are apartments that are spacious and large with light in area rooms and frankly as we look to prioritize homeless families coming in one of the greatest assets I think is a washer and dryer. I can't think of anything of more benefit to kids, kiddos than having clean clothes after they lived in shelters or cars or other places so that's not my formal talking point but that is what excites me about this.

Fritz: Does each apartment have a washer and dryer?

Callahan: Each apartment has a washer and dryer. And as I said they are very spacious units. I hope you will join us for a grand opening that we are planning on having next month so you can see it for yourself. Before I do turn it over I would like to thank a couple of key staff members. We have worked tirelessly at the bureau to make sure that these pipeline projects are happening, and I would like to acknowledge Javier, Tonya, Bobby, Cathy, Emily, and Jennifer Chang, especially, for all their efforts. With that and the lateness of the day I am going to leave you with a final, I apologize for the shortness of the presentation but with some final pictures. And with that, Frieda.

Frieda Christopher, East Portland Action Plan: Okay. Mayor and commissioners, thank you for having me here today. I am Frieda. Vice chair of the David Douglas school board and co-chair of epap housing subcommittee, and as Shannon said I was also on the housing bond stakeholder group. Just to refresh some of the things about east Portland and as the mayor said it's a diverse community. David Douglas school district we have about 75 languages spoken in our schools. East Portland also has the largest concentration of immigrant refugee populations with larger families. And east Portland also had, has a large population of low-income working families that are often facing large increases in their rent when they are already rent burdened, and they are facing no cause evictions. About five years ago studies indicated that east Portland would not be facing gentrification or displacement for significant years. Unfortunately, that's not been the case. East Portland is in the secondary stages of gentrification and we are seeing the displacement happening. David Douglas alone has lost over 400 students in the last three years. It is an indicator of displacement. Although east Portland still is the most affordable area in Portland it no longer is affordable for many of our families. Again, this year David Douglas has over 400 students that have been identified as homeless. The east Portland community has long advocated for greater investment of tax dollars in the area both in new

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buildings and displacement prevention efforts. Unlike many areas in Portland we do not advocate in our neighborhood, in fact, on Monday the housing subcommittee has selected one strategic priority for the next two years is to advocate for more bond dollars and other funds to be spent on land banking and affordable housing in east Portland. Many are of the community members are part of the vulnerable populations and epap would like them to remain in our community. We are pleased to see this first new building under the bond in east Portland, especially one with strong focus on stabilizing children and families. And David Douglas sees the importance of stabilizing our families so students can be more successful and have a greater chance of graduating on-time. The homeless family system is already working with many of our families in east Portland, and this project will go further to stabilize the family. Just speaking with our superintendent this morning popping up with ideas and since this will be opening prior to school starting they are looking to have school registration on-site to help the families Rather than to get to the schools to register. I strongly encourage you to approve the bond funds for the purchase of the building which is a step toward in stabilizing housing. Thank you.

Susan Emmons: I am susan emmons, and I am a member of the bond oversight committee, and it was established early on that as they had property review committee, there would be two members of the bond oversight committee at each one of these meetings where they decided to go ahead and look at a property seriously to make an offer or not. And I was at the meeting when they first looked at the property. And what excited me about this property was that it's a new building. It's uninhabited, and the staff at phb did an excellent job of presenting this information ahead of time so we could really look at did it meet the goals and criteria of the stakeholder group which it did very well. Very completely. Location. But since it is new building there are no tenants. No displacements and I was thrilled about that. And we were excited about the larger units for families and as shannon said when I heard about the washer and dryer, wow. I imagine what it will be like for the families who will come. Some of them will come from homeless shelters and transitional housing. I know when people see their unit, they are going to cry when they see the private bathroom. I experienced that with people. There is going to be stability for the families and children, the office on-site, the ability for these homeless, these agencies that serve homeless families to have an office. To meet with the people they are supporting. That's key there will be an office on-site. It's a great neighborhood. It's needed in this neighborhood. It's on mass transit, there will be people living in the building without cars and will utilize the mass transit. So I think that it's a wonderful opportunity, and I also would like to applaud, I think, the members of the oversight committee, very knowledgeable. Very impressed, and a little intimidated by the other four members on how much knowledge they have. And information. There hasn't been a question that they asked, that the staff hasn't answered, and been very responsible about getting the information to us and been very thorough in being very prudent about what we're going to look at and buy and finally to hear from the staff who looked at the building ahead of time and told us how well made it was and how it will last for years, beautifully constructed. Spacious, beautiful lighting, and just finally my experience in this field has been that architecture will transform people and change their lives. And it's wonderful to think that for some of the poorest people in the community we're going to Give them beauty in their lives, and that it will be solid and a place to start from and put down roots and their family gets to stay, not move schools so I am thrilled by the building and I hope you support allocating the bond funds to purchase it.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Is there public testimony on this item, Karla?

Karla: Yes. One person. Lightning super creativity watchdog.

Wheeler: Lightning. You are up.

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Lightning Super Creativity Watchdog: I am lightning, I represent lightning super creativity watchdog. I think that this is an impressive buy. I think that it's -- I like the new building. I like the fact that it's just recently been developed. I like the fact that jobs are being created. Materials have been bought in the local communities. And those are one of the things that I tried to emphasize on the overall bond, create jobs. Buy materials in a local community. And provide housing, and expand the property tax base, which goes back into the general fund, which can go back to other issues pertaining to housing, and now one of the questions that I have on this, I like the fact that I didn't see the square footage ratio on here. I understand that there are larger square footage so I like that. The issue that I have, I like your price per unit. I think that you are right in the range it should be. One of the factors I wanted to try to figure out here is that when we are creating property tax expansion, by these buildings when they are being developed, how are we going to be funding these supportive housing type of units? Have we created that ongoing revenue stream? Can we create that income stream by when we are developing new units, we automatically know a certain amount will go into the general fund, and we declare it will go towards the supportive housing units. And that's what I wanted to have an understanding and that's why I stated I prefer to develop new, and such as this, and up to ADA standards is my biggest concern. A lot of other issues but this is a nice quality building. A great buy. It is what the bond should be used for, so I am at total agreement, and again I am just looking at expansion of the property tax base. In an ongoing revenue stream for the supportive housing units in these properties. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Perfectly timed. Very good. So colleagues we have one ordinance and one resolution here. Is there any further questions before we vote on the ordinance? Very good. Please call the roll.

Saltzman: Well this is an outstanding purchase. And Susan, is she still there? There you are. I think you are knowledgeable, and I think that you hold your own I am sure with the rest of the numbers of the oversight committee. This is a great purchase and I want to thank director Callahan for, and her staff for bringing this forward to us, and the support of the bond oversight committee. This really is giving people a brand-new housing, you can't calculate, is, as Susan said. The impact it has on people. These look beautiful from the photographs that we saw, and it's a great location, very transit friendly. And a good school district so it's really a win-win-win. So, pleased to support it. Aye.

Eudaly: Thank you director Callahan and thank you Frieda and Susan for sticking it out with us. It has been an especially long day and very pleased to vote aye.

Fritz: Congratulations director Callahan and everybody. Thank you for your service, Susan. And Frieda for being here and staying as well. I couldn't help but reflect that your position now is quite different from what it was years ago, and I appreciate your leadership in showing that we can think holistically and do things that benefit all of us. I have to say that my washer and dryer still are my favorite appliance, and I am very grateful to them every week. Aye.

Wheeler: I could do without my washer and dryer.

Fritz: No, you couldn't.

Wheeler: You know, I have lots of things that I want to say but I will just brief and to the point. I want to thank everybody involved. I think you did an outstanding job. And we, as a council and concerned citizens in this community who care about the housing affordability, we need to start talking about it differently. The director Callahan and I have had this conversation, I was thinking as I was reading the latest article on the affordable housing not being affordable, and how we are missing an opportunity with our public to explain more clearly what it is they asked us to do, and second of all, talking about how what we are doing is directly aligned with what they have asked us to do. Since this is an affordable housing plan I will take a moment to take the opportunity to address a couple of these

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things. Every time we buy a building, or every time that we build a building. Somebody is going to take the ratio of the cost of the building to the number of front doors on the units. And they are going to say, the cost is x per unit. And they are going to go and find somebody in Portland and say, these guys paid 280,000 per door. What could you have built it for? And they will think about a lot that they purchased somewhere outside of the 205 corridor and think about the studio and one-bedroom apartments that they built, and they will come up with a number that's half, and people will say see. These guys, at city hall they don't get it. Don't understand how to build affordable housing. And so, we need to stop talking about the number of units. Because ultimately it is an apples to oranges comparison, and it's confusing, we need to talk about the number of people. A studio apartment in an sro building outside of 205 is not the same thing as a building inside the corridor that has larger family sized units and also meets our requirements around the zero to 30 and permanent supportive housing. They are not the same thing. And we need to talk about outcomes. Not the dollars per door. That's going to require us, I think, to be more aggressive. I also heard an interesting criticism this week earlier. I think in fact I was being described as stupid. Which, may not be far from the truth, I don't know. But let me run this one by you. They said why on earth are you buying buildings that already have tenants in them because you are not adding to the housing stock. That is factually true except for an important aspect which is we are permanently protecting the affordability of that housing stock. So in some cases it's not about Creating additional housing stock. It's about making sure that people of all income ranges and all walks of life can continue to live in this city. For example, where do you think that the people who are working in our vibrant restaurant culture are living. What about the people in our vibrant arts and culture community? Where are they living? What about the people who make that amazing beer we celebrate? Where do you think that they are living, and I will tell you if they cannot afford to live in this city we lose a lot of what makes this city worth living in for all of us. So protecting housing at affordable rates for the long run is important. And last but not least I am throwing it in for Jennifer because she's sitting here, former treasurer nerd. Lifecycle costs matters to me. We could go out and buy a bunch of tough sheds and throw them on a street corner and say look, we are building housing at 500 per unit and taking the first prize for being the cheapos of the year but we will have to replace those and they will not have the same amenities and if you are looking at 100-year life cycle sometimes investing more up front in quality materials and construction and thinking about things like energy efficiency, those things actually save you money over the long-term in terms of life cycle costs and anybody who owns or manages you know, real estate for a living, they know this stuff but we have Done a lousy job, a lousy job, and I take personal responsibility for this in explaining these principles to the public. I think if I and we could do a better job of talking about how we are, in fact, being very good fiscal stewards of the dollars they entrusted us to, I think that they would read and listen and hear criticisms with a little more skepticism or maybe have a few follow-up questions, so that's my hope and I went on longer than I wanted to do on that. I vote aye and thank you the ordinances is adopted. Jennifer before we get to -- is there anything you want to add before we talked about the resolution? Good, call the roll.

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

Fritz: So this authorizes the inter fund loan and thank you very much Jennifer, and the city financial officer, and housing bureau. This is a good way to finance this amazing project. Aye.

Wheeler: I vote aye the resolution is adopted and believe it or not we are adjourned.

Adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

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Wheeler: This is the June 14, 2018 afternoon session of the Portland city council. Karla, please call the roll. [roll call taken]

Fish: Here **Saltzman:** Here **Wheeler:** Here

Wheeler: Colleagues, commissioner Fritz asked that I note that she's absent on city business. She's attending the league of Oregon cities meeting as the city's representative, and she has indicated that she will certainly review the record prior to voting next week. We're appreciative of commissioner Fritz doing that good work at the league of Oregon cities. So she is noticed as excused this afternoon. Our first item is item 656.

Karla: Do we want to read the rules?

Wheeler: We decided to defer that today.

Item 656.

Wheeler: Commissioner Saltzman.

Saltzman: Thank you, mayor. This is indeed a great moment here in this city chamber today to consider the renaming of southwest stark street to southwest Harvey milk street. This was the result of residents who have earned signatures to bring this forward through the arduous process that we impose for street renaming. So, they have met the litmus test. I'm honored to be the commissioner to bring this forward. I want to turn it over to my staff person, Stacy Brewster, who has done an outstanding job of working with the petitioners to put together the program today. I'll turn it over to Stacy Brewster.

Stacy Brewster, Office of Commissioner Saltzman: Hello. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yep.

Brewster: So, before you today obviously is the application to rename southwest stark street after Harvey milk. With me is Kurt Krueger with Portland bureau of transportation to answer any questions you may have. I'm going to do a quick overview of the process that got us here today. I did want to just start with a quote that comes from the Harvey milk street project committee's web page, a short bio on Harvey milk to set the stage here. Harvey milk was a visionary civil and human rights lead who are became one of the first openly gay elected officials in the united states when he won a seat on the san Francisco board of supervisors in 1977. His unprecedented loud and unapologetic proclamation of his authenticity as an openly gay candidate and subsequent election gave never before experienced hope to people everywhere at a time when community encountered widespread hostility and discrimination. His career was tragically cut short when he was assassinated a year after taking office. I used the term LGBTQ. Obviously, you know that stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer... I do not think that's a perfect term. It incorporates a large umbrella of our community including those who identify as asexual, pan sexual, nonbinary and two spirit and intersex. Just want to lay that out there. Here's the fun part. Chapter 17.93 renaming city streets. It's pretty straightforward for folks to come forward and rename city streets. Any person or group can apply. Streets are only to be renamed, this comes directly from city code, after prominent persons who have achieved prominence as a result of their significant, positive contributions to the united states and/or the local community, are a real person and deceased at least five years. PBOT accepts just one application at a time. By city code undertakes just one street

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renaming per year. Both before and after that code was written include Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Don Naito, Rosa Parks and Cesar Chavez. The next piece is about how we select the piece of street that we're renaming. This picture is not great, but you'll remember we were here in February to grant an exemption to this application, so it could move through the process in good faith checking all the boxes as they went to only rename SW Stark rather than Stark throughout the city. City code indicated we would have had to name it throughout the city even though they are separated by the Willamette River and Waterfront Park. This is the map of what we're looking at. It's 13 blocks from where it intersects with West Burnside to Naito Parkway and we felt, Council felt in February that the committee made a compelling case in terms of downtown's association with the LGBTQ community historically. So how did we get here today? I will let the committee members and special guests speak to how they got to the process of selecting Harvey Milk and SW Stark, they will speak to that, but I want to sort of run you through how we got through all the steps here. First, we have back in the fall we were approached by the committee about renaming a city street. As you know PBOT can only accept one application at a time and there were a couple already in the door, so we were in a holding pattern. We waited for the decks to be cleared. We thought at the time that it would only be a few months. They were in various phases and would probably not be going the route of street renaming. So, in the meantime the committee announced their efforts publicly, launched their website, continued to gather endorsements. Their website is listed here, HarveyMilkPdx.org. In February we got the green light to go ahead. All the decks were cleared. Council voted to waive the portion of city code, so the application could proceed. Because we passed it on emergency PBOT gave the committee petition forms to begin gathering signatures. To remind you, city code indicates you would get either 75% of abutting addresses signatures or signatures from 2500 Portlanders at large, residents of Portland. This is still on here for February because even though they have six months to collect those signatures, they came back to us in about three weeks with 2800 signatures of Portland residents. Really enthusiastic very quickly gathered those. The application itself you have it in your packets. But it had checked a lot of the boxes and went above and beyond in terms of what they provided to both the historian panel and all the people considering this and included a support letter from Harvey Milk's surviving nephew Stewart, who is here with us today, a biography, list of honors received, support from the downtown neighborhood association as well as the committee's vision for the project. Their narrative on the choice of SW Stark street. They gathered a ton of endorsements from community organizations and leaders. I'm not going to read them all, but we can just briefly flash to them. These are some of the community organizations that endorsed this before their application went in. Community leaders that endorse us. Businesses on Southwest Stark Street. And other Portland businesses. So in March Commissioner Saltzman as the commissioner in charge appointed an historian panel. Many of those folks are here today and will be speaking including Cindy Comfor, Darcel 15, longest performing drag queen in the country and owner of the longest running drag show west of the Mississippi. That panel had their public meeting in April. They discussed every aspect of the application including history of Benjamin Stark and voted unanimously to approve this application. Meanwhile the city auditor was sending postcards, surveys that people could return anonymously any abutting SW Stark, not only people with addresses on SW Stark but if your address isn't Southwest Stark you got a postcard with the option of filling it out. Then another thing that's non-city code but I wanted to talk about, I think it will be referenced today because it comes from the mission and the vision laid out by the committee from the outset, we convened a meeting with PBOT and regional arts and cultural council, staff to discuss ways if we were to do the street renaming how we could honor the legacy of local LGBTQ heroes and places. That work is ongoing. We have done a walk-through with staff and there's a lot of

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ideas being generated everything from PBOT end of doing rainbow crosswalk to bigger ideas of historical markers and artwork and things like that. Folks may mention that, but the Harvey milk street project committee has a booth at the pride festival this week. You can check them out and share your ideas on what you would want to see happen. Then all the other steps go directly to the planning and sustainability commission. I used the abbreviation psc, for anyone who is following. The historian panel sent a unanimous recommendation letter. Vast majority were nonresponsive, about 80%. We had 67 return in opposition and 46 in support. Then PBOT provided their budget impact statement how much this would cost to manufacture the signs and install them, and by code remove the old signs in five years. The total cost is about \$8,000. So, to keep that in mind as we're talking about this and what the scope of this is, it's rather small. So, on May 15 the planning and sustainability commission held a public hearing. There was public testimony. All the testimony was in favor, none against. The commission asked some questions and voted unanimously to send a recommendation letter to council, which they did June 1st. Which you have. Really those are all the steps. We have gotten to city council and remarkable speed. As I gained city employee I didn't want to lose this moment to say what an honor and how grateful I am to have worked on this project. I'm probably the longest serving gay staff member in elected office in this building. Almost ten years. I'm really cognizant working on this project what Harvey milk has meant to me and how many people have been involved in the fight and the struggle for our humanity and dignity in this community. So just to them I want to say thank you. That's really it. I want to allow if you have any questions for us or PBOT and then we can get into our invited testimony.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good presentation.

Saltzman: First up we have Mickey Gillette with the project committee. Stewart Milk and founding chair of the Harvey Milk Foundation, and Nancy Hack, co-executive director of Basic Rights Oregon.

Wheeler: Good afternoon. Welcome. The microphones move around. So you can pull them closer if you would like. We find about this distance here works really well. The only requirement is name for the record. Appreciate it.

Mikki Gillette: Thank you, Mayor Wheeler. I'm Mickey Gillette.

Wheeler: That's perfect.

Gillette: I'm going to speak about the process that our committee went through and bringing about this project. We are a diverse grass roots coalition of folks representing community leaders, nonprofits and the southwest Stark business community. We met and discussed potential LGBTQ icons for the renaming who met two requirements in city code which were that the person be a prominent individual and they be deceased for five-plus years. After deliberations, we decided that Harvey Milk is a compelling choice, that it's a name that will be recognized internationally by allies and by LGBTQ folks alike. We see this portion of the project, renaming, as a starting point. Creating a space and opportunities to recognize additional LGBTQ icons such as Marie Equi, Keaton Lowry, Marsha P. Johnston and Sylvia Rivera and others that we discussed as a committee. We also are in the process as Stacy mentioned of brainstorming with PBOT and with Rac about these additional projects. We want to be cognizant that we're in Oregon and we would like to be able to talk about Oregon LGBTQ history and Oregon LGBTQ figures, but we see Harvey Milk as a great choice for this renaming project. So I appreciate you holding this hearing today and considering this important project.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Stuart Milk: Thank you, Mayor and members of the city council, for considering the renaming of Stark Street for my uncle Harvey. I want to also thank Terri, Nicole, Stacy, everyone in this room who has worked so hard to support this effort. I'm a little travel weary. I came here from Latvia. The time difference is extreme. Someone said you came

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down. I actually said, no, actually the midnight sun is there so I came south. It was important for me to be here. It's important for me to recognize the role that the family plays. I have the unfortunate and fortunate opportunity to be in a small club of individuals who are family members of those who gave their life for civil rights movement. You know, before I come to these types of events I always touch base usually with a member of the Kennedy family. Kara reminded me yesterday, Kara Kennedy, of the quote of president Kennedy who said that a community is judged and ultimately should be judged, on who they honor. And who they want their citizens to inspire, and to be inspired to be more like. At the very essence my uncle was a dreamer who believed that everybody should be accepted for who they are. That everybody be included. That everyone be authentic. He was one of the first openly gay elected officials but was also the first person to ask people to be out. To be visible. He realized that our struggle was one of invisibility and the lies and myths and innuendos about my minority community are only sustained when people don't know anyone from that community. Whether it's a bully on the playground or possibly Pennsylvania avenue, bullies only win when we as a community are divided. And I particularly appreciate that Terri and everyone involved in the committee did ask the family to be involved. One thing that we do struggle with the LGBT community, sometimes there's dehumanization of our leaders by not realizing that they have loving and supportive families. My uncle's legacy was a battle as I said for visibility. When we went through the process to get a terminal named after my uncle in San Francisco, some individuals suggested that maybe someone who had something to do with the airport have that named after him. It was folks like Dolores Huerta who said, no, Harvey gave his life. He was a martyr. There is a special place that we hold as Americans for those who are willing to give their life. He continues to inspire new generations. I was just with Emma Gonzalez, who is an amazing leader and survivor of the pulse massacre. She said Harvey was the reason that she was able to be out and visible. It's what gives her sometimes the courage to take the national stage like she did at the mall in Washington. I have got two stories, I know they have given me five minutes. I have two brief stories, so if you have a hook you may get that ready. I wanted to give you a sense of what Harvey and who he inspires globally around the world. Two years ago we had a U.S. Navy ship naming ceremony that U.S. Navy named a ship after my uncle. We held that event at Treasure Island, and it was the event that the U.S. Navy had the most press, the most positive reaction than any naming ceremony in their history. We got at the Milk Foundation thousands of emails. One in particular represents many of them. It was a young man named Camille, 14-year-old named Camille, who said that he is in Kuwait. His very existence is illegal. If he came out to his family, they would do an honor killing. And that he wanted to let us know that he was sitting at the port in Kuwait waiting for the U.S. Navy ship Harvey Milk. That he put aside his plans for suicide, that he will wait until that ship arrives there. And by the way, it will. I have since met Camille. I can tell you that Harvey's story resonates in communities around the world, and if this naming street resolution goes through, you will join communities like Verona, Italy, which has for the last ten years its LGBT center is Harvey Milk, or the one in Paraguay. I can go on and on. Finally let me tell you a story from just last week in Latvia, since it's fresh in my mind. I was at an event called Love Talks. It was an open forum event. We didn't know who was going to speak and a woman named Katrina in her 50s got up and she said that she went to a wedding at San Francisco City Hall. So if any of you have been there you know we have a bust. Harvey is the only nonmayor that has bust in city hall. It sits at the top of the stairway and every wedding takes place in front of that bust, LGBT or not. [laughter] this Russian wedding was taking place in front of that bust. Latvia is a Russian majority speaking country. Katrina saw people leaving things in front of that bust. That, by the way, happens every day. People leave tokens whether it's a lei, feather boa, a ring or a letter. She said that she saw that and didn't know who Harvey was and she

