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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty, 4.

Under Portland City Code and state law, the City Council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by phone and the City has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the City's YouTube Channel, eGov PDX, [www.portlandoregon.gov/video](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/video) and Channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to Council by emailing the Council Clerk at [cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov).

The Council is taking these steps as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote social distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the City's business.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney.

Item Nos. 358 and 360 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
<b>352</b>	Request of Lluvia Merello to address Council regarding Zenith (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>353</b>	Request of Hyung Nam to address Council regarding City's response to the economic crisis from COVID-19 (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>354</b>	Request of John Murphy to address Council regarding resetting budget process to include alternative revenue streams and a multi-year approach (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>355</b>	Request of Diana Gutman to address Council regarding Bein' Green performance (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		

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- \*356 **TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM** – Adopt the FY 2019-20 Spring Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested
- Motion to decrease bureau program expenses and increase interfund cash transfers in the Bureau of Emergency Communication Emergency Communication Fund by \$133,244. These resources will be transferred to General Fund policy set-aside for Portland Street Response and the Nurse Triage program in FY 2020-21:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)
- Motion to decrease bureau expenses in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability General Fund by \$146,000 and set aside funds in General Fund contingency for program carryover and re-allocation in the FY 2020-21 budget for Bureau of Planning & Sustainability Equity Program work:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)
- Motion to decrease bureau program expenses in Portland Parks & Recreation General Fund by \$83,000 and set aside funds in General Fund contingency for program carryover and re-allocation in the FY 2020-21 budget for the purchase of new Fleet vehicles:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)
- Motion to decrease bureau program expenses in Special Appropriations General Fund for the Office of Youth Violence Prevention by \$231,000 to be carried over into FY 2020-21 for significant vital operations. This includes \$77,000 for the Healing Hurt People program, \$77,000 for the Gang Impacted Family Coordinator, and \$77,000 for other programming (We are the Caution Campaign, Ceasefire implementation, Restoration Academy, and funding to culturally specific organizations):** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)
- Motion to decrease bureau program expenses in the Office of Community and Civic Life Recreational Cannabis Tax Fund by \$548,094 for the 2020 Cannabis Social Equity Grants. Resources will be allocated in the Prosper Portland Recreational Cannabis Tax Fund budget in FY 2020-21 for 2021 community grants:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. Motion withdrawn without objection. Vote not called. (Y-4)

**189952  
As Amended**

**CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION**

**Mayor Ted Wheeler**

**Bureau of Environmental Services**

- 357 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to enter into an agreement with The Water Research Foundation and CDM Smith to evaluate the occurrence, the transformation of, and the fate of poly and perfluoroalkyl substances in U.S. wastewater treatment plants for an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (Second Reading Agenda 342 ) (Y-4)

**189953**

**Office of Management and Finance**

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<b>*358</b>	Pay property damage claim of Paul Erickson in the sum of \$7,931 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance)	<b>Referred to Commissioner of Finance and Administration</b>
<b>*359</b>	Pay property damage claim of Robert Hatfield Jr in the sum of \$39,150 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>189954</b>
<b>*360</b>	Pay settlement of James Mattox bodily injury lawsuit in the sum of \$22,882 involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>189960</b>
<b>*361</b>	Pay property damage claim of Larry Plumb in the sum of \$8,900 involving the Portland Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>189955</b>
<b>*362</b>	Pay property damage claim of Scott Tillman in the sum of \$38,743 involving the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>189956</b>
<b>*363</b>	Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to add five years and an additional \$280,000 for Light Detection and Ranging data and aerial imagery (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30003993) (Y-4)	<b>189957</b>
<b>364</b>	Assess property for system development charge contracts, private plumbing loan contracts and safety net loan deferral contracts (Ordinance; Z0842, K0184, T0201, W0070, Z1208, K0185, T0202, Z0843, W0071, P0163, P0164)	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 20, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b> <b>Bureau of Transportation</b>		
<b>*365</b>	Authorize application for the 2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development federal transportation discretionary grant for the Portland Intelligent Networked Transportation Infrastructure Project totaling \$18 million (Ordinance) (Y-4)	<b>189958</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b> <b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>		
<b>366</b>	Proclaim May 2020 to be Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (Proclamation) 20 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b>		
<b>367</b>	Authorize a contract with Landis & Landis Construction, LLC for the construction of the SE Hawthorne Blvd Pipe Reconstruction Project No. E10369 for an estimated cost of \$2,900,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 20, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>

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<p><b>368</b> Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Goose Hollow Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10683, for an estimated cost of \$5,949,000 (Second Reading Agenda 348) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189959</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>*369</b> Ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Portland Police Commanding Officers Association relating to the terms and conditions of employment of Police Lieutenants for 2020-2023 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested <b>Rescheduled to May 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.</b> <b>Motion to substitute Exhibit A:</b> Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189961</b> <b>As Amended</b></p>
<p><b>*S-370</b> Ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement between the City on behalf of Portland Fire &amp; Rescue and the Portland Fire Fighters Association relating to the terms and conditions of employment of represented employees in the Portland Fire Fighters Association bargaining unit for 2019-2022 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested <b>Rescheduled to May 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.</b> <b>Motion to substitute the Ordinance and Exhibit A:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>Substitute</b> <b>189962</b></p>
<p><b>*371</b> Ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Portland Police Association relating to the terms and conditions of employment of represented employees at the Bureau of Emergency Communications for 2019-2022 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested <b>Rescheduled to May 14, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.</b> (N-4)</p>	<p><b>Failed to Pass</b></p>

At 11:37 a.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty, 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney

The meeting recessed at 3:23 p.m. as the Prosper Portland Budget Committee and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. as the Portland City Council

<b>372</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Council to convene as Prosper Portland Budget Committee to receive the Proposed Budget for FY 2020-21 (Mayor convenes Council as Prosper Portland Budget Committee) 90 minutes requested	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>373</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM</b> – Authorize \$548,094 total in grant funds for the 2020 Cannabis Social Equity Grant Program in the Office of Community & Civic Life (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 20 minutes requested	<b>PASSED TO SECOND READING MAY 20, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b>

At 3:55 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz, 3. Commissioner Hardesty arrived at 3:00 p.m., 4.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney

The meeting recessed at 4:58 p.m. and reconvened at 5:15 p.m.

<p><b>374</b>    <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Amend Planning and Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan Map, and the Zoning Map to implement the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing project (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Title 33) 90 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Written record remains open until May 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b>Continued to May 21, 2020 At 2:00 p.m. Time Certain</b></p>
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At 6:07 p.m., Council adjourned.

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
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**9:30 a.m.**

### **Pre-Gavel Proclamation National Hospital Week**

**Wheeler:** This is national hospital week. The nation's largest single healthcare event. This is a celebration of the hope and healing that's provided every day of the year by our clair professionals who support the wellbeing of their community through dedication and true care from their heart. Given that we are all experiencing this -- what we are all experiencing this year, a global pandemic that's having a profound effect on all of us in so many different ways. Hospital week and all that it represents is more poignant than ever. I am proud of how our community has been coming together each evening at 7:00 p.m. To honor, recognize, and thank our front line workers in this crisis with cheers and by making some noise. This special week now offers us at the city of Portland the opportunity to put our thanks, our praise in the form of an official proclamation. All week long the Oregon association of hospitals and health systems is highlighting the fantastic work of Oregon hospitals. We would like to honor and recognize the sacrifice and work that's been done in our Portland area hospitals because as you all know, hospitals are not just buildings. They are the health care workers inside of those buildings. We see their hard work. We see the risks they are facing. We see the time that they are sacrificing with their family and friends to care for all of us. So with that, I would like to turn this over to becky. She is the president of the Oregon hospital association. Becky, thank you for joining us this morning. We really appreciate it. It's good to see you.