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watched the documentary. She said that she always suspected that her youngest son was LGBT, and she would never have accepted that. But she showed it. She said she brought her whole family and very reluctant husband to watch the times of Harvey milk. She looked at her son and he looked at her, and she said, that he said yes, mom. I am like Harvey milk. She said, I hope you are. And they embraced and it was really she said she has now gone on to be one of the great and one of the few p-flag mothers in the Baltic states. So let me just close by saying that my uncle knew it wasn't a Hollywood, it wasn't Sean Penn or my friend Dustin lance black who invented his prophetic view that he would face assassins' bullets. He knew he was going to be killed. I have two letters from him saying he wasn't going to make it through 1978. I was 17 when he was killed. He didn't want to die. He didn't want to be killed but he believed it was important that someone be asking people to be visible in coming out. So he knew that he would be assassinated and he was willing -- he told me it wasn't the quantity of time but the quality of time that we're on earth. So I'm always asked as a family member if I'm sad that he didn't get to see a day like today when we have a whole room of people supporting LGBT individuals who are out themselves or allies or folks like you that realize that diversity is a strength. And my answer is always the same, that i'm not sad that he didn't get to see this day because he dreamed of it. It's what gave him the courage to go in to work every day, to read those letters of hate and death threats and to still go in. He dreamed of this day and you are fulfilling that dream. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues, I recommend we suspend the rules for the remainder of the item. Thank you for being here. [applause]

Nancy Hague, Co-Executive of Basic Rights Oregon: Why did I let him go first?
[laughter]

I have been in this chamber many times. I have never heard testimony that made people suspend the rules. It's very exciting. Nancy hawk, co-director of basic rights Oregon, the state's advocacy and policy organization for LGBTQ people and their allies. I'm here today to ask you to vote yes to rename 13 blocks of SW stark in honor of Harvey milk an LGBTQ hero. As a queer woman, the mother of a four-year-old, I'm incredibly grateful to live in a state on the leading edge of LGBTQ justice. Portland and city council have always been ahead of the curve. As a person of color who grew up in Virginia whose main forefather was named after Robert e. Lee, that street names matter. They can make us feel welcome or not welcome in a place. Naming a street for a hero sends a powerful message to our kids who still face alarming rates of bullying, family rejection and homelessness that we have their backs. There are many wonderful people we should honor through renaming public spaces, and Harvey milk is among the best. He was a visionary human rights leader who became one of the first openly LGBTQ officials in the united states when he won his seat on the san Francisco board of supervisors in 1977. Harvey milk was out and proud during an era when few in our community could be. He was out just eight years after the stonewall riots where Marsha p. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera and others launched the modern movement protesting police brutality in New York city. He was out four years before the first cases of aids were reported. He was out a full two decades before Ellen DeGeneres boldly came out on national television as part of her sitcom. He was a bold and inspiring leader who believed firmly for LGBTQ people to be treated with dignity we must be willing to share our stories openly and honestly. His life was tragically cut shorted in 1978 when he was assassinated just a year after he was elected, and leaders like Harvey milk, Marsha p. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera are tragically absent from our history books. Youth have few role models at a time when the trump administration is working to dismantle our progress, excluding transgender people from the military, carving out religious exemptions in the law and trying to undermine our freedom to marry. Let's send a

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message that Portland, Oregon, believes in LGBTQ equality. Thank you very much.
[applause]

Brewster: Next, I want to call up Kathryn Sadat and Darcel 15, as well as Lisa Schroeder and John LaGloss, both business owners on Southwest Stark. LGBTQ.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Darcelle XV: The drag thing takes a minute. [laughter] Good morning. First, I would like to thank you very much for the rainbow flags. Is that a first? I think it's a first that I have ever seen. I want to thank you for that. [applause] I would like to thank also the Oregon convention center for lighting their towers in our colors. It's amazingly wonderful. A step forward. These are all step forwards. A few years ago, domestic partners Multnomah county at least I think they let it run for a month, I was in line with my partner Roxy. Along with hundreds of other gay couples in Portland. It was a wonderful, wonderful day. We signed up as domestic partners. Roxie died in October of last year. And because we were assigned as domestic partners, his estate took ten days to settle. Thank you, Multnomah county, and another step forward. Because of this council and the state government, Portland has become a vacation destination. We thank you for that. They come for the scenery, the smiles that we have in Portland. They come for the donuts and the drag queens. [laughter]

Haque: And the omelets. [laughter]

Darcelle XV: Amen. Those are steps forward. I'm very proud and happy to be able to say to our bachelor parties who come to my club, you can love who you love and marry who you love. That's a step forward. I hope and know that you will make another step forward for Portland and for all of us. Please vote yes on Harvey Milk Street. It will be exciting time. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your being here.

Kathleen Saadat: Good afternoon. Thank you for coming this far. This is so important. This is such a symbol, and our symbols convey meaning. They evoke emotional responses which help crystallize identity. And help people feel connected to something outside of their own immediate self, their family and their community. It's because symbols carry meaning that reflects our values and ideals that they are important. We have grown up with symbols all around us. We respond to them. We think about them sometimes. Sometimes we choke up when we hear a piece of music or see the flag or think about something that reminds us of who we are at our core. We know that those symbols reflect our collective ideals. We also know that sometimes they need to be changed or added to. Which is where we are today. We need to have symbols that challenge us to think about whose images represent us as Americans. We need to have symbols that precipitate discussions and conversations about who we are and to help bring the marginalized narrative into the mainstream. We continue to imagine a generation, cross-generationally, what we need to be to be our best selves. To connect to the ideas of equality sometimes change can feel like a threat, but debate, discussion is imperative for a healthy democracy. So there's no reason not to have the discussion. I believe that the renaming of Stark to Harvey Milk Street means a lot of people will look and reevaluate the meaning of being an American. We who are asking for this renaming have the same rights and responsibilities as all other Americans. They are ours, not to be taken away. Given the history of bias and bigotry against the people who make up the LGBTQ community, this is an opportunity to create a cultural symbol that reinforces the idea that members of the LGBTQ community are positive members of the broader society, I remind you again the sadness and despair, the rate of suicide experienced by young people struggling with issues of sexuality, we can't ignore it. The symbol also brings hope. Hope. We need to help them reject negative issues of sex -- labels and inspire them with hope for lives built on foundations of love and support. Naming a street after Harvey Milk will help accomplish both things by

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acknowledging our struggle and our humanity. What a joy it would be to see the rainbow flag flying from a flagpole on Harvey milk street. Please vote yes. [applause]

Wheeler: Thank you, Kathleen

Lisa Schroeder: I want to thank you very much for hearing us today. I am fortunate enough to have come to Portland at a time when stark street was the hub for the LGBTQ community. From red cap to boxes to scandals and Silverado, people in the gay community knew they had a place to go where they could be at home and they could be themselves. Now few of those establishments remain but the memories of what was once a vibrant hub for the LGBTQ community must live on. And this can happen by renaming southwest stark street Harvey milk street. Naming the street after this important gay leader will help preserve the important part of Portland's history. Hopefully inspiring learning about Portland's gay community and their important contribution to this city. I am so honored to have been a part of the Harvey milk street committee project and I am thrilled at the prospect that my restaurant, mother's bistro and bar, might be situated on a street called Harvey milk. I'm thankful to you, commissioners, for what I hope will be an historic vote today which will bring pride and honor to an important part of Portland's population and every one of its citizens. Thank you. [applause]

John Pierre-Nugloze: Hello, councilors. Please excuse me. I'm very nervous. English is my third language. I'm jean Pierre -- you may remember me from -- excuse me. Testimony in January. I'm from Togo, west Africa, and own a clothing store on southwest stark street. I moved from my home country three years ago to save my life. I was LGBTQ activist and one of the founders of the first gay rights association in Togo. When my country passed a law making it a criminal to be homosexual, I settle here in Portland. I have personal experience how gay people feel in a Homophobic place. Portland has been a wonderful place for me, but we must be strong to help -- to keep it and -- having looked straight we carry a message of -- that we respect the LGBTQ community. I will be so honored to have my store on the street that celebrate diversity. I hope you will vote in support of Harvey milk street. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. [applause]

Brewster: I want to welcome a couple more special guests and before they speak we're going to play a short video, but the special guests are Nicole Murray Ramirez, a human relations commissioner from san Diego, and governor Barbara Roberts. Welcome. There's a short video testimony that we have from Matthew shepherd's parents, Judy and Dennis shepherd. I'm going to play that for you.

Video: I'm Dennis shepherd. I'm Judy shepherd. We're thrilled to find out that Portland is having a street named after Harvey milk. It's just critical the LGBTQ youth know about the history of the LGBTQ movement. If our son were still alive he would be thrilled to see acknowledgment and recognition of historical figures of the LGBTQ community.

Brewster: Thanks.

Governor Barbara Roberts: Mr. Mayor, members of the council, first of all thank you for allowing me a second time to speak to you in favor of naming the Harvey milk street. I spoke at the very first hearing and now another opportunity to speak to this important proposal. Now, I don't have to tell you and we certainly heard it delineated at the beginning of the program here, this proposal has gone through many steps as it should. But it has now arrived back here today for your consideration. Each of us if we are fortunate have heroes, role models, icons that bring inspiration and hope and vision into our lives. They help us see new paths, envision an expanded future, and create dreams of dignity and accomplishment. Portland has wisely recognized many of our role models. The life like statue of Vera Katz on our waterfront, buildings named after bud Clark, Gretchen Kafoury, judge Gus Solomon, mark Hatfield, Edith green, Gladys McCoy, marine Neuberger and Wendell Wyatt. Streets that honor martin Luther king, Rosa parks, and Cesar Chavez. A

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walk around our city is a walk through the history of role models and heroes. Today I'm asking you to add Harvey milk's name to Portland's recognition of leaders of courage. Let me say at this point I spoke with governor ted Kulongoski. He could not be here today, but he asked me to add his support to this decision today. The rest of my remarks you can think of ted making them with me. [laughter] Harvey milk's election to public office as a gay man opened minds and opened hearts. Since his death that image of bravery and openness has lifted spirits and hopes for millions of LGBTQ community members across the continents, across the world, across the globe, especially gay youth. This is the right choice and the perfect time and the perfect place for this recognition. When my dear friend Terri bean first raised the idea of naming a street in Portland's historic gay district after Harvey milk, I was a little hesitant. I thought it might be a little difficult. I told him I wasn't sure he could make it happen. We could make it happen. And then I remembered. We live in Portland, Oregon: [laughter] where we honor courage and diversity. Where we honor bravery and inclusion. What better place than Portland? There isn't one better. What better time for this decision than pride week? And who better to take this decision, this decisive step, forward than our elected city council. I am privileged to support this proposed street naming. It makes me a very proud Portlander. And an extremely extra proud Oregonian. So I will tell you I didn't intend to say this today, but after listening to Stewart and knowing that Nicole is going to speak in a moment, I proudly display in my living room a bust of Harvey milk that I received as an award in his name from his foundation down in san Diego about three years ago, and Stewart and Nicole were there to help honor me with a Harvey milk foundation award. So it's extra special. [applause]

Nicole Murry Ramirez: Mayor ted wheeler, president Fish, honorable commissioners, I bring you greetings from the city of san Diego and our great mayor Kevin falconer. As a Latino and gay activist for about 50 years I have had the privilege to work with both Cesar Chavez and Harvey milk. I come from a generation that well remembers the 1950's, '60s, '70s when homosexuals with just a stroke of a pen with a signature of either their parents or a judge were sent to mental hospitals. Many subjected to electric shock treatment and lobotomies. God has blessed me these last decades to have witnessed the progress and empowerment of both my people of color communities and the LGBTQ community. We all know that the continuing fight for LGBTQ equality is the last civil rights movement of the 21st century. Since the revolutionary war, LGBTQ Americans have made great contributions to this nation. Finally, in the last decades cities have been honoring such civil rights icons as martin Luther king and Cesar Chavez and now Harvey milk. San Diego is proud that it is the first city in the nation to have named a street after Harvey milk followed by Salt Lake City. Harvey milk was a lieutenant in the u.s. Navy and was stationed in san Diego. In honoring Harvey milk, we honor our active military and veterans especially those who are LGBTQ. Our nation's oldest LGBTQ organization the international courts and I lead the successful national letter writing campaigns that resulted in both a Harvey milk u.s. Postage stamp that was unveiled at the white house and the secretary of the navy naming a naval vessel after lieutenant Harvey milk. The usn Harvey milk will be built and dedicated in san Diego starting next year. By the way, the Portland chapter of the imperial courts was very involved in these national letter writing campaigns and Portland court will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 20th. In closing I must also state that I have had the privilege of going with Harvey milk's nephew Stewart, who is with us, this afternoon to Europe and central America and have seen firsthand how Harvey milk is becoming a civil rights icon for the LGBTQ global community. Especially since the academy award winning movie milk based on his life. It since the issuing of the Harvey milk postage stamp and announcement of the usn Harvey milk and cities honoring his legacy I must tell you there's been an outpouring of pride, inspiration and honor, especially by LGBTQ from around the world. I salute the Portland community, Terri bean, Susan,

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Darcelle, basic rights Oregon and everyone involved on behalf of the city of san Diego and mayor faulkner, we hope you would join us and other cities in honoring the legacy of Harvey milk. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you so much. Thank you for being here. [applause]

Saltzman: Mayor, that completes the invited testimony. Before we move to public testimony if I may I would like to introduce an emergency clause to make this ordinance effective upon our vote.

Fish: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from commissioner Saltzman to add an emergency clause, a second from commissioner Fish. Any further discussion? Karla, please call the roll.

Karla: We'll get wording for the clause?

Wheeler: He's just adding the emergency clause.

Saltzman: The wording being this is pride month and pride parade is Saturday and we want to celebrate and honor Harvey milk with a street being renamed Harvey milk today. [applause]

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

Wheeler: Just so you know legally she has to ask that question. The answer is aye. The amendment is adopted. How many folks do we have signed up today?

Karla: We have 15 people. 17. Sorry.

Wheeler: Very good. Three minutes each. There's a little red light that will go on when your time is up. 30 seconds before your time goes there's a yellow light. When the red light goes you'll hear a beep. If you're able to hear said beep we ask you again keep the microphone about this far from your face. It's very sensitive. Please leave the microphone on when you leave so the next person can just tee it right up. We ask for name for the record but nobody needs to give their address. Good afternoon. There's no particular order. If you'd like to start we're good to go.

Cathy Travis: Thank you, mayor, and commissioners. I'm kathy travis, a retired Portland attorney and an LGBTQ civil liberties activist and a member of the coalition of individuals and organizations that comprise the harvey milk project. I'm in my 70th year and therefore have seen progress and backlash in the struggle for gay rights. In Oregon we fought against the oca's anti-gay ballot measures. We fought for and succeeded in passing hate crimes and anti-discrimination legislation. The process for me and for so many others like me has been a journey from being cast as an outsider to finally feeling part of the community. This kind of journey that ultimately speaks to the best in all of us needs to be affirmed, encouraged, honored and celebrated. I want to flashback to a moment that I experienced in my early 20s. I was leaving a lesbian bar with my girlfriend when confronted by a group of teenage boys with baseball bats who had been waiting outside the bar as they sometimes did to victimize people like us. I heard one of them yell, get them: Terrified, we ran and they ran after us. Luckily, we outran them and reached my apartment building and with trembling hands I was able to unlock the door to safety. Collapsing inside my heart pounding as it had never done before or since, I kept thinking, over and over, that we could have been killed or maimed, and nobody would care. We had no rights. We were outcasts who did not matter. I don't want anyone ever to experience the terror that we felt that night. But they do still in this country. Renaming southwest stark street to southwest harvey milk street is not a cure-all or end stop to the journey. However, the inclusion and acceptance such a step represents is important and not just for the LGBTQ community, but to our greater Portland community. I hope we will continue to work together towards a more equitable community where each of us regardless of sexual identity or difference can reach our full potential and be who we truly are. Thank you.

Wheeler: Appreciate your testimony. Thank you.

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Cameron Whitten: Good afternoon, mayor, city commissioners. I'm Cameron Whitten. I have lived in Portland for eight years. I'm a young, poor, queer, black and proud. I'm going to be brief. I'm just going to say that this is a great day for celebration. We live in a time where our news is sad, where so much is sad in the world, and this is a room that is full of energy and full of celebration of something that this community has needed for a long time. You know, I think about many renaming in the past, Union Street, Cesar Chavez, they are always naysayers, people afraid of change but what we're here to show is that community is here and that justice is on our side and that these stories matter and this is a long time coming. So I really hope and I put faith in you all and in the city of Portland that this is just the beginning to recognize LGBTQ leaders who have shifted this city and this world and we continue to elevate leaders from underrepresented communities. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Norwood Paladin: Good afternoon. I'm Norwood Paladin. I came very well prepared but since I have been here I feel as though I might have to go off script. Meeting people outside I may be one of the only dissenters, dissenting opinion here. I'm just here to learn more than anything else. Since I have been here today I have been made to feel very uncomfortable, unwelcome, unwanted, and it was even suggested that I go home and not speak. Simply because I have a different opinion. Now, before I start, and if I don't say anything else, I just want the council to know, the other speakers, the assembly, I want everyone to know that I am not homophobic as was mentioned. I'm not bigoted or intolerant. I support the gay community. But my research has led me to find some things that are fairly disturbing about Harvey Milk, and that's what I came to address. Please no disrespect to anyone should be taken. And I will continue to go off script. The life and times of Harvey Milk, Mayor of Castro Street, this is an excellent book given to me by a gay friend. In this book there are page after page of accusations against Harvey Milk, accusations of pedophilia, child abuse, statutory rape, racism. It's said that he preyed on young vulnerable drug addicted boys and we know he lived with a 16-year-old runaway Jack McKinley as husband and wife. In the book he referred to one colleague, John Wu, as Lotus Blossom, another, Michael Wong, as My Little Fortune Cookie. His Mexican American lover Jack Lira he called Taco Bell until Mr. Lira hung himself in their shared apartment. I have many more examples if anyone would like to read them. But here's the thing. It's what I'll get to now. I have 30 seconds. My quarrel isn't with Harvey Milk. I want to ask this question. How in the age of the Me Too movement and so many woke individuals can anyone in their right mind and with a straight face possibly think it's good or proper to memorialize an accused pederast child abuser or sexual predator? I think this is a terrible and irresponsible message to send to victims of abuse.

Travis: If I may, mayor and commissioners, I would like to address the allegations just made very briefly.

Wheeler: You know, let's keep moving on.

Travis: Okay.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. All three.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here.

Peter Parisot: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. My name is Peter Paris, executive director of Prison Help. I'm here to convey my organization's support to rename Stark Street to Harvey Milk. I don't want to repeat but I want to emphasize why this public statement such as this is an important one. Particularly from the perspective of public health. As you know, from your prior support of CAP, we opened an LGBTQ focused primary care center a little over a year ago. Since then we have seen incredible demand for these specific services. The demand seems to be growing faster than we can bring on providers to serve them. I think this speaks to the importance that Portland plays as a hub for LGBTQ individuals across the northwest. On a personal note, this was true for me

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growing up as a gay kid in Montana, I knew that Portland was the place I wanted to be which is why I moved here in 1997 the first time. Why I stay. Thank you for that. But while it's easier for LGBTQ plus individuals to navigate the world it's still quite difficult for a number of folks. I wanted to speak a little bit about some demographic data. Every five years the Oregon health authority issues a report that describes the state of our health called the state assessment. They are issuing a new report this year that has fascinating data on the growth of the LGBTQ population. Nationally we have seen data for years that showed about 4.1% of our population identifies as LGBTQ. However, in the data soon to be released by the state health authority will show that fully 10% of the adult population in Oregon identifies as LGBTQ. That report also shows that nearly 23% of 11th graders are identifying as LGBTQ. That's 8% of 11th grade boys and 15% of girls. Moreover, about 6% of 11th graders reported themselves as nonbinary or having multiple gender answers. 64% of them identified as LGBTQ. So this is just to show that the LGBTQ population is changing and growing in Portland and in Oregon. However, there are higher rates of violence and trauma and mental health issues within that population. I'm running out of time. 56% have reported depression and anxiety. 50% reported posttraumatic stress. There are significantly higher rates of depression for transgender folks by 72%. Among 11th graders temperature reported good. [audio not understandable] basically because of the social stresses of being LGBTQ in our culture. However, where there have been notable where participants receive social supports those numbers go up considerably.