**Becky Hultberg:** Thank you. Good to see you, mayor, and thank you for giving me a chance to say a few brief words. National hospital week is typically a pretty big deal for our field. It's a time to recognize our community hospitals, health systems, and health care workers, and to honor our shared dedication to improving the lives of those we serve. Hospital week, as you noted, has taken on an added significance. Covid-19 has changed so much about all our lives, how we work, go to school, how we socialize, even how we eat. But one thing that has not changed is this -- our community hospitals are there for you when you need them no matter the time of day. No matter your ability to pay. Hospitals will be there to provide compassionate care. Covid-19 is an insidious disease. It is easily transmittable. It spreads even when there are no signs of its presence, and it kills. There have been more than 3,300 cases of covid-19 in Oregon, at least 130 people have died. More than half of the total cases and half of the total deaths have been here in the Portland metro area. Front line caregivers in hospitals and health systems across the state have heroically responded to this pandemic and have shown tremendous dedication to keep Oregonians safe and healthy and want to thank them all today. I also want to thank mayor wheeler for his strong leadership and clear-minded approach to addressing this crisis. Mayor, your actions to promote strong social distancing guidelines helps to bend the curve, preserve vital hospital capacity, and save lives. We know this pandemic is not over, and as we continue to fight covid-19, hospitals will need this council, public health agencies, the state legislature, the governor and congress to partner with us. We are all in this together. Together we can overcome covid-19. So with that, thank you for this proclamation. Thank you, mayor for your early action on social distancing and forgiving me the chance to say a few words.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you, Becky, we sure appreciate you being here. It's fortuitous that we are celebrating the Portland hospital week today. Really we should be thankful not just for the work that everybody does in the hospitals during this pandemic. We should be grateful for the good work you do year-round under extraordinary circumstances. Colleagues, before I read the proclamation, does anyone have anything they would like to add? I see commissioner Hardesty has her hand raised.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor, and thank you, Becky. I just wanted to add my admiration and appreciation to hospitals all across the state of Oregon for really being mindful of -- and thoughtful on addressing the COVID-19. As Mayor Wheeler said it's not just about COVID-19. It's each and every time we need a hospital, hospital's doors tend to be open, and we are grateful for the community partnership that we have, so thank you. Happy hospital week.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Mayor Wheeler. Of course I have opened up my wrong document. Here we go: Thank you, Mayor, Becky, and the hospital. Recognizing hospitals to keep us healthy. You want this thank the health care workers. Your efforts are essential and so appreciated. My family has benefited from many dedicated and compassionate health care workers who supported us at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Randall Children's Hospital over the past 19 years, providing not just life saving care to my son, but comfort to my family in some of our most difficult hours. You and your families are in my thoughts as we face this ongoing public health crisis. Every hospital, healthcare workers from nurses to administrators to maintenance staff are putting themselves at greater risk every day to deliver care to COVID-19 patients. They are isolating themselves from their loved ones to treat our loved ones, and they all deserve our gratitude for this work. I want to encourage every Portlander to thank the health care workers in their lives during this week of recognition. In my neighborhood every night we hear that appreciation, the drums and bells. We heard it last night, which was a sweet moment. Whether with words, cards, meals, or showing your support for their work by donating blood if you are able, and by staying home and taking every recommended precautions to keep health care workers safe and our hospitals in a manageable capacity. Thank you again to all of you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Eudaly. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Mayor, and thank you, Becky, for being here. Last week was National Nurse's Week, and our state representative was kind enough to remember that I used to be a nurse and sent me greetings about that. So I've been thinking about you all a lot, obviously, with the crisis, but knowing from having worked in hospitals for 27 years that every day it's not just during a crisis, that people go to work courageously knowing that they are going to be dealing with people who are ill, who may be combative, who might make them sick or hurt yet they do it every day. So, I am very, very grateful for that. I also need to thank the folks at Portland Adventist Hospital for saving my life in January, and I am sure that each one of us could thank somebody in that hospital for the great work that you do. Mayor Wheeler, I very much appreciate you bringing this pre-gavel proclamation because we don't have enough opportunities to say thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Fritz, well said. Now it's my pleasure on behalf of the Portland City Council and by extension, all of us here in the City of Portland who are grateful for your work, to read a proclamation. Whereas public health is critical to sustaining and improving the state, and whereas a hallmark of Oregon's public health network is the extensive collaboration amongst its hospitals and health systems. And whereas front line caregivers and hospitals and health systems throughout the state rapidly responded to the COVID-19 global pandemic and have shown great resilience in the face of an emerging public health threat while working tirelessly and selflessly to keep Oregonians safe and healthy. And whereas Oregon Hospital Week celebrates those who improve the health of

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their communities through compassionate patient care, and whereas Oregon's hospitals provided more than 1.5 billion in community benefits to the state in 2018. And whereas Oregon's 62 hospitals supported nearly 138,000 jobs generating nearly 20.9 billion in total economic output in 2017. And whereas Oregon's hospitals are a top employer in many of Oregon's communities. And whereas Oregon's hospitals are dedicated to providing quality care, education, and leadership to their residents and visitors, and whereas national hospital week is an opportunity to thank all of the dedicated individuals within our hospitals and health systems for their outstanding contributions. Now therefore i, ted wheeler, the mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses do hereby proclaim may 10-16, 2020, to be Portland hospital week in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this week. Thank you, becky, on behalf of all your affiliates. Thank you for the great work you do and thank you for being with us this morning.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, we are now in session. This is the wednesday, may 13th, 2020 session of the Portland city council. Good morning. Karla, please call the roll.

**Moore-Love:** Good Morning Mayor. [roll taken]

**Wheeler:** Under Portland city code and state law the Portland city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by phone, and the city has made several avenues available to the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The public can also provide written testimony to council by emailing the council clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and to promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public, health, safety, and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communication. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. We will now hear from the legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Dep City Atty:** Thank you, mayor. To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first reading of ordinances. The published council agenda is at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) and contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the council is holding electronic meetings. 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 your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, robert. First up is communications, item 352.

#### **ITEM 352**

**Moore-Love:** Item 352, Lluvia Merello

**Moore-Love:** I am sorry, she is not speaking.

**Wheeler:** Very good. 353, the next individual, please.

#### **ITEM 353**

**Moore-Love:** Item 353.

**Hyung Nam:** Hi, can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes, loud and clear. Welcome.

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**Nam:** Thanks. I am hyung nam. I served on the police budget advisory committee this past year. I want to just add a few comments in addition to my comments at the budget hearing yesterday. I believe that especially the police that I was part of, but also the entire budget process is in violation of local budget law, chapter 392 of the Oregon revised statutes. My experience specifically -- well, in general I think this process this year is being rush with only one public hearing before the city council approves a budget, but also in terms of participating in the back. I was the only member that attended every meeting last year, and then at the end before we actually saw the document or the police bureau budget request, we were pressured with one day's notice to meet as the bac committee by our bac report, and that schedule didn't work. I also expressed that I was not comfortable doing that without seeing the details of the budget request. Basically, it seems like we are being pressured to rubber stamp this report. Since then, actually seeing the report I am really surprised by many things in it. First of all, one of the things that I pointed out when I was on the committee was that they change the categorization of the offers. If you look on page 13 and 14 of the police budget request it's like comparing apples and oranges. You have totally different categories from last year and this year. There is no way that you could compare how the budgets are changing. In addition I noticed one thing that I would have never seen, and I am sure the other members didn't see when they wrote their report because this entire request did not exist then, is that the section on the -- I forget, a tactical team, basically, calling for seven additional fte for the swat, the special emergency action team. I have no idea why that's being called for. But anyway, I just want to point out that on the website for not only this but the others were not updated. In fact, there were vacancies on many that were not published. Minutes were not published, as well. This whole process has not been accountable and transparent, and finally, I just want to say that you know with so much of the general funds going to police in this time of crisis, that it's probably going to last for a couple of years at least. I think that we really need to look at some serious cuts to the police budget. In addition to not adding those seven additional fte to the swat team, we should cut the rebranded gang enforcement task force or team that's the gun violence reduction team. We should also cut transit police and cut ps-3 personnel. This gives us the chance to carefully review our priorities and values. Making these changes would help the city save money and provide more services in these difficult times and will be much more in line with the values and the mission of the city. If austerity undermines public safety, and as I said in my testimony --

**Moore-Love:** Your time is up.

**Nam:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner eudaly, you had your hand raised?

**Hardesty:** I think commissioner eudaly and commissioner Fritz hand was still up from the last one by I just put mine up.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Hardesty:** I just had a question about how long you served on with the Portland police bureau.

**Nam:** Since the first meeting in september until the last meeting -- I forget if that was in the last regular meeting was either december or january, and then there was additional special meeting for writing the report. That's the only meeting I missed. But, most of the other meetings -- I can't remember -- you cannot even see it because minutes are not even published for every meeting, but for many of the meetings, the other members didn't show up. There were vacancies never filled. I was the only member that showed up to every meeting.

**Hardesty:** I want to thank you for your service to the city of Portland and ask you to feel free to reach out to my office. I don't know if your testimony is written, but -- and if you got through it all. I would certainly like to have you follow-up with my office on your experience.

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Let me say that I think that this budget season is extremely unique. There are some things that are happening at blazer speed that all of us would be in opposition to under normal circumstances. I think that some of it is us adjusting to this new current reality, but some of what you are saying to me are systems challenges that not just for the police bureau's budget advisory committee, but many other advisory committees. We can do a better job of actually on-boarding people on all of those committees as well as supporting them so that they feel like they are investing their time wisely, so thank you again for your service and I look forward to continuing the conversation.

**Nam:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Next individual, 354, please, Karla.

#### **ITEM 354**

**Moore-Love:** Item 354

**Moore-Love:** Request of John Murphy to address council regarding resetting the budget process to include alternative revenue streams, with a multi-year approach.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**John Murphy:** Good morning. First I want to say that I completely agree with the sentiments towards the hospitals and nurses, people helping us with this virus. I appreciate your time and effort to make that statement. My name is John Murphy. I am a member of the Portland metro people's coalition, which is a coalition of 20 organizations working to build a socially and economically egalitarian society. Recently, like Hyung Nam, I have been privileged to participate in the office of management and finance meetings as a representative. It's been a great opportunity to participate in the local government process. It's about this type of participation and decision-making that affects our community's future that I want to talk about this morning. We are in the midst of the budget process, and I want us to keep in mind the words of President Kennedy who wrote these words 67 years ago. Poverty in the midst of plenty should not go unchallenged. Wealth and power concentrated in the hands of a few, as many struggle to survive while their lives are living below minimum levels of health, housing, food, and education. Much has changed across the nation in the decades that have passed since JFK wrote those words, but the gap between the have and the have-nots has widened. Now is the time to correct those inadequacies. With this budget crisis, a perfect storm has straightened [inaudible]. We have tough choices to make as a community. Repeat the patterns of the past or steer a new course that reflects the progressive innovative spirit of Portland. Community-based groups, like the Portland metro people's coalition, will not support repeating the mistakes of the past. Our 20-plus coalition partners demand a reimagining of the possibilities and building new roads to a better Portland. Recent past austerity budgets in Portland resulted in drastic cuts for many social services for the working class, with promises of more cuts to come. Even in booming economic times, the city of Portland has prioritized the budget cuts to vital city services and programs. Shockingly, national leaders have actually proposed the idea of letting the states and cities go bankrupt to shed debt and bad decisions of the past. This suggestion is a standout example of the old world resolution to new world challenges. We will not stand for these short-sighted cruel and unjust solutions. We need a Portland vision for the new deal like the New Deal, to emerge from these times stronger and more just for all of Portland's residents. This crisis presents a once in a lifetime generation opportunity to come together as a community to reimagine how old policies can be restructured and innovative fixes implemented that will help to bring in an era of social and economic justice. Recent huge victories for the Portland clean energy fund in honest elections in the city and county have provided momentum for us to build on. We can use this opportunity to transform our annual budget cycle into a multi-year budget plan employing new tax structures to fund initiatives that will provide what we desire for our society.

**Moore-Love:** Your time is up.

**Murphy:** Pardon me?

**Moore-Love:** Your time is up.

**Murphy:** Oh, thank you. Thank you for your time and attention.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, mr. Murphy. We appreciate your participation and sharing your thoughts. The next individual, Karla? Item 355, please. Good morning.

**ITEM 355**

**Moore-Love:** Item 355

**Diana Gutman:** Hi, good morning. Hi, mr. Mayor. Hello, council. Can you hear us and see us all right?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear, diana. You are good to go.

**Gutman:** All right. Hello. Thank you very much for having us. My name is diana gutman. This is my husband. I would like to first take a moment to acknowledge and honor the people of these lands, the [inaudible] and the clackamas. Today my husband and I will be performing being green, famously done by kermit the frog, as a way to say thank you to our health care workers providing to our community, to everyone who is filling the impacts of the covid-19, and I just want to encourage everyone today that times are difficult but we are going to get through this. We are not in this alone. We are in this together.

**Hardesty:** I am sorry, I was going to say, it sounded like you have a soundtrack.

**Gutman:** It's my husband. Can you see us?

**Hardesty:** We cannot see you. You should enable your video.

**Gutman:** How do I do that. I am so sorry, I have never done this before.

**Hardesty:** If you go down to the left-hand corner of your computer.

**Gutman:** I am on my cell phone.

**Hardesty:** We need someone more technically advanced than I to help with that one.

**Gutman:** So sorry.

**Wheeler:** We can hear you, though. Go ahead and play the song, please, and we will listen.

**Gutman:** Okay. All right. ¶ it's not that easy being green ¶ ¶ having to spend each day with the color of the leaves ¶ ¶ when I think it could be nicer being red ¶ ¶ or gold or yellow ¶ ¶ it's not that easy being green ¶ ¶ you tend to blend in with so many or ordinary things ¶ ¶ people pass you over because you are not standing out like flashy sparkles in the water or the sky ¶ ¶ the green is the color of spring, and green can be big like an ocean or important like a mountain or tall like a tree ¶ ¶ green is all there is to be ¶ ¶ it can make you wonder why ¶ ¶ why wonder ¶ ¶ I am green, and that will be fine ¶ ¶ I think it's beautiful and it's what I would like to be ¶¶ [applause]

**Wheeler:** Bravo. That was beautiful.

**Hardesty:** Bravo, bravo.

**Wheeler:** What a great way to start the day. Thank you both. That was beautiful.

**Gutman:** Thank you very much, mr. Mayor. Thank you, council, and thank you to all of our health care workers. What you do is very important to our community and we would not be able to get through this crisis without you so thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Right on. Thank you very much. Karla, next up is the consent agenda. I would like to refer item 358 back to my office. It is my understanding item 360 has also been pulled by mr. Hamilton, is that right?

**Moore-Love:** That's correct.

**Wheeler:** Have any other items been pulled off the consent agenda?

**Moore-Love:** We have had no other requests.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The consent agenda is adopted.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, just a bit of housekeeping before we move into the next portion of the budget. Karla, I would like to request that items 369, 370, and 371 from the regular agenda be moved to the thursday afternoon agenda to be heard after the 2:00 p.m. Time certain. This is being done having had what I believe are productive conversations with the leaders of the bargaining units that are referred to in these three particular ordinances. So if we could make that move, please. So thursday afternoon agenda, after the 2:00 p.m. Time certain.

**Fritz:** Mayor, could I interject here, please.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** I wanted everybody to know the 2:00 time certain will go a couple of hours. There are 47 people signed up to testify, and there will be a presentation before it, so if people are wondering how soon after 2:00 they should sign on for the other items you just moved, just to be aware of that. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. I appreciate that. The next item will be item no. 356. Karla, if you could read 356 the time certain at 945.

### **ITEM 356**

**Moore-Love:** Item 356

**Wheeler:** We have the spring supplemental budget, otherwise known as the spring bump. We discussed this at the work session last week, due to the emergency brought about by the virus, I issued guidance to delay the spring budget monitoring process, or bump by several weeks, and streamlined the requirements to focus on the following adjustments. Technical true-ups, required compensation set aside allocations to end the year on balance, program carryovers that assist in supporting current mayoral and council priority packages for year 2020-21, and I indicated no new requests for general fund resources would be entertained except for the requests for resources required to continue core existing operations through fiscal year 2019-2020. This morning the budget director, jessica kenard, who is with us, obviously, will walk us through the current ordinance. We will then hear the amendments to the ordinance, and after that, we will provide opportunity for public testimony before final deliberations and voting. I will turn this over to director kenard to review the spring bump ordinance. Good morning. Director kenard.

\*\*\*\*\*: Good morning. Thank you, mayor. Good morning, members of council. For the record, jessica kenard, city budget director. I am once again going to pull up a brief presentation for the benefit of folks at home and as a quick reminder of the spring supplemental budget process. I am here with jane, our principal analyst and spring bump and all bumps coordinator. Today we are going to be briefly going through the bump process. We are going to provide a brief overview of the mayor's office proposed spring bump, and we are going to have a discussion on the amendments before voting. As a reminder the spring bump is the second out of three budget monitoring processes that we complete each year. The purpose is to provide the year end financial projections, make current year budgets and true-up the costs. We entertain our fund balance, and based on the comprehensive annual financial report, and inner agency adjustments, program carryovers from one fiscal year to the next, and compensation set aside allocations and the allocation of contingency resources both in the general fund as well as the non-general fund. And of course, other technical adjustments, as well. As the mayor mentioned, this year we had -- he issued some new guidance in the wake of the covid-19 crisis, and this included a request for new requests for general fund only to include those that are required to address the continuity of operations in the current year, and carryover requests should be limited to those things that the mayor mentioned should assist in supporting the current mayor and council priority packages, ensure the continuity of core services, and contribute

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to the city's fund to address [inaudible] needs. We walked through line-by-line what was in the changes to the general fund at a high level. The compensation set aside requests included in the mayor's office proposed bump includes 8.3 million in compensation set aside, and the, this funds the request for compensation set aside from police, fire, park, and the office of equity and human rights. New general fund requests that are included in the mayor's office proposed bump total 1.4 million, primarily funds the parks revenue gap associated with the covid-19 closures of the recreational facilities, in terms of the program carryover, the requests included total 5.9 million. These are 14 requests in eight bureaus. And finally, there are a handful of returns to the general fund included, totaling 3.7 million. All told with the mayor's office spring bump the contingency will be at 30.4 million, and this retains just over 2 million in unrestricted contingency for any unanticipated current year needs. 5.9 million in program carryover for the continued services that will be budgeted as part of next year's budget process and voted on as part of the approved budget next week. And there is 22.4 million in policy set aside for 2021. The majority of those resources are going towards funding our funding gap so a small handful are in the policy set aside for the specific things for next year including the Portland street response, overhead true-up costs, and a couple of other items but the majority of those are funds we are taking to fund our \$75 million funding gap. First let's see if there are any questions about the items that are included in the mayor's office proposed bump as filed, and if there are no questions, we can turn it over for the discussion of the amendments.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions thus far? I am not seeing anything. Director kenard, go ahead.

**Jessica Kinard Dir City Budget Office:** Our office is aware of the small handful of amendments. I believe that mayor, you have a couple of amendments that you are considering offering, and I believe that commissioner hardesty might have an amendment that she would like to offer. Would you -- I have a list of things that I have heard about. I am happy to walk through those, or I can turn it over to you to off the amendment that you have.

**Wheeler:** I can go ahead and off it up, and you can provide commentary as necessary. So, what we'll do right now, colleagues, is we will hear and if appropriate, the second amendments. I have a list of amendments as jessica just mentioned. They have been gathered by the city budget office. I will read them first and I will open the floor to any additional amendments that any of my colleagues may have. We will read each proposed amendment, and we will seek a second in turn, and after the amendments have been placed on the table for discussion, we will, of course, open it up to the public testimony. So I have four I would like to enter potentially for the record, assuming that there are seconds to be had. The first is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget. I will read the language and give a slightly lengthy but important descriptor. The official language is decrease the bureau program expenses and special appropriations general fund for the office of youth violence, prevention by \$231,000 to be carried over in the fiscal year 2021 for significant vital operations. This includes 77,000 for the healing hurt people program. 77,000 for the gang impacted family coordinator, and 77,000 for other programming that includes we are the caution campaign cease-fire, restoration academy, and funding to culturally specific organizations, updated exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change. If you will bear with me just for a moment since I know that this is an important issue, I would like to dig a little deeper on this particular amendment.