Fish: Do you have any final statement?

Renaming stark street is important in raising the visibility of what it means to be an LGBTQ individual in our community. We're being seen and heard and sends an important message, especially for our youth.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate it.

Ben Levy: Good afternoon. I'm ben leva. I work for coffee roasters as a manager of our cafe on sw stark. As the manager of a business that is located on sw stark i'm excited for the opportunity to express my support for the name change to harvey milk street. It's very much in line with my company's values as well as my personal philosophy of providing a service to our visitors and our guests that enter my cafe. At our cafe we serve hundreds of customers every day. The majority of these customers are tourists. They are visitors who come from across the country and across the world to enjoy stumptown coffee as part of their Portland experience. Through the hospitality that we deliver and the service and engagement that we provide we become unofficial ambassadors for the city in a sense. I believe that this name change provides us with an opportunity to leave a lasting impression on visitors to my cafe and really showcase that our city is welcoming and inclusive to everyone. On a more personal level, I feel that the name change provides us with a great opportunity to impact many people, however, even if just one individual is able to be made to feel more safe and more welcome and more accepted then it is so worthwhile. Even if just one individual who might not even know what LGBTQ even means is able to reach a deeper understanding and greater awareness and greater acceptance then it's very much worthwhile. Thank you.

Wheeler: Well said. Thank you. [applause]

Cindy Cumfer: Good afternoon. Did you all get the handout? We have a handout. I'm Cindy cumfer. I'm a member of the historical review committee for the street renaming. In addition to being a retired lawyer I'm a historian with a ph.d from ucla. I have written two history books both won awards and I was professor of history at reed college. I'm also as lesbian. I'm testifying today to point to the historical important of downtown stark street to the LGBTQ community and to Portland. Southwest stark street sits near the center of the district that dating back to at least the turn of the 20th century might be called Portland's gay district. Included in the southwest wedge of Portland east of the gulch, now 405, and

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south of and including Burnside street were important institutions like the ymca, and numerous hotels, restaurants, taverns and night clubs, a number of which over the years housed and served LGBTQ people. Southwest stark street was the site of many of these businesses. This handout I gave you is an incomplete list of what some of those are. I would like to call special attention to entries 4 and 8. Hotels where dr. Marie eckley made her home. Dr. Eckley was a well-known doctor who among other things provided birth control and abortion services during the first several decades of the 20th century and supported labor causes. She was imprisoned in 1918 for her opposition to u.s. Entry into world war i, impugned in part because she was a lesbian. The daughter she and Harriet adopted grew up to be Oregon's first female pilot. I would also call attention to number 5, the music hall nightclub. Portland's LGBTQ community swelled during world war ii as shipyards brought tens of thousands of new workers to Portland. Working no same sex environment many of the LGBTQ workers had the opportunity to connect. The music hall on stark and southwest 10th was a major draw for many of these people. The city of Portland closed it in the early 1950's as part of an anti-vice campaign. I came to Portland in 1970 as a young lesbian and can echo the testimony of others about the importance of having and holding up places where my marginalized community met. But this is about more than my community. As an historian I suggest renaming southwest stark is an excellent opportunity for the city of Portland to claim and honor its LGBTQ history. I thank you for your consideration. I turned 69 25 minutes ago.

Wheeler: Happy birthday: That's great: [applause]

Wheeler: Thank you for this timeline. This is fascinating. I appreciate it very much. Next three, please.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Rick Jung: I'm rick young, executive director of the Portland gay men's chorus. It's a pleasure to talk today. On november 27, 1978, a city grieved as commissioner superintendent milk and mayor muscone were assassinated in an act of hate. That night at city hall as the city came together to grieve, that was the first time that group of gay men that became known as the san francisco gay men's chorus joining to sing for the first time in public. From that initial movement, a year and a half later, the Portland gay men's chorus was formed. In 1980, the Portland gay men's chorus was a group of 20 men who sang together. It grew quickly into a group of about 140. Some of its early performances and some of the things it did was perform in the bars on stark street. They would go in late at night and recruit. I know you're not supposed to say recruit these days but they would recruit new members to the chorus by singing bawdy songs in the bars up and down stark street. Now we're a much bigger institution and we don't resort to that anymore. But I do want to say --

Eudaly: Darn.

Jung: I know. I want to say that that night when the san francisco gay men's chorus formed, led to a movement called gayla choruses. There are 180 gay choruses across the united states and there's a burgeoning around the world. Of course there are 13 of them now in china and there's one that just formed in latvia, where stewart just was. The gay club movement was a way for people to come together to sing and to be proud of who they were, and to proud of the music and the music became the way they came out in the world to fulfill Harvey milk's legacy of being out and open. I hope that the legacy that harvey milk gave to this community and to the Portland gay men's chorus, the Portland lesbian choir, to the rose city gay freedom band and bridging voices all of whom have endorsed this proposal to rename stark street to Harvey milk is a part of our legacy. We're proud of it and we know that you will do the right thing by supporting this momentous occasion of renaming stark to harvey milk street. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks so much. Good afternoon.

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Bill Dickey: Hello, bill dickey. I'm here to testify in favor of changing the name of stark street to harvey milk street. I thought it would be worth our while to just set the record straight on a couple of items. The pages in the life and times, the book the life and times of harvey milk has some pages in it, and those pages have been debunked by varying degrees of historical people, number one the president's office debunked them, researched them giving harvey milk the freedom award. The u.s. Post office decided to place a stamp in honor of harvey milk and the secretary of the navy researched those pages as well and they were all proven to be debunked. They are just some right wing pages that really have nothing to do with reality today. So i'm just here to tell you that that is the truth. Beyond that, my grandfather, 111 years ago, opened a shoe store on union avenue, and so for the last 111 years somebody in my grandfather's family has been in business in Portland, Oregon. I myself have been working here in town for going on 40 years, and everyone that I have talked to about this issue, this is anecdotal, I realize my saying this, but everyone I have talked to about this issue has told me that they think it's a great idea. I do too as well. So i'll cut it short and let matt take over.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate your testimony.

Matt Steele: Thank you. Thank you for having us today. I know it's been quite an effort to have this happen before pride and i'm grateful for that. I'm matt steele. I have been involved with harvey milk street project since last fall starting as the website guy behind the scenes. Hundreds of conversations later here we are. I grew up outside salem, Oregon, which isn't the most progressive place but not the most conservative. Growing up my entire narrative for the LGBTQ reality was in slurs and bullying and violence. There were no heroes, no icons, no basic life-giving acknowledgment of existence and of hope and happy endings. Not from family or classmates or teachers of the broader community. I'm sure there are many progressive, compassionate pro LGBTQ people amongst them but without tangible words and examples I was left it no narratives that gave affirmation or comfort. Social media happened specifically myspace, which isn't the best thing to come out of the internet, but for the first time ever I saw gay people. I saw happy gay people with no political spin, just regular, normal people. Happy. It was mind blowing. It showed me a narrative that for myself wasn't miserable. That challenged this idea of having to hide from myself and others. These positive narratives are truly lifesaving. I now work with preschoolers couple days each week. We have many kids in our classroom that transcend gender binary area. At two and three are so fabulous. I say that to truly emphasize that LGBTQ people exist. We are reality regardless of the political, social and religious climate of any era. These kids need and our community needs lasting, visible markers of our existence of our heroes and our history. Proof that our stories can be fulfilling and impactful and happy. I think that we need our leaders to affirm this with projects like the harvey milk street. Harvey milk street in Portland would give LGBTQ folks a positive narrative. It's not a cure-all but it is a solid, powerful step that would challenge the prejudiced narratives that we're seeing come out from a lot of figureheads today. Yes to harvey milk street. For the community pride it would bring and extra yes for the basic life-giving beacon it would be for our youth and members who may not otherwise know that a positive narrative exists. I hope you decide to leave a legacy today that LGBTQ Portlanders and visitors alike feel seen and respected for their lives. Thank you so much. [applause]

Karla: Next three.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Suzanne Hale: Thank you. If I was a lady I would say ladies first. [laughter] I'm in support of naming of harvey milk street. My name is Suzanne hale. For nearly 24 years I owned and operated the world famous diner the roxie on southwest stark street along with my staff led by April shadduck we have gathered hundreds and hundreds of signatures in

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favor of this petition to change the name. Our customers supported this wholeheartedly as well. Even the tourists who could not sign it. Our staff and customers also generated hundreds of letters and successful campaign to release the harvey milk stamp, which was unveiled at the white house due in large part to the efforts of the international court system of which I have been a member for several decades. We could not be more honored to have our address become 1121 southwest harvey milk street, Portland, Oregon. [applause] harvey milk is an icon not only to the LGBTQ community but to seniors, immigrants and all disenfranchised peoples. That is who we are in Portland. The current name stark street represents a history that does not represent us. Benjamin stark was the original landowner for which the street is currently named. Benjamin stark was an unapologetic racist, known advocate of slavery, opposed public schools and fought in the rogue river war which slaughtered indigenous americans in the 1860s. 150 years of honoring bigotry is enough. Let us join the elite few cities who are enlightened and look toward a future that celebrates the best of us. Please vote to allow southwest stark street to become southwest harvey milk street. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Richard Walden: Mayor, commissioners, thank you for granting me a couple of moments. My name is richard walden, a 60-year-old gay man who has lived on stark street for about 12 years right next to her wonderful establishment. [laughter] I come in for hash browns at 3:00 a.m. All the time. [laughter] I am respectfully speaking in opposition. Not because I oppose renaming stark street. Benjamin stark was a racist, a eugenicist, and I would love to see the street renamed. Not because I have a bad word to say about harvey milk. I'm incredibly proud that as a young man when I was living in san francisco one of the very first votes I cast was for harvey milk. One of the very first protests that I went to was after his death. And those marked me indelibly. I just think we have queer heroes in Portland. We have got dr. Marie equi, most people have never even heard her name. Lesbian doctor for the '20s and '30s who was on the front lines of women's rights, reproductive rights, gay rights. Back when there were hardly any women doctors. Although I understand the policy that somebody has to be dead for five years, you guys can bump that. We have got ursula le guin, who lived and died and ranted and raved literally within a mile from stark street. And on the front line of gay rights since the '60s. Let's name something for harvey milk. But let's take this opportunity to name the street for an Oregon hero. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Let me throw a compromise on the table. The two individuals you named absolutely should also be honored. Absolutely. So thank you for raising that.