**Fritz:** Let me second it while you put it on the table for discussion.

**Wheeler:** So the formal language has been put on the table. Commissioner Fritz seconded it. It is on the table, and there is a slightly more detailed narrative. In Portland, gun related violence to date in 2020 is significantly increased over the incidents reported in 2019. A trend being experienced by other united states cities, as well. This is exactly why the

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[inaudible] is requesting the ability to utilize the existing unexpended plant funding to expand the service to persons at the highest risk of victimization due to gun related violence. The cost was created due to vacancies that have been difficult to fill. The resources and help that they need keep growing. For example, there are the needs. A position for their program, which is titled, "healing hurt people," this person works with trauma one hospital shooting victims and their families to reduce the gun violence during the four-hour window of retaliation. The healing hurt people position, which serves the shooting victims in the e.r. Is not currently funded. However, the ngo who carries the momentum of understanding for the [inaudible] program has allowed the employee to assume the hhpp role as a volunteer in moving forward without any funding, they will not be able to continue to allow this function to exist. Unfortunately based on the number of shootings, which is 188, the need for services within different trauma one hospitals, we can no longer afford this program to function as a purely volunteer program. This funding will support the healing hurt people program, hhpp, through the amending of the gang impacted family team coordinator grant program contract. Please nope the hhpp is currently receiving only in-kind support and has no direct funding. There is also a need to keep critical programs going. Amongst them, we are, we have the precautions campaign, which is community-based, the cease-fire implementation, the restoration academy, and the current contractual obligations with the ngos to make sure it can successfully implement the gun reduction strategies, complete the necessary community outreach, and fulfill the various contractual obligations that we have with our culturally specific ngos. I would encourage my colleagues to strongly consider the support of the hard work they are doing to help families impacted by gun violence. The next, and that has been seconded so it's on the table. The next is a motion to make the following adjustments, the supplemental budget proposed. This would decrease the bureau -- this is the formal language, decrease the bureau program expenses and increase inter-fund cash transfers in the bureau of emergency communications, emergency communications fund by 133,244. These resources will be transferred to general fund policy set aside with the Portland street response and nurse triage program in fiscal year 2021. This would update the exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change, and briefly, as you will recall --

**Hardesty:** Would you like a second, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Yes, please.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** The motion has been seconded by commissioner hardesty. It is on the table. You will recall last year we allocated \$500,000 to the street response fund. That 500,000 has not yet been expended for the pilot. It has been carried overthrew the proposed budget in the fiscal year 2021. And there was a discussion about adding the nurse triage component of this program. We are taking 133,000 in carryover from the bureau of emergency communications for the street response program specifically the nurse triage program. So this is carryover that would be proposed for this. It has been seconded. The third, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed. Decrease the bureau expenses in the bureau of planning and sustainability general fund by \$146,000 and set aside funds in the general fund contingency for program carryover and reallocations in the fiscal year 2021 budget for the bureau of planning, sustainability and equity program work. This updates exhibit 1-5 as necessary to reflect this change, and again, this is based on the discussion we had in our recent work session, and this would be carrying over underspending in the bureau from the current fiscal year. This will allow us to make a critical higher and speed up the work, and there was broad interest to accelerate this work. The allocation of this carryover would allow us to do that. Do I have a second?

**Fritz:** Second.

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**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz seconds. Thank you, commissioner Fritz. And last, and not least, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget is proposed. Decrease the bureau of program expenses in the parks and recreation general fund by \$83,000 and set aside funds in general, to the general fund contingency for program carryover and reallocations in the fiscal year 2021 budget for the purchase of the new fleet vehicles. This would update the exhibits 1-5 as necessary -- as needed to reflect this change. This is, basically, a technical amendment. Director Kinard, is there anything else you want to add?

**Fritz:** Second.

**Wheeler:** We have a second. I guess you don't need to add it at this point. Thank you, commissioner Fritz. That completes my proposed amendment. I believe that there are others who have proposed amendments.

**Hardesty:** Sorry, I was looking for my raised hand thingy and couldn't find it.

**Hardesty:** I would like to make a motion for the adjustments as proposed. Decreased bureau program expenses in the office of community and civic life, reaction cannabis tax fund by 548,094 for the 2020 cannabis social equity grant. The resources will be allocated and the prosper reaction tax fund budgets and fiscal year 2021, for 2021 community grants. Update the exhibit 1-5 as needed to reflect this change. Is there a second?

**Wheeler:** I will second it for the purposes of discussion.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Should I make the case for this amendment now?

**Wheeler:** If you would like, sure. The floor is yours.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, mayor. Thank you, colleagues. I appreciate the hard work of the office of community and civic life and the community committee that came together to review the grant application. I am operating in a different arena than we operated in post-pandemic, and what we are attempting to do today is to get as many resources into the hands of community members who are in desperate need of those resources. As reviewed some of the potential recipients of this particular grant, I asked myself, is this better in an organization's hands or is it better in the hands of people who need to buy food, who need to try to keep their businesses open, who need to take care of their families. This is not meant to be -- to disregard the fine work of the committee, but frankly, these dollars need to be under the door now, and I know that prosper has a process to be able to get these dollars out as quickly as possible. Questions?  
Commissioner.

**Eudaly:** I don't believe that you can make this amendment because it affects 1920 funds, and it can't be part of the spring bump conversation. If I could get an opinion on that.

**Wheeler:** Director kinard.

**Kinard:** Sure. So this is the spring bump is making the amendments to the current year to 19-20 allocation. It is possible to make that change. I understand that there is another item, I believe, on council's agenda today related to these funds. That is more the issue. That is the issue with the other item being heard by council later today. It was too cryptic for my brain. Can you be a little more --

**Kinard:** I believe there is an item in front of council today that allocation the grants from the civic life. The cannabis fund grants to the community members. So this would be amending -- if this were taken by council right now, it would require that additionally that item not pass because the money would be allocated to prosper instead.

**Eudaly:** So just to be clear, we have made the decision about who to issue the social equity grants to. All of these organizations are doing vital work in the community, and while the direct assistance is also important, so is the work that the dollars are funding. I absolutely oppose completely derailing this process. And reallocating these funds.

**Wheeler:** Any further discussion on this item? Commissioner hardesty, given the situation of the commissioner in charge I will tell you this makes me feel uneasy. There hasn't been

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-- I actually -- I find myself in agreement with getting the funds out quickly is critically important right now, and I appreciate your sentiment in that regard. It feels like there needs to be more discussion on this particular item.

**Hardesty:** I am happy to withdraw this amend, but we must have a real conversation about how we are utilizing the cannabis funds before we approve any additional allocation of those funds. So I will pull it. If I have that commitment from my colleagues that we are going to have an open and honest conversation about how we invest these dollars. Just because we thought that we were going to do something in January, we are living in a different world at the moment, and we have to be open to thinking differently and outside of the box that we are accustomed to thinking in. And so I am happy to withdraw my motion, but we need to make sure that we have this conversation before we make any commitments about where those dollars go.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, I see you have your hand raised.

**Fritz:** Thank you. We are going to have that conversation. We have an item on the agenda today and we are going to discuss it in the budget next week, so I am a little puzzled but I appreciate you withdrawing the amendment.

**Wheeler:** It is 3:30 this afternoon, that's a time certain at 3:30. I know the cannabis fund allocation generated a lot of good conversation. Was that just yesterday? When was that. [laughter]

**Hardesty:** I think it may have been yesterday morning, yes. We will be having conversations, but the conversations that are scheduled to happen are after the fact. That is not the kind of conversation that I want to have about immediate needs in our community, and who should be making those decisions? And so all of us have budgets that we are trying to flex that we can be supportive of the community members, but this can't be a pro-forma activity. Yes, commissioner Fritz, we will have the conversation but we have to be clear about where we are headed. I just feel that we keep -- I keep being told, but we have made these decisions about how these funds go. We are in a different world, and if we are not going to acknowledge that we are in a different world, this is an exercise of status quo funding. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Eudaly and commissioner, for withdrawing the amendment. I want to assure you that these grants were evaluated in light of the COVID-19 crisis, and I am also perplexed by some of your comments because this grant program isn't even being funded next year, so yes, there are important conversations to be had, but it won't be about civic life grant program because it won't exist next year.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. Sorry. My apologies this morning. Good. So that has been withdrawn. Commissioner Hardesty, did you have a second amendment you wanted to propose or no?

**Hardesty:** No, Mayor, I believe that was the only amendment that I should have moved forward. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Good conversation. Commissioner Eudaly has an amendment -- nope, nope. Okay. Does that complete amendments or discussion on amendments before moving to public testimony? I see no hands raised. You can always raise issues later in this conversation. With that, we will move to public testimony, Karla. Do we have people ready to go?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up for this item, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** All right, very good. Then before we vote on each of the amendments, is there any further discussion on the said amendments? Hearing none --

**Hardesty:** Sorry, Mayor, I did have a couple of concerns about the office of violence and prevention and these two programs. So I hope that we can talk a bit about this -- that particular amendment. I am understanding from the city council presentation was there

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was one person who was grant funded for the healing hope people program. The grant ran out, and now that person is a volunteer. I am very concerned that we are once again setting ourselves up for a grant funded community activity, the grant money goes away, and we are going to now fund it one time. And there is going to be an expectation that we continue to fund a program that in my opinion is desperately needed. However, one person does not a program make. So is there someone that can give us more information about why we would -- why we would fund a program that was grant funded and, in fact, the anticipation will be that we will continue to fund this as an ongoing effort? I don't know enough about the office of youth violence prevention to know whether or not this is a good investment. I did have an opportunity to talk to Jamal -- it was not last night. It was the night before, and so this is the first opportunity that I have had to hear about both cease-fire, which very much concerns me. That cease-fire program has been a failure across the country. I am concerned that we are committing to the programmatic activity that we have had no information on prior to. So that's how I feel about that particular amendment. I am not sure whether it's a good investment of our limited resources based on what the council presentation was. The last time we talked about healing hurt people.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you. I just had a question. There was an article in the Oregonian about the Portland street response being indefinitely postponed, so I wanted to ask about the carryover for that money and why we would not allocate it in the fall bump instead.

**Wheeler:** Okay. And just before we get to that, I want to close the loop with commissioner Hardesty. Director Green is attempting to log on, and so I am deliberately stalling a bit, and then we will come back to your questions regarding the office of youth violence prevention. Director Kenard, correct me if I am wrong, I saw the same article and I was also confused. The \$500,000 we allocated as a council for the pilot has been carried over in the proposed budget. If we support the amendment that I have put on the table, which would be the second amendment on the table, that would be using resources for the nurse triage program, specifically, that would be using that.

**Hardesty:** I can help you with that. Part of that is paying for the evaluation as well as the creation of the nurse triage.

**Wheeler:** The question asked was has the program been indefinitely delayed? I don't believe it has.

**Hardesty:** The answer to that question is no. I have not read the same article that commissioner Fritz has read, but clearly, our plan had been to start the pilot this month. Clearly we can't start the pilot because people are on stay at home orders. It is our desire and expectation that as soon as we are not ordered to stay at home, that the process will continue on. It has continued on. It's continued through our negotiations, which had to be put in place, and the bureau of emergency communication has to do some new training, which again, has been delayed because of the COVID-19. There is absolutely nothing that -- I have no indications that we won't be full steam ahead as soon as this current pandemic crisis is over.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. And commissioner Fritz has her hand up again and I will let Director Kenard chime in, if it is helpful.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much. That's helpful clarification, commissioner Hardesty. I just thought some folks at home might be wondering that question. I think the nurse triage is an essential component so I support if the package is moving forward, doing that, but I still -- so what I just heard you say, commissioner Hardesty, is that it might start at the beginning of the fiscal year, and so you need the money now. That's correct. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Director Kenard?

**Kenard:** From a technical standpoint, so what we are doing today is we are taking money out of the current year's budget to make it so that it is available for spending in next year's

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budget but today's action is just taking the money out of the current year budget. The question as to where it goes and how it is available on July 1 will be taken up as part of the approved budget next week. So if there is a desire for that money to be ready to go out the door on July 1, we will want to make sure that next week we offer an amendment to budget those funds in specific bureau's budget. Right now that 500,000 is in a contingency account waiting for appropriations, so if we know where we want that money to go and want it to be available to go out the door July 1st next week, we will want to make that amendment to put that in a bureau's budget.

**Wheeler:** That may have been the source of the confusion. I can see that from a layman's perspective as to why someone might look at that and say the resources have been put somewhere else, so I understand that confusion, but that's clearly not the case based on the testimony that we are hearing today, that the program has been delayed, certainly not indefinitely. Good. All right. I am still stalling so what we're going to do is go through the vote, and I am going to exclude [inaudible] for the moment so we can get to -- to the director green to come on-board. So, let's see, we will start with my amendment to -- this was the one with regard to the bureau of emergency communications that we just discussed. Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Sorry, aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The motion passes. The third motion was regarding the bureau of planning and sustainability to continue to fund the bureau of planning and sustainability equity program work. Any further discussion on this item? Karla, please call the roll on the amendment.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I very much appreciate the discussion that happened between the office of equity and human rights, and the planning bureau. I want to thank director Andrea Durbin and all of her staff for their commitment to equity and to working in a collaborative manner citywide. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The motion carries. The fourth motion was regarding the Portland parks and recreation general fund budget. This was set aside funds in the general fund contingency for program carryover, and reallocations related to fleet. Any further discussion on this item? Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The motion carries, and now using the miracle of low technology the head of the office of youth violence prevention, Nike Greene is on a cell phone sitting on my laptop hoping to communicate with you. Are you there?

**Nike Greene, Director Office of Youth Violence Prevention:** I am.

**Wheeler:** And commissioner Hardesty, can you hear Nike?

**Hardesty:** I can hear Nike. Good morning, Nike.

**Wheeler:** Very good. We just magistered this. If you could restate the question.

**Hardesty:** Happy to, Mayor. Good morning, Nike. As the Mayor presented your proposal, I had a question about healing hurt people. When we last heard about that program at the city council, it was a grant funded program. My understanding is that this amendment is asking us to fund one individual that would then go to different hospitals to support the family after a shooting has taken place. I am very concerned that once again the city of Portland will be put in a position of funding something, one-time temporarily and then we will be asked over and over again to refund this. The grants went away. What is the

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strategy? The last time the gentleman spoke at city hall they were about to hire a second person. I am very concerned that one person is not going to be able to do the job that we are setting up. So if you could tell me what your plan is around healing hurt people, I would be very appreciative.

**Greene:** Absolutely. Thank you, commissioner Hardesty, for your question. So as far as healing hurt people, it concerns the original [inaudible] behavioral health carrying the mou and provided the funding for that program. When they got to the end of their budget, then [inaudible] picked up the mou and they allowed, without funding, they allowed our current individual who gives our healing hurt people person to continually operate and provide the services, but his role is unfunded of healing hurt people, although the service is being provided. Previous to covid-19 and all the things, yes, we have already trained a second individual who currently also is in a different role at that capacity, and is not funded. And so as we were wanting to continue to carry that work over, that is what the request is and asked for. In regard to your question for moving forward, I would agree with you. If you don't want to continue to have [inaudible] and services on a yearly request of funding, so we are currently looking for outside funding and different grant organizations, so in the future, that we can accommodate two to three-year funding for that fte because what I learned since i've been in the office is that obviously in any program you don't want to fund things on a yearly basis. It is not currently funded but it is operating, and that's what we are asking for. That would allow us the time to solidify external funding and grant foundation to continue to uphold that program.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much, Nike, for that response. My second question had to do with cease-fire, which has been a colossal failure across the country. I am very concerned that we are taking it on a national model that consistently has had negative impacts on black and brown communities. I guess for me, Nike, I got an email from you yesterday which was the first time that I had heard from you. It would be really helpful for us to have a briefing about what that office does and what the vision is for the future. So if you could say a bit about the cease-fire effort that you want to start. Where does that come from and why would we invest in that?

**Greene:** So the components that we are investing in the amendment on the floor is, as far as the cease-fire, are evidence-based practices in which we are talking about making sure that we have intervention services, and for those that are most impacted to be victims or vendors, in regards to the larger conversation about cease-fire, I think that right now we are all in the same position of investing our efforts and our research and our data gathering on what would a combined collective effort with a multi-[inaudible] approach around violence reduction look like and whether that is a cease-fire Portland model or the reduction strategy, that is continually in regard to our conversation, so I would love to sit down and have that conversation with you. As stated, within the discussion of covid-19 and the challenges that we had to reallocate our priorities and our efforts. So I think that there is more forthcoming, and what a combined strategy would look like. I would love to continue that dialogue with you.

**Hardesty:** Nike, I really appreciate you making your available and answering these questions today. I know this is a -- it's all challenging for all of us operating a bit differently. I am going to support the mayor's office proposal today, but it is a -- it is a, a conditional support that I am going to provide. I am going to expect that I am going to know a lot more about this when we have this conversation in the fall bump process because I am going to assume that we have had a chance to think through what the next steps are and how we can be helpful in developing programs that keep our community members safe. So thank you very much. I appreciate your willingness to jump on and be center stage for a minute to answer some of these questions.

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**Greene:** Thank you very much, commissioner Hardesty, for your questions and your support at this time. I apologize for the divide out here, I have five devices and finally figured out one that would work so thank you, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Before Nike hangs up, does anybody else have any questions for the director Greene? Very good. All right, thank you, and we will talk to you soon. Bye.