Eudaly: I would like to put a vote in for gracie hanson. Maybe a statue or a plaza. [applause] but to be clear I do support renaming our street for harvey milk.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Thubten Comerford: Good afternoon. I'm thubten comerford. I'm a citizen resident of Portland and don't represent any particular organization here today. I just heard that this hearing was happening and I got extremely excited. When I was 13 years old harvey milk fought against the briggs initiative in california. He was very vocal. I was a very closeted 13-year-old in a world that was very unfriendly. Knowing that someone cared enough about me to fight the way that he did and to die the way that he did fighting for me and for every gay, lesbian, queer young person to grow up free, and open, and just amazing. So when I heard that this was happening today, I wanted to come down and express my gratitude for the council for considering it, for the committee to proposing it, and ask you to vote in favor of it. Harvey was an inspiration to me. When I finally did come out, I founded openly gay fraternity at my college, I was the president of the gay and lesbian association and also the other four gay and lesbian groups on our campus. I have been a community organizer and have moved into the general community. I organize technology, technology

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community here in Portland, 7,000-member, new tech pdx, mayor wheeler has spoken at our events in the past. I became a whole person. Excited to contribute. I hope that what I have to contribute to the world is a fraction of what harvey has, and I know that having a harvey street in Portland would send an incredibly welcoming message. Part of why I moved here with my partner nine years ago. I heard that Portland was a welcoming, live and let live, do your own thing, nobody would care, right. An amazing place to be yourself, and be openly whoever you are. And having a harvey milk street Would not just have it be a rumor, but would help to make it a fact, so please do vote for harvey milk street. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good, thank you. [applause]

Karla: The next three.

Michael Whitmore: Hello. Before I get emotional, I work with lisa at mother's bistro and bar, formerly I worked in mental health in the city. I work with many, many, many children that would come in, even adults, the LGBTQ community. Many of them in fear of coming up to their backgrounds and their family upbringing. I don't know how many, how many people I talked to who are suicidal, just in fear of coming out. I had a lot of things to say before, but everything has already been said, but I will tell a quick story, I moved here in 1994 from savannah, georgia where I was raised. I came out in 1993 and had been fired numerous times from businesses that I had worked at. I was told numerous times hide it. Can you not act so gay. Can you not be a sissy. And that kind of prompted me to move to Portland, Oregon, in 1994 because it was liberal back then and much more now. Stark street was a safe haven for us, for many, many years. When my first, one of my first jobs here in 1994 was working at the original cici slaughters on stark street, and back then there was no sign to come into. And the original owner, john. I was about an hour and a half late to work one friday morning. One friday evening, and I came in, my face was black and blue, and I had been beaten and chased and I parked a couple of blocks away. My boss of course, forgave me, the next week I came in and I was not wearing such flamboyant clothes and my boss was upset and told me to go home and change, and I said you don't understand, I don't want to get beat up again. And he said I don't care. This is a gay bar, and you are a gay man, and be proud of who you are, and you wear those colors. That's exactly what harvey milk stood for. Be out, be proud. If you have got to fight, stand up and fight. And that's something that I think that we should honor. It's a small token to a man who fought for all of us. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Wheeler: Good afternoon. You are up.

Shedrick Wilkins: I am shedrick wilkins, and I think in 2015 the supreme court and the obama administration passed gay marriage. Which is an issue brewing of the supreme court for four years. I remember in 2003 when the county issued gay, a marriage license and had to rescind them, so this is a milestone yesterday like 2015 was like 1865 with a civil war ending. And that's our national, our u.s. National level. So I think that it's important to, you know, to name a street after harvey milk because of what the supreme court did in 2015. It legitimizes his crusade. It is now a law. Sexual orientation. We don't have any bias against that. So also two alan turling, a great computer scientist, build german codes during world war ii, was after the war, persecuted for his sexual orientation, and he committed suicide, and there is a street named after him, in london. So good to name a street after somebody, and the legal system in the 1950s was not appropriate. Modern times, they would have done nothing to him. So.

Wheeler: Thank you. Good afternoon.

Tyler Kershaw: Good afternoon. For nearly 60 years, the imperial sovereign rose court of Portland, Oregon has served the LGBTQ plus community here in our city of roses. Paving the way for leaders and monumental events to take place and shape our city into one that

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takes care of its citizens. My name is Tyler kershaw, I serve as the vice president of on the board of directors for the isrc. I am here today representing them and on behalf of our membership and the community at large. The imperial sovereign rose court has many leaders, served this community including rose empress 15 darcelle, 29 ladies elaine peacock, 44, poison marine waters, and our current 59, Krista boulevard. It's near 60-year history we have played part in many of the fundraising efforts relating to hiv-aids research and awareness, cancer research, and outreach and involvement and supporting places such as ester's pantry which does an unsurmountable amount of work for people with aids. Having been a part of this community for six decades through the leadership and community service we, the imperial sovereign rose court of Portland support and endorse renamed stark street to harvey milk street. This would serve as a reminder to those as to where we are, to where we as a community have been and where we are today in our current political climate and serve as a beacon of hope to those who have been heard or otherwise shamed for who they were born to be. Harvey milk was a pioneer of his time. Having been the first elected openly gay city official in the united states to serve on the san Francisco city and county board of supervisors in 1977, his words never be silent is a reminder to see change in the world, to see change in the world is ever changing we must raise voices and be heard. As you are aware supervisor's milk's life was cut tragically short when he was assassinated in 1978. The leadership of the isrc here in Portland, was instrumental in calming this community with harvey milk's life was taken in cold blood. Renaming southwest stark street to harvey milk street would be his first major step in showcasing Portland's commitment to serving its LGBTQ plus citizens, and honor a nationally recognized icon who gave hope to humanity like that of rosa parks, Caesar Chavez, dr. Martin luther king jr. And all that the city of Portland honors with streets named after them. The loss of harvey milk will always serve as a reminder while there are many dangers around any corner you take, the sound and hope will resonate in the hearts of those willing to raise their voice and remind others that we are here, we are queer, and we are not going anywhere. We urge the audible commissioners of the city of Portland to pass this without hesitation and adopt the renaming of southwest stark street to southwest harvey milk street. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. [applause]

Wheeler: Mr. Tim chuck, you get the last word.

Kerry Tymchuk: Everything has been said but not everybody has said it. Mr. Mayor, city council members, for the record I am the executive director of the Oregon historical society. At the request of commissioner Saltzman, it is my privilege to serve as chair of the historian panel that analyzed this, this proposal. And you have heard from my other members, other members of the panel previously, it was a report that we met on monday, april 2, 2018 to review the application. It was our unanimous conclusion that the application did successfully meet the renaming criteria, which is outlined in section 17.93.020 of the Portland city code. In that one harvey milk is a real person. Two harvey milk is a person who has been deceased for at least five years. Which would, of course, prevent ursula mcgin for having a street named after her, and three harvey milk is a person who as you have heard eloquently from others, achieved prominence as a result of a contribution to the united states of america. And all members of the panel expressed appreciation for the quality and thoroughness of the material provided in support of the application by the harvey milk street project, and along with certifying that the application did meet the criteria, the code expressed their report for the approval of the proposal. I could also add that at the Oregon society we are proud to be the home of the gay and lesbian archives of the pacific northwest, which we house at the Oregon historical society and the permanent Oregon voices exhibit which tells the story of modern Oregon history, we display the wedding dresses of the first lesbian couple to get married in Oregon, which

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was here in Portland, responding to other testimony, too, like the head of ohs, the question I got, we looked at this issue was not why harvey milk. It was who the heck was benjamin stark. Anyway, who was he, and I can Report he was an early landowner in Portland, a successful landowner, sold a lot of land. Served briefly in the Oregon legislature. Was appointed upon the death of senator baker, who was killed in the civil war, to serve in the u.s. Senate where he served for less than a year, returned to Oregon briefly. He was like many of his time definitely pro slavery. Not an enlightened member of the community, and served most of his life in connecticut. The first 25 years of his life, the last 25 years of his life were served in his home state of connecticut. Was here in Oregon, and in the west coast, and briefly in california, and during the gold rush, as well, but not a monumental figure in Oregon history, certainly.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate that. Thank you. [applause]

Saltzman: That completes the testimony.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further discussion before we call the roll?

Eudaly: We have lost kathleen. I really wanted her to be here for the vote. Okay.

Wheeler: All right, thank you Karla. Please call the roll.

Saltzman: We would like to get a photo with everybody after the photo so come on up afterwards.

Fish: Well mayor and colleagues, as i've been reflecting on the testimony this afternoon, I couldn't help but To conclude that I think that this qualifies as one of the most inspiring hearings that I have witnessed during the ten years that I have had the honor of serving on this council. It is clear to me that this room is full of love and pride. Governor roberts spoke eloquently of the importance of heroes and role models in our lives. As many of you know i've been fortunate in those regards. Governor roberts is my role model, and she is the role model for everyone who seeks public office in this great state of Oregon. When I got out of college I was offered my first job from a guy named bernie frank. He was my first boss, and as he will be remembered in history as one of the first openly gay members of congress. He literally helped to shape my politics and put me on the life path that has led to this moment. Harvey's nephew quoted kennedy very eloquently. I think I have this right. I was taking notes. A community is judged by whom they honor. I love that sentence, particularly because it is grammatical correct. A community is judged by whom they honor. I am very proud that we are about to take this historic action. I want to thank my colleague, dan Saltzman and his staff person, stacy, who has shepherded us through to this point. I want to thank the committee That works so hard to follow our code and to bring this forward. I want to thank all the supporters, and I want to thank all of our honored guests here today to share in this moment. Kathleen saadat reminded us in her testimony that symbols matter. I hope that this action today makes Portland a more welcoming place. And that after all in these rather dark times, is something that I think that we can all aspire to. To be a city that welcomes all. Regardless of whom they love or where they are born. Regardless of their sexual orientation, their ethnic background, that we welcome people for who they are. I also hope based on the testimony that I heard today, that harvey milk is not the last champion from the LGBTQ community to be so honored. I vote aye.

Saltzman: Well I have some prepared remarks, and I will give those but I want to say that I think it's particularly appropriate that the city council is honoring another city councilor, a supervisor in this case, and the mayor, who were cut down doing their jobs. They worked hard. They were doing their jobs on behalf of their residents just like we do every day when they were cut down short. So I feel it's particularly appropriate that we, the city council, get to honor two of our colleagues. So I want to start by thanking all of the organizations and community members who organized So well and so quickly around this. The diverse coalition made up the harvey milk street project committee. Came in with such clear vision and articulated goals around renaming southwest stark street. It really was our job to step

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out of the way and let the community do its job. So thanks to all the committee members here today and those who came from far away to testify. Thank you, especially, to Stuart Milk with your words and the work you do with the Harvey Milk Foundation every day. To carry his enduring message of hope to the world. And I also want to thank Stacy Brewster on my staff who has been handling all of the city and all the things insuring that we were able to get this done in time for pride month and the pride parade on Sunday. I have been here long enough to know how fraught with peril street renaming's can be. And this process showed it did not have to be that way, and for that I am very grateful. This is a cause for celebration. We continue to welcome the cultures and communities that make our city great and to make our city strong. With the street, we honor the ongoing struggle, the LGBTQ for ongoing struggle for LGBTQ rights and ensure that Harvey Milk's legacy and the message of hope endures for the future generations. I love the short quote from Harvey Milk, and it might as well be on the doorstep of every organization that is funded by the Portland Children's Levy. It says, all young people regardless of sexual orientation or identity deserve a safe and supportive environment in which to achieve their full potential. I couldn't agree more, and I am proud to support this and vote aye.