**Greene:** Bye.

**Wheeler:** Troubleshooting, I love it. Karla, please call the roll on amendment number one.

**Hardesty:** Again, thank you, Mayor, for moving this around so that I had a chance to get a couple of my questions answered. I look forward to learning more about the potential of the work that the office of youth violence prevention is doing. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The motion carries, and thank you, commissioner Hardesty, I enjoyed the conversation. I appreciate the manner in which you supported the motion today. We should have these conversations, have the opportunity over the course of the summer to do that. I think that we should all have the collective understanding of what the program will do and how it will work. I want to make sure as we go forward the council feels comfortable with the strategy that we are pursuing. With that, Karla, this brings us to the main motion with the amendments as already approved. Is there any further discussion to the main motion? Karla, please call the roll to adopt the budget ordinance as amended.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** This is my 12th spring supplemental bump. In 2009 we had the great recession and in 2013 we had a \$25 million gap, and neither of those challenges compare with the collapse of revenue that we are experiencing right now with COVID. In addition to the economic challenges, we have had to be mindful that merely being at our homes increases -- being out of our homes increases everyone's risk. I appreciate the city budget office and Mayor Wheeler for your nimble attention to all of the things that are changing almost on a daily basis, never mind almost on a daily basis. And I think that this is a very wise and practical approach to addressing the problems, and I am glad to support it and vote aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The supplemental budget ordinance as amended is adopted. Thank you, Director Kenard, and again, thanks to your entire team and to the folks on my team, and Kirsten Dennis, worked so hard on this. Thank you, colleagues, for your refinements and your collaboration on this. Good work, everybody. The next item is to the regular agenda item 366. Please, Karla.

### **ITEM 366**

**Moore-Love:** Item 366

**Wheeler:** Part of what makes Portland the great city that it is, is the many cultures going throughout our community. They have diversity, vibrance and important perspectives. We must continue to recognize and celebrate the many historical and cultural contributions made by all to our community. Today and all during the month of May, we are celebrating the more than 45,000 community members who traced their roots to Asia and the Pacific Islands. The Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, referred to as our AAPI neighbors, helped to make the city of Portland better by bringing their diversity, rich cultures, traditions, and their origins and of course, their amazing cuisine to our community. We also acknowledge and understand that this pandemic is having a disproportionately negative effect on our AAPI community. They were amongst the first to experience the economic pull-out from the COVID-19 crisis, and even before we were all ordered to stay home. They have seen a rise in [inaudible] due to this pandemic. As a city we must continue to be committed to seeking solutions to the problems that our AAPI neighbors are experiencing. Now more than ever, there is a need for unity amongst all Portlanders. Let's all come

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together to support our local aapi businesses and organizations, and lend them encouragement during these trying times. As a city, we are committed to serving the needs and the interests of the aapi community. Before I read the proclamation, we will hear from dr. Alison [inaudible]. Welcome.

**Dr. Allison Prasad Bureau Human Resources:** Good morning, mayor wheeler, commissioners, hardesty, eudaly, Fritz, and colleagues, I am dr. Alison [inaudible], the people and culture analyst in the bureau of human resources. In addition, I serve on the leadership committee for the [inaudible] and pacific islanders affinity group at the city of Portland. Before I begin, I would like to thank jamal mustafa, kahn, tim, eileen, and joseph from mayor wheeler's office for their time, energy, and assistance with today's asian american and pacific islander heritage month proclamation event. We are Portland. This month we honor the history, culture, tradition, and contributions of aapi community members both locally and nationally. As a qualitative researcher I believe in narratives and oral histories. Today you had like to share my story with you. I am the great granddaughter of [inaudible], invented laborers brought by the british from colonial, india to the colony of the fiji islands. Tomorrow marks the [inaudible] since the first indians to fiji. My grandparents did not know how to read or write. My parents are immigrants who helped no a better life. This is also where I was born and lived until I was one year old. When I was two, I moved to fiji to live with my grandparents and was united with my family in canada when I was three. At the age of 14, my family moved to northeast Portland where I attended thomas jefferson high school. I was a student in the health sciences, biotechnology and dance programs. I was also an intern at legacy emanuel center, a member of the national honor society, and a varsity cheerleader my junior and senior year. I went on to receive scholars, including the dean and [inaudible] scholarship at the university of Oregon where I graduated five beta kappa with a baa in ethnic studies. As an undergraduate student I was involved in various local and national student organizations. I also became a student activist and lobbied in salem, Oregon, and Washington d.c. On issues concerning underserved and historically marginalized communities. I continued my education and received an ma in educational policy and leadership, diversity studies and a ph.d. In multi-cultural and equity studies from ohio state university. As a student I worked for the young scholar's program, which is a precollegiate and collegiate pipeline program between ohio state and nine urban school districts across the state of ohio for [inaudible] students. After receiving my doctorate, I followed my heart and passion for sports and received my first seat at the table with major league baseball. From the ballpark to the boardroom it's my field of dreams. My journey continued on to the Oregon museum of science and history where I conducted research and evaluation to create access and opportunity for diverse populations through stem education. I also wrote a manual for nasa, a reminder your dreams should be out of this world. I then became a public servant at the city of Portland. I served as the affirmative action aid and have had the opportunity as an engagement specialist and people in culture analyst to conduct research and stakeholder engagement on behalf of each of your offices, including that of the late commissioner nick fish. My research findings somewhere also led to the development of [inaudible] for the city of Portland. Currently, I also serve on the board 6 directors for cascadia behavioral healthcare and Portland workforce alliance. As I reflect on my life and journey I will continue to carry this spirit of my ancestors within my mind, body, heart, and soul. As I conclude, I would like to express my gratitude to each of you for your leadership service, which is [inaudible], which is the word for courage. My hope is to continue to demonstrate love, care, compassion, solidarity, justice, and humanity towards one another. Thank you. And [inaudible].

**Wheeler:** Thank you, doctor, we appreciate it.

**Prasad:** Thank you.

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**Malo Ala'ilima:** Hello, I am Malo Ala'ilima, and I am also known as [inaudible] for short, and I use all pronouns. I do want to be mindful that I have another community member by the name of virginia luca. Much of our work together in volunteerism is intertwined. She can speak for herself after I speak. I want to thank you, mayor wheeler, and the city council commissioners for this opportunity to speak on behalf of the pacific islander community with regard to the asian, american, pacific islander heritage month. Especially during a time where covid-19 is impacting us not only health-wise but economically. It's really interesting, you know, as a community member just watching the dynamics involved for our elected officials and our staff preparing budgets, and so I am grateful for commissioner hardesty and commissioner eudaly and you, yourself, mayor, for just having that thoughtful conversation, things that hardesty had brought up you know, I am feeling in my heart like yeah, why can't we think differently outside the box. And then you have this proximate cause immigration about you know, how we can be celebratory. So I do want to point out that with the prosper Oregon, even before covid-19 had impacted the Portland area, that they have partnered with apano to provide assistance to many of our asian owned businesses in the downtown chinatown as well as the jade district. So I just want to be mindful of that, and we are very grateful for stepping in during a time where discrimination was on the high, and a lot of people were not being patrons to any of these businesses. But I also want to talk about the narrative of what's happening to the pacific islander community right now. Yesterday, the Oregon health authority published a data report, and with that, I believe that there is like 79,000 tests that have gone out and performed. Of that number, 3,358 people tested positive, and we have about 130 deaths. For pacific islanders, we are the highest -- we have the highest rate of infection at 19.6 per 10,000. We have 33 confirmed cases of which a majority of those cases come in the Portland area within Multnomah county. We have also had nine hospitalizations and one death. So our pacific islander community, when we heard this the week of april 20, we formed the Oregon pacific islander emergency response. We are volunteering our talents, skillsets, and our resources in which utopia pdx, which I am board member of, dedicated \$10,000 for the seed money to help many of our pacific islander individuals and families to get tested to help them think about that process because there is a trust factor that is missing. It is helping them to transition, helping them get used to the idea if we don't know your status, we don't know how to take care of the issue. We don't know how to stop the spread of covid-19. It's just coming from the lens of cultural humanity, cultural responsiveness, and cultural responsibility, and I just -- this is not an ask, but it is just something that I want for you to understand that we have people from the different communities, people from the [inaudible] community as well as tongan and native hawaiian communities banding together in response to this emergency. We realize this is happening with many black, indigenous, people of color communities, as well. So for me it's more than just celebrating, you know, who we are and what we have contributed. It's really who we are in response to what's happening now. I think that those narratives need to be captured. At this time I would like to share the floor with virginia luca. Virginia?

**Wheeler:** Good morning, virginia. Thanks.

**Virginia Luca:** Thank you very much. Hi, everyone. My name is virginia luca, I use she and they pronouns. Thank you, mayor wheeler and the city council commissioners for the api heritage month proclamation as well as for having me today. I want to greet us all in the indigenous languages, our pacific islander communities that live in Portland. Ali, [foreign language]. My mother is from the island Palau and the island of [inaudible] clan of [inaudible] and my father is white. He was born and raised on a dairy farm with french and canadian heritage. He joined the navy during the vietnam war, and he went to my mother's island where he met my mom. I was born there and raised on the island of guam for 25 years before moving to Oregon 17 years ago. Currently, I have a role of a pacific islander

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researcher and community organizer and sit on the board of apano, and thank you, mayor wheeler and prosper Portland for all the funding you provided us to help with the businesses in the jade district as well as old town chinatown. I also sit on the board of living islands, and serve as the program coordinator for the utopia pdx's pacific elites program, utopia pdx is the united territories of pacific islanders alliance in Portland, and we work for pacific islanders in our area, I am a member of a community organization that has been serving Oregon and southwest Washington for over 30 years. I am here today with the hope of highlighting what I have learned at the pacific islander researcher and community organizer. The experiences of our pacific islander community meets at the intersection of systemic oppression and as well as historical resiliency. It is really important for us to share and embrace our pacific islander cultural ways of knowing, sharing our stories with the experiences and our ancestral history. All of that is also data. Data is not just numbers. It's also our lived experiences and stories. And any work that aims to serve our community, it must be centered on healing and reclaiming our identities, and it must be community-led from start to finish. I would really like to advocate for the use of the demographic data collection method, such as race, ethnic, and disability, and the sexual orientation and gender identity. I would really love if we could have all our government systems making use of these types of demographics data methods to ensure an authentic and nuanced identification method to help us to notice and address our disparities. And finally, our pacific islander community recognizes that we really need a cultural resource center where we can gather, access resources for our needs, as well as especially host our cultural preservation classes and do things like celebrate our heritage. Thank you for your time. Thank you all for the amazing work that you are doing for our community, especially during this time of the pandemic. I really just want to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you all for doing all that you do to advocate for our life. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, virginia, for those great comments, and we will open it up to my fellow commissioners before I read the proclamation, and we will start with commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you all for that incredible testimony. I actually had a question from, of Malo, if I might. You were talking about -- I was not going to today during this proclamation bring up all of the bad stuff that is going on. But, you opened the door so I want to take an opportunity to help folks understand.

**Hardesty:** Malo, thank you for your appreciation of the early support of jade and chinatown businesses that was provided by the city and prosper Portland. But I want to talk about what the real lived experience is and asian pacific islanders communities over the last say six months. Even before we had our first coronavirus case in the united states of america this racism had already come across the globe to target your community. So I would like to know what the current situation is and how we can get people the help that we need if they have this activity.

**Ala'ilima:** thank you for the question, commissioner hardesty. I have had talks with khanh tran out of mayor wheeler's office back in february where folks were really hesitant about shopping at businesses or even be seen going to certain asian owned businesses or restaurants because of the backlash of an association with the novel coronavirus originated from. I feel that sort of carried over into covid, the time of covid, but it's impacting everyone just the same. But I have friends that are really scared to not go out by themselves if they do have to do a shopping run or a medication run, so they are very vigilant and they are very mindful of the times that they go out and who they go out with. Notifying people that during this time and this time I plan to go here. So if i'm not back in my place before then, text or call me just to make sure that i'm okay.

**Hardesty:** So if someone in the asian pacific islander community feels that they have been discriminated against, treated with racist insults and et cetera, et cetera, does your

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community know where to go to file complaints? Will they file complaints and what vehicles have they been using for that complaint process?

**Ala'ilima:** so puah has partnered with apano very well with regard to this. There is a form of reporting certain instances such as that. I don't have the numbers and I know that some of it is also anonymous. We can't know exactly who is recording it, but apano staff is addressing it with puah staff.

**Hardesty:** I know I read just this week that the department of justice had seen like a 400% increase in racially targeted activity, which shocked me. They say they do but they are not normally the place that people go to to file those kinds of complaints. So when I heard that they had that many new cases I just know that it's so pervasive across the city. I'm going to go back to a more positive note because I hear about celebrating our asian pacific islander heritage and culture, and so I wanted to go to virginia, I believe, who was talking about how we would -- how we're looking forward to actually once the pandemic is over, once we are rebuilding the kind of community that we want to have virginia has talked about a gathering of community members. We know we can't do that now but maybe virginia could help whet our appetite for what we hope will come in the fall or maybe the winter of next year. Virginia, could you give us some joy about where we're headed when this pandemic is over?

**Luca:** yes, thank you so much, commissioner hardesty. Yes. For example, we normally have presidents day festival every year around june. That's not happening because we want to make sure to keep our friends and family safe and so it is going to be postponed until next year. We have hundreds of people. Oh, my gosh, we have 800 people come from california, Oregon, Washington to come and have food, music. Normally either the palauan president or vice president comes all the way to Oregon, to Portland, for that because we have such a large community of paluans here.

**Hardesty:** I met the president. He was there having lunch and I met him within the last year. So yes.

**Luca:** yes. So I personally look forward to that because that's my community, as well as we have so many celebrations during asian pacific islander heritage month for our queer and trans pacific islanders, we call ourselves cutie pie for short. The polynesian population, they have their luau annually. Our different populations, we all have different ways we celebrate with different meanings but it's always together saying hey we made it another year. We made it again. To really have love for our community. It's not just for pacific islanders. We have everyone come and share with us. Thank you for your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank, you. I will say, virginia, you're right. One of the things our cultures share, that was the first thing I was told. We're going to have lots of food, fun.

**Luca:** let's eat: [laughter]

**Hardesty:** I love this. Just to wrap up what I wanted to say in this portion is I am so proud of the asian pacific islander community and the Portland metro area because even pre-pandemic what I know is that we have always operated as a collective community, right? So it's not about who is in what position. It's about how do we collectively work as a community. It's always brought me so much pride and appreciation. Watching apano grow from an imagination in joseph lyon santos' head into the organization it is today brings me pride as well. We have your back. We're going to be here. We're all in this together. As soon as we can get together we'll eat, have music, lots of good, fun stuff. Thank you all for your time. Thank you, mayor, for indulging me to get to where I needed to be for this proclamation.

**Wheeler:** That was great conversation. I loved it. I think you're right. The great intersect is, let's eat, as you said it so eloquently.

**Fritz:** Thank you, virginia, malo. On that note I would say one of the best meals I have had in the last nine weeks is from thai chili jam downtown. I was so excited when I found out

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they were delivering so thank you for that. I also want to recognize the tongan celebration is probably not going to happen this year. That's been one of my favorite events. Oregon is the only state that has a statewide celebration and we often have people coming from the tongan islands. I will miss that and look forward to going in the future. I want to also note that the Oregon state department of justice currently has a petition online for support for the asian american pacific islander community. You can find it by googling Oregon department of justice and the link is right at the top. There's also a link there for reporting hate and bias crimes. Thanks to tatiana in human rights for bringing that to my attention. Tatiana has been working with the human rights commission because we realize many immigrant communities are deeply affected because of their country of origin and there's other horrendous things happening beyond covid and the discrimination people have had and actually one of my staff experienced bias speech more than once recently. It's just pitiful and heartbreaking and really sad. Recognize that there are events in philippines in particular that has been brought to the Portland human rights' attention and they will be striving to develop a response. Need to recognize the challenges continue. So do the successes. It's been wonderful to see apano growing as commissioner hardesty said. I hope she knows that I am sorry for the discrimination and hate that's been happening and so glad that you are here and part of the community, that you have your special communities and that you are Portlanders. So it's fitting that we celebrate you today.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner Fritz. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Well, I had prepared remarks but I feel they would be redundant so i'm going to say to everyone a few minutes and just say thank you to our guests for being here today and how excited I am to celebrate asian american pacific islander heritage month. I have really enjoyed working with communities across the city from the japanese garden to apano. I dearly miss all the restaurants I love to frequent in the jade district and I realize there are about a dozen restaurants, japanese, thai, burmese, that have been keeping me fed throughout this crisis, so I want to thank everyone, all the essential workers for keeping us fed among other things. We're going to be posting on facebook throughout the month different ways you can learn about stories, history and culture of our various asian american pacific islander communities and encouraging the whole city to celebrate. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner eudaly. I want to thank dr. Broussard and all of you for your testimony this morning. This has been a fantastic discussion that underscores the deep significance of the community here in Portland and we love the food, of course, let's eat, but it goes so much deeper than that. So many different directions and so many ways. I'm really grateful for the partnership that we have with apano and the jade district and other organizations to help really make this community thrive as part of the broader community. Thank you for the positivity. I'm proud of the fact that the city of Portland's very first recovery investments related to covid did go to the jade district. That's so critically important to our economy and to the community at large and obviously critically important to the aapi community. I'm confident those early dollars will quickly be expended and it will need to continue to support and uplift the community, the jade district specifically. It's now my pleasure to read a proclamation on behalf of the city council. Whereas, Portland is home to more than 45,000 community members who trace their roots to the pacific islands and asia. Whereas, the pacific islander native money, southeast, south and east asian american communities are proud of their heritage and draw strength from their rich cultures and traditions. Whereas, by bringing their diversity, rich cultures, traditions and amazing cuisines Portland is made much better by our aapi neighbors. And whereas, Portland's aapi members come from diverse backgrounds including various languages, ethnicities and faiths including buddhism, christianity, confusionism, hinduism, and sikhism. Whereas, asian american and pacific islander heritage month is an opportunity for

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all individuals and organizations to recognize aapi contributions, development and defense for our country as well as the cultural, civic and economic life of Portland for over 150 years. And whereas, Portland through dialogue with representatives from asian american and pacific islander communities continues to address the needs and concerns of its aapi community and remains committed to seek solutions to problems they face such as prejudice, discrimination, and violence, specifically during the covid-19 pandemic, and whereas Portlanders are encouraged to share solidarity with the aapi community by supporting local businesses and organizations. And now, therefore, i, ted wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, do hereby proclaim may 2020 to be asian american and pacific islander heritage month in Portland. I call upon all Portlanders to recognize and celebrate the vibrant history, cultures and contributions of our pacific islander and asian american communities. Thank you. Thank you all for your participation today. Great discussion. Karla, next item 367.