Eudaly: Well thank you for being here today, everyone. It's always a pleasure to see so many friendly and familiar faces in this chamber. You may not be aware but it does not always go this way. [laughter] I want to thank Commissioner Saltzman and the Mayor for bringing this item forward. Of course I want to thank the historian panel, the Harvey Milk Street Project Committee, and especially Stuart Milk for being here today and all of you for giving such moving testimony. I am also going to be going on and off script today. I want to thank especially thank the elders in this room today. Because of you I can't remember a time when Portland didn't celebrate pride. 48, 44, I think this is the 44th year, right. So I thank you for that. Because of you I grew up in a household where gay was not a bad word. In fact, I never heard one negative thing spoken about gay and lesbian community. And because of you my family didn't bat an eye when I brought home my first girlfriend, who happened to work at Roxy Heart. So back in the 1980s before. And because of you gay pride has grown to LGBTQ-ia pride, and we made room for those of us who do not fall neatly onto one team or The Other, but we certainly appreciate the welcome and inclusion we live in such divisive times right now. It feels as though a progressive communities are constantly under attack, not just from the right, but also from the left. As we seem determined to kill our idols and those who came before us. So it's a relief that we have near consensus on honoring Harvey Milk today. I think we can all agree that our history is not perfect. Our movements are not perfect. Our heroes are not perfect, but we are here because of them, and we are standing on their shoulders, and we owe them a debt of gratitude, and we owe them the recognition and the honor, and we owe them our commitments to never stop fighting for a more equitable and just society. So it is with great pleasure, I vote aye.

Wheeler: Well, first of all let me just say this is fun. This gives us something to celebrate and as Commissioner Eudaly said it does not always go down that way at Portland City Hall, and that's too bad. It should. First and foremost, I want to thank Commissioner Saltzman for your diligent work. We're here to enjoy the end result of this, but I assure you through his stewardship of PBOT, Portland Bureau of Transportation, they went through many, many steps, many obstacles have to be overcome with any process like this and Dan had said street naming can be a very highly contentious process. The last time that it was done here in this city it was certainly one of those contentious processes, and I am delighted because of your leadership and Stacy's leadership on your team, the road was very smooth. And I want to thank you for that. I want to thank the committee for your hard work. There is seldom a group of people brought together in this community representing the level of experienced skills, the lent experience, the diversity, and the level of energy and

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passion brought together by the committee that worked on this. I want to thank you. I think that also is really, really important in terms of building the public support for this moment. I also want to acknowledge somebody asked the question up front, I think that it was Kathleen Saadat how come there are flags here or was this a new thing. Sarafee Alan, who is sitting in the back trying to be unobtrusive from my team, wave so we know who is blushing in the back of the room. She is an important member of my team, and she has been my representative throughout this project, and she and her colleagues were the ones who are responsible for the decorating job, and twice I have gotten credit for her work. And I want to acknowledge two things. Number one she did the work with her team, and number two you do not want decorating skills as I speak them. You don't want to take my advice on it. Now about Harvey Milk. Harvey Milk, I think, is one of the most inspirational people, not just to the LGBTQ plus community, but to the nation as a whole. There is a broader, important message to this community. It sends a signal that we are an open and a welcoming and inclusive community. It signals that these are values we hold deeply. We don't just speak them but we live them. It is important, I think, for the entire LGBTQ plus community to see that we are willing to publicly and vocally and emphatically and passionately endorse and support and honor Harvey Milk because it speaks so much more about the values of this community. We have heard a number of people say that they chose to come to Portland, Oregon. Their decision to come here was not accidental. They made intentional decisions to come to this community because they saw us in the 1980s or in the 1990s or more recently as an open and welcoming and inclusive community, and I think that it is important that all of us, not just us here on the city council, but all of us who are leaders in and of our own rights in various ways, that all of us walk the talk. And I believe that this honoring opportunity today is another example of walking the talk. Speaking of walking, Sunday is the pride parade. In the city of Portland. And there are people watching, who are curious about this, who have never participated, in said event, I assure you it is one of the most energizing, fun, inclusive, community oriented, family-friendly things that we do in the city of Portland. And for reasons that I don't understand, it is always perfect weather. Perfect weather. And so I encourage everybody to be there. I will be there. My team will be there. Our families will be there. And it will be a very, very large and energetic contention of city of Portland employees, and we encourage everybody to come out for that event. So with that, congratulations to all of you for completing this important goal right before pride. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted as amended. [gavel pounded] [cheering and applause]

Saltzman: Maybe we can all gather around and have a photo.

Wheeler: Let's come back here. We will need the whole space.

Wheeler: We are in recess until 4:30. [recess taken]

Wheeler: We are here to celebrate Juneteenth day. Karla, could you please read 657. Colleagues, commissioner Fritz is co-sponsoring this. She very much wanted to be here, but she is absent as she's representing the Portland city council at the Oregon league of cities today, that's an important role and important that we be represented there so she sends her regrets for that. So today we have the honor of joining, I have the honor of joining commissioner Fritz in introducing the proclamation naming June 19, 2018 as Juneteenth day here in the city of Portland. On Juneteenth, which is the Portland words of June and 19th we recognize the day that the last enslaved people in Galveston, Texas were notified of their freedoms in 1865. This is important because it was nearly 2.5 years after the emancipation proclamation had gone into effect. 2.5 years they had been legally free, but without knowing it or without being informed that they were legally free. 2.5 years that these men and women had continued to toil in bondage under the brutality of an inhumane system that no longer existed under the law. It's appropriate that we recognize Juneteenth not just in recognition of the labor and the sacrifice and the suffering of those men and

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women in galveston but as the true end to legal slavery in the united states. It's appropriate because a great nation and a great people recognize that the sacrifices many have made have led to our collective successes, and its important that we take the time to recognize it. This is especially appropriate for Portland. As many diverse people have come to make this city their home and have helped craft what is the highest aspirations in terms of what our cities are, familiar, familial, industrious, and welcoming. Yet I would be remiss if I glazed over the importance of history and the effects that it has had on our community. Of the elimination of the historical, indigenous people of this region prior to the foundation of the united states, of the internment of our japanese citizens during war, of the enslavement, of the african-american, of our african-american ancestors for hundreds of years. This, too, is an important part of our history. Still we can change, and this is a sign that we are changing by proclaiming june 19th, 2018, juneteenth day. It's long overdo. And this will serve as a sign for future Portlanders. Although we cannot erase history, we can be part of history moving forward and recognizing that a proclamations and policies can recognize the wrongs that we try to right, and to celebrate monumental actions taken to the benefit of all of us in this community. I believe this is what Portland is and what Portland and Portlanders engender, and I am humbled to join the commissioner in introducing this proclamation. So with my colleagues forbearance I will read the proclamation. Just a side note here. I am pleased to see that we have Kids here today. Proclamations are official documents and official statements of value of the Portland city council and the city of Portland. So we take these proclamations very seriously. We consider them carefully. I am very, very proud and honored as the mayor to read this one here today. Whereas juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the united states. Whereas the day brings into national memory historical events that occurred on june 19, 1865, leading to the app -- abolition of slavery in texas and more generally the emancipation of african-american slaves in the south. And whereas more significantly it is a day for celebrating african-american freedom, education, resiliency, and agency. And whereas on juneteenth day we remember the stories and teachings of black leaders who gave and still give a voice to the daily struggles for freedom, equality, diversity, equity, and inclusion both past and present, and whereas on juneteenth day all americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of african-americans, and continue to uphold and live up to the ideals of the freedom, social justice, equality, and human rights. And whereas we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by african-americans, specifically to Oregon's economic, cultural, spiritual, and political Development. And whereas the city of Portland continues to work towards becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens are recognized for their contributions to our community. Now therefore i, ted wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim that june 19, 2018 to be juneteenth day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day of celebration. Thank you. [applause] with that, janine, do you want to come up and you can kick us off today. Thank you very much. Thank you for being here.

Janine Gates, Office of Commissioner Fritz: I am with commissioner Fritz, as her constituent services specialist and also on our affinity group, african-american network, and I was the juneteenth coordinator. So I want to thank our panel for agreeing to be here, as well as our community showing up to support everyone. I really appreciate that, and having you all celebrate juneteenth with us. So today I invited latifah elliott. I don't know we met. We know each other from the community, but she has been very instrumental in black Portland and keeping us connected and having events for black women to come together and be together. So I really appreciate her. Apple madison, who is next, we know one another because she came to visit commissioner Fritz, and during that time she talked about a petition that she Started at her school regarding toilet paper, and then she

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attended the Oregon historical society and had some words about black history and just the struggles that we still endure today, and I was like she has to be our speaker. So I am very thankful to have her here, and our last speaker will be sam thomas who we met again, I don't know how, but we've been communicating, working together, and he's also a part of good in the hood and making sure that's a successful event, so I am thankful to have these three people here, and you will hear from them.

Wheeler: Great, thank you.

Laketha Elliott: So like natali said, I am lakifah elliott, a fourth generation black Oregonian. I do a lot of different work in the community. Really take pride in being a member of Portland's black community. We do a lot of really awesome and amazing stuff in our community. We are resilient. And powerful. And so I do appreciate this opportunity. I want to thank natali, and I know the commissioner Fritz is not here, but I want to put it on the record that natali deserves a raise and is doing really awesome stuff. She didn't tell me to say that. But she does. Let's make it happen. So as I reflected on juneteenth and thinking about what it means, and just thinking about the fact that it took two years for folks to realize that they were free, that you said, you know, that it was a law and that just because something is a law doesn't mean that it's true or that it is right. So often what happens is we pass laws or ordinances, those kinds of things, but it does not make it true. It does not mean that everyone benefits from it, so I want to challenge you all to make sure that when you all are passing laws and things like that, that you are making sure that those who are mostly impacted benefit from those things. I have had the pleasure of working with the dcl program, so both as a graduate and as an administer through the urban league of Portland. That's some powerful work, doing the work to engage the communities of color across the state and young people, which is powerful work, but I would say that it's probably still not enough. Those who are still impacted are not the ones who are getting the information who are accessing the services, and so I love that program. I think we need to look at other ways that we engage communities of color and those most deeply impacted. I also got the opportunity to serve on the office of equity and human rights bureau advisory committee, and that work led to you all ensuring that all city bureaus are developing equity plans, and it's not enough to just develop an equity plan and put it on the table. I want to challenge the bureaus and those who are doing that work to make it a living Document to look at it all the time, and to again ask the question, you know, if it took two years for folks to find out that they were free, and we're still here in Portland when things are happening, it's two years down the line and people are finding out that something changed or will deeply impact them is happening, so I want to challenge the bureau directors to think about that. And portland, you know, prides itself on citizen engagement and community engagement. And if you have not engaged those most deeply impacted, it does not really matter if you are engaging the same voices and the same people. So I want to challenge those of you working on this equity plan to look at those plans and ask yourself who is going to be most deeply impacted. How can we make sure that we engaged them early on, that they are not two years down the line blindsided by something you have changed or done. That's my challenge to you all and I appreciate the opportunity to speak here. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. We appreciate it.

Apple Madison: My name is [inaudible]. I would like to say thank you for having the opportunity to speak here today. My hope for the black youth is that I want us to know that we can be more than just what they tell us, more than basketball players and rappers. There is nothing wrong with being that but we can be more than that. We can be doctors, lawyers, judges and anything that we want to be. And I want, I want the black youth to know that we can make hopes for ourselves and try to achieve them. Nobody can tell us what we can and can't be, only you can make, only you can make yourself. Nobody else

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can write you a label, only you. The reason that I started my petition is one, we needed better toilet paper.

Wheeler: A good reason.

Madison: And two, I wanted to make a change so I wanted to start small, and I was like we need that toilet paper. And we still need that, but anyway I just wanted people to know that you can make a change if, even if it's big or small, but you have to start somewhere. I had a lot of people agree with me. We need more toilet paper. So I just want to say that first of all. And second of all, my hope, my love for being a young black woman is that people tell me that I can't do things or I am not able to do things, too young. But then I prove them and have this dumb look on their face, so, and I just want -- I like -- my hope for the black community is that I want us to know that just because our president like racist to say that, it may put us a few steps back but as long as we try, we start petitions and live our lives the way that we want to live our lives, it can be a few steps forward. So thanks for having the, Forgiving me the opportunity to speak here.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate you being here. [applause]

Samuel Sam Thompson: I think we can clap it up better than that for her. She did a wonderful job. [applause]

Thompson: All right. So my name is samuel thompson. I am a born and raised here in Portland, Oregon, currently the shy care manager for to elevate the black men program working with the young men between the ages of 18-27 that are gang involved and probation. To help them to come up with plans to not re-violate and get their lives in a better place, and also a member of this community, love it. So I want to thank cam for having this and I want to thank you for being here, the city council, and everybody who showed up today. And so when I was asked about what does juneteenth mean to me, I first thought about the historical significance. On June 19, 1865 was the announcement of the abolishment of slavery in the state of Texas. And more generally the emancipation of the enslaved African-Americans throughout the former confederacy of the Southern States. So on that day we celebrated it like black, you know, like black folks do, only we can do through singing and dancing and music and food. In that moment I couldn't help but to think of the irony of being granted freedom but never truly being free. You know what the segregation, and the Jim Crow laws, and the processes put in place to continue to oppress us. Gentrification. Redlining and the disproportionately unjust justice system. So we have not truly been free. So what does Juneteenth mean to me? It means perseverance in community. So for me, for those that don't know perseverance means steadfastness and doing something despite difficulty or delaying the achieving of success. So being able to celebrate in the midst of so much injustice is a gift. A gift that my people possess. We know how to make lemons and make lemonade and make a way of no way, and my people have excelled at that. So community is a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic and comment. So Juneteenth is the opportunity for community. For the babies all the way to the elders, fellowshiping. The laughter and joy and music, outlines the people who can make something out of nothing. I love when the dominoes are being played, arguments that happen when you renege in a game of spades, you know, that lets you know that I am home, so I love my people, and Juneteenth shows us at our best. The perseverance of our community. So the next question I was asked is what is my commitment to Black Portland? I thought on this for a minute and went back to my childhood to, my Black Portland, to my community. I was raised in the Portland area between Interstate and 33 and Lombard and Fremont. That was my community. The day that you could take a note to Franklin and get whatever your mama wanted and get a jaw breaker on the house, get in the car and go through a drive-through and get the best milk and juice you ever had in your life, when was a one stop shop, one stop records had all the cuts. And when your, you go skating at Owing Oaks Parks, when Leon's haircuts was

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\$5, and when we stand outside wonder bread and wait for them to throw out the old snacks, and you go to alberta park and make a gimp and get the cookie because you really didn't want the sandwich anyway. When you went to sei camp to get the shoes that ended up, and ended up getting much more, my black Portland was beautiful. So the definition of restoring is to bring back reinstate, return to a former condition, place or position. To repair or to renovate. So synonyms for that include to fix, to mend, to rehabilitate, and to rebuild. And to reconstruct. And to remodel, and to overhaul and to redevelop. And the village, the village is a self-contained district or community within a town or city. You ask what my commitment to black Portland is, is our village needs to be restored. Needs to be mended, needs to be Fixed, needs to be rehabilitated. So, my commitment to black Portland is to restore the village. To bring us back to where we once were. I want my son to grow up in the community that has invested in his growth and wellbeing, and I want to create opportunities for us to engage each other on a personal level. And to build relationships because ultimately relationships are what the world makes the world go around. You don't hurt who you love. You take care of what you feel a part of. We need to restore our love in one another. We need to restore our love in our community, but first and foremost we need a village. We need a village to feel a part of so we can take care of it. So I am here demanding the opportunity to reconstruct, remodel, overhaul and redevelop our village. Black Portland was my village. Where you disciplined three times from 25 to 11 for doing something wrong on 28. By the time you got home your mom knew the full story when you walked in the house. And all this was happening with no facebook, no snapchat, no cell phones. My village taught me accountability and responsibility and respect. So when I was 11 years old, a guy named Billy Moore taught me about faith, focus, and follow-through. And about tradition, discipline, and respect. And those things to me are what the beauty of being black is. The faith that everything would be better if you focus on where you are headed and follow through until you get there. That's perseverance. Our traditions that we are, were imparted on us by the elders helped to shape the discipline we have today and the respect that we show tomorrow. That's community. That's beauty, you are beautiful. We are beautiful. This is beautiful. So I want to say happy juneteenth. Restore the village. Be great. And black power. [applause]

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioners?

Eudaly: Thank you all for being here. This has been an unusually joyous day at city hall, which I think that we could all use more of. Thank you to the speakers. I just want to say that I absolutely agree with everything you said, and I hope that you can help hold me and my colleagues and the bureau directors accountable. Apple, thank you very much. I don't want to ask you what school you go to because it's not my business and I don't think that we should say it in a public forum, but --

Thompson: They need the tissue paper.

Eudaly: If someone wants to tell me on the side, I will put in my two cents on the toilet paper issue. The only other time that I ran for elected office was vice president of my freshmen class and I promised doors on the girls restroom stalls so we have something in common.

Wheeler: You had stalls?

Eudaly: We did have stalls, I went to school in the suburbs. And thank you also for your wonderful testimony. Something that I think about a lot. Another reword is remedy. How do we remedy the wrongs that have been done. And how do we ensure that in our good intentions and pursuit of remedy that we are not actually causing more unintended harm. It is quite possible, so I do not have the answers today. I consider it an important part of my job to pursue those remedies, and I want to invite everyone here to contribute to that conversation, and especially around rebuilding the community. So thank you, and happy Juneteenth in a few days. I don't know what day it is today. But I know it's not the 19th.

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And thank you for bringing this celebration. It's -- I have only known about Juneteenth for a few years, and I hope that this becomes a regular tradition at city hall and in the larger community.

Saltzman: Thank you all for your eloquent statements. Samuel, in particular. That was a very poignant image of north, northeast Portland that you created for me, and I really appreciate that. I hope that you have put those words to paper at some point. It's very vivid. It's something that I think that -- that I hope that we do restore the village. And I want to thank Janine gates for all of her great work in this building and for helping to orchestrate today's celebration of Juneteenth. So, thank you very much.

Wheeler: So this has been a very positive development, and Janine I want to thank you and your team and lakifah and apple and Sam, great testimony. Apple you definitely deserve better toilet paper. So we're going to stay on top of that one for you. That seems like something we should be able to solve that one together, right. I think that we can do that. I think that we can. There are a lot of serious issues that are at stake here, and I want to start by acknowledging that I had a lot of questions about what Juneteenth is. Why is it important? And just the asking of the question and the telling suggested to me that we have a long, long way to go. Just in terms of understanding the history, and it is very important in everything that we do, and imperfect at it, and I want to be clear. Everything we do in this community we have to acknowledge intentionally the history, the good, bad, and the ugly because until we embrace it, until we speak it, and until we own it, we can't really move on together as a community. I talk about this a lot. Last night we had a very distinguished group of African American pastors in this room. And I won't get into the details, but they were pretty upset about a policy issue that we were working on here at Portland city hall, and they did not feel particularly well informed. They did not feel that they had been part of the process, and they were right. And for me it was really important moment for this council, for the community because we acknowledged it. We owned it. And as a result, what could have been a really contentious discussion, we all left feeling really good about it, closer. We left feeling sort of one step closer to that beloved community, the one that we cannot get to unless we are actually truly a community. And that's what the spirit of Juneteenth is in this celebration really is all about. And I really am pleased to see a lot of my team here. I see cupid is here and I saw Travon here earlier and I see angel sitting in the back. And I think of all of the really difficult, hard contentious work that they do and Nicolle grant who is not here today but is working on some really, really thorny and difficult public safety issues on behalf of the community, and I think about that, and justice, and I think about the work that we are doing around the hill block, which is an issue rife with history and emotion. And the conversations around it Having very challenging but extremely important. I think about the work that we are doing around the north, northeast housing coalition. Because Sam, it gets to your vision. I was listening to your vision and going wow, this is a piece of it. It's not the whole thing but a piece of it, how do we, you know, starting with dan's leadership as the commissioner in charge of the housing bureau and now I have inherited this, how do we make good on the promises to support and rebuild a community that was intentionally destroyed through urban development? Right. And the hill block is the exact same question. Very few cities are actually engaging in this conversation because this really, really is difficult. The conversations are difficult, and it's particularly difficult for the majority community because it requires the majority community including people like me, right. To look into a mirror and to see with clarity what is being reflected back. Yet we are doing it. I am really proud of the work that we are doing here. I am proud of the city employees that are here. I am proud of the community that is engaged. I just got to say, apple, the thing -- people on my team know this. It is very difficult being mayor. And there are days that I don't Mind telling you where I ask myself what the heck have I done to myself? It's a really difficult job. For some

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reason whenever I am with the kids, I just feel better. I feel better about the future. It gives me a lot of hope and confidence, and the fact that you have the aplomb and the courage and just sort of the sense of togetherness to figure out hey, if the toilet paper is not working, somebody has got to do something about it. And who is the somebody?

Eudaly: Me.

Wheeler: It's you. You already get it. So, I am going to stop there because she just said exactly the right thing. So, thank you all for being here. This proclamation is, obviously, overwhelmingly adopted by the Portland city council. Could we possibly get a photo for people who feel comfortable and like a photo up front with the proclamation and be a lot of fun. Thank you, Janine. Thank you. [applause]

Adjourned at 5:00 p.m.