**ITEM 367**

**Moore-Love:** Item 367

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, i'm pleased in the midst of the covid-19 crisis city employees are working hard to keep critical services going while minimizing the impacts to our community. This project is one great example of that. This ordinance authorizes bonding and services to expedite a major sewer project in the southeast hawthorne commercial district. Construction began this month while traffic is light in this ordinarily busy area. It will allow bes to compress an eight month schedule into three months. It will repair and construct 3,000 feet of sewer pipe and infrastructure to address basement sewer backup risk and nonconforming sewers. Here to give a brief presentation are joe dvorak and tressie word, both representing the bureau of environmental services.

**Joe Dvorak, Bureau of Environmental Services:** can you all hear me?

**Wheeler:** You bet.

**Dvorak:** thank you, good morning. I'm joe dvorak here on behalf of bill ryan, our chief engineer. I want to acknowledge all the hard work everyone did to have this project come together. We worked closely with our partners in pbot, Portland water bureau, the community and procurement services. Thank you, tressie. At this point i'll turn it over to her to talk about the project and then we'll answer any questions you have. Thanks.

**Tressie Word, Bureau of Environmental Services:** hi, thanks, joe. I'll get started. We can move to slide number 2. I'm tressie. Can everyone see and hear me all right?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Word:** we're here to talk about the southeast hawthorne boulevard project, which is a part of a series of projects in the alder basin to address basement sewer backups that were identified in the 2012 combined sewer system plan. The project also improves ada accessibility specifically this project replaces 2900 feet of sewer mains, about 1900 feet of lateral, sewer laterals and 14 ada ramps. All of these are located either on or directly adjacent to southeast hawthorne. So next slide, this project basically covid-19 the pandemic has created significant economic hardships for businesses on southeast hawthorne. Our team has been doing a lot of expensive public outreach in the community and the hawthorne boulevard business association requested that our plan work be expedited to address some of these issues. My amazing project team came together, we worked very closely with pbot and the water bureau on this project. Pbot actually has a very high priority grind and pave scheduled for this area, not this summer but the coming summer that this gets ahead of. Also the water bureau agreed to work with us to highly accelerate construction schedule to accommodate the business association request. Next slide, please. So as a result of the stay at home order, local businesses are closed and they are also there's less traffic occurring on the street, so therefore pbot agreed to allow extended construction hours, which basically reduces the length of construction from eight

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months to three months, which is significant. Next slide, please. As I mentioned previously, our public involvement team has been a driving factor for accelerating this project and our lead, our public involvement lead, is here to answer any questions you may have regarding that matter. Next slide, please. This is an estimated construction amount of 2.9 million and joe will talk about the business inclusion and diversity elements of the project.

**Dvorak:** thank you, tressie. As we see in this slide, the utilization amount identified by landis & landis is just over 25%. You see the breakdown there. While 25% exceeds the city's aspirational goals, we certainly have a lot of work to do so bes's equity manager and our partners in procurement services are looking at ways to improve equity in contracting. I'm actively engaged as design manager to see what we can do from a design perspective. I think that's the last slide we have some time to answer questions at this point.

**Word:** actually, this slide is really cool, our question slide. It's a photo from 1921, which is right in the middle of our project area. Cochran cider company is where the baghdad theater is now.

**Wheeler:** Cool. Any questions? Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, tressie and -- was it john? My screen is moving all over the place.

**Dvorak:** it's joe.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, joe. For the presentation. I appreciate you acknowledging that we must do better when it comes to equity goals because again even though the totality exceeds our 20% aspiration, we still are not doing the job that we need to do to make sure that we're getting dollars into the hands of minority contractors. Having said that my question is, expedited, great, people are not ungrateful, but didn't the governor say we'll be open on friday and what does that mean in regard to this plan?

**Dvorak:** I had not heard that. We even before covid we worked closely with community members and the businesses to make sure that we can stage construction to minimize impacts. I expect that landis & landis will do the same thing should that actually take effect on friday. Tressie, from a project team perspective have you looked at any other alternatives to that?

**Word:** I know that landis & landis and pbot are working closely together to expedite construction in light of reopening businesses and we are actively engaged and prepared to proceed effectively with an accelerated schedule, knowing the covid -- that the stay at home order could be lifted at any time.

**Hardesty:** It doesn't sound like the stay at home order will be lifted. My concern is if the rest of the state following the opening retail operations this friday, if that's the assumption that retailers will have, this expedition based on the fact would be no travel or minimal travel would be a wrong premise if in fact that is the case and people are more mobile. All i'm asking have you considered the fact that this is changing by the hour, minute, day? The assumptions you've used to expedite this may not hold true.

**Word:** absolutely. We are prepared to address this rapidly changing situation. The project team which includes a member through pbot and bes and the business owners can chime in here regarding conversations, regarding the business community. The expedited schedule is the preferred approach knowing that this is a rapidly changing situation and we're prepared to address it.

**Debbie Casselton, Bureau of Environmental Services:** debbie casselton, public involvement for environmental services. I have been working closely with the hawthorne business association and area residents. This has been for the last I would say couple months that we have been talking working closely with Karla kingsley at pbot, who has been doing a lot of community outreach. I have been piggybacking on to that. This project was part of the sunnyside project and we expedited the hawthorne project to

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accommodate the businesses and finish this before grind and pave or paint and pave project through pbot was happening. In talking to the hawthorne business association members, they definitely wanted us to expedite this to help prevent chaos when anythings do open. But they were prepared and if they did open before this was done, this still we would get a significant portion done before it opened. I have to say also that the businesses, there's a lot of businesses who have curbside and we're accommodating that and working with the businesses on hawthorne who are doing a lot of curbside pickup type businesses but there is definitely a majority that are closed.

**Hardesty:** There's no doubt that that is a horrible way to travel when you have to go down hawthorne in rush hour traffic which used to be all day every day. So I absolutely know the need for the service. It's just a question about whether or not -- my concern is that one business association can advocate for you to speed up the process, what's to stop other business associations from saying they are not being treated equally because you did this for hawthorne now you won't it for somebody else.

**Cassleton:** we're actually trying to do that for the mississippi project as well. To expedite. So we're working on that one as well. The whole mississippi business association, historic mississippi.

**Hardesty:** I think there's a balance between expediting and making sure we have the diversity in contracting that we want. I'm interested in having these projects done but not interested in supporting projects that just support the status quo. I want to be really clear that any business district can make the case for why they should be prioritized but we have an obligation to make sure our contractors are benefiting from the limited public dollars that we are investing. So thank you.

**Cassleton:** thanks.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions, colleagues? Karla, is there any public testimony for this item?

**Moore-Love:** there's no public testifiers for this.

**Wheeler:** This is first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you both for your testimony. The next is item 368, this is second reading. Council has heard a presentation on this item and has had an opportunity for public testimony. Could you read item 368, please.

#### **ITEM 368**

**Moore-Love:** Item 368

**Wheeler:** Very good. Any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** I would like to thank joe and yong sang for their presentations last week. I know they put a tremendous amount of hard work into this. So thanks to both of them in particular the bureau at large. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. And for those who did not hear, 369, 370 and 371 have been moved. That takes us back to the items on the consent agenda. Just a reminder, 358 I pulled back to my office. That leaves item 360 as the only unresolved issue today. Please read item 360.

#### **ITEM 360**

**Wheeler:** I believe we have jessica byrd online. She can briefly describe this. It's my understanding this was pulled by mr. Handelman and I assume he will want to testify.

**Moore-Love:** that's correct. He is waiting.

**Jessica Bird, Office of Management & Finance, Bureau of Revenue and Financial Services, Risk Management division:** there we go.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Bird:** can you hear me okay?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Bird:** good morning. This is a settlement of James Maddox bodily injury lawsuit in the sum of \$22,000. On August 4, 2018 he was in downtown Portland participating in a protest. As he walked backwards down Southwest Columbia he was flipping off officers and yelling profanities. He was struck in the thigh by what he alleges was a rubber bullet. He picked it up, held it in the air, shouting, you missed. A Portland police bureau officer fired again striking him in the right arm that was holding the bullet. He sustained a gash in his arm. He along with two other protesters filed a joint lawsuit against the city and the Portland police bureau. The lawsuit contained many allegations including excessive force, violation of the 4th and 14th amendments, assault, battery and negligence. He sustained injury to his arm including permanent scarring and emotional distress. He demanded unspecified noneconomic damages, attorney fees, declaratory relief and injustice relief. The parties engaged in informal settlement discussions and reached an agreement inclusive of medical expense, wage loss and attorneys fees. Approval will allow him to be paid the agreed settlement. I have with me city attorney Robert Yamachika, if there are any questions for him.

**Wheeler:** Do we want to take public testimony before questions? I don't think Commissioner Hardesty has a question. I think she left her hand raised so we'll start with Mr. Handelman. If there's other public testimony as well. Dan, are you on?

**Dan Handelman, Portland Copwatch:** yes, I'm here. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Good morning. I'm Dan Handelman with Portland Cop Watch. I want to start by repeating what we said in the past why we feel it's important for council to discuss these police misconduct settlements publicly if not to call out the individual officers though it's extremely rare that the settlements result in discipline for the police. An apparent desire not to acknowledge those but we just heard them described by the city employee and that's important for the public to hear. The main reason we asked is to assure the public that lessons are being learned which will not only lead to less harm done but also build community trust and save the city money. Portland Cop Watch identified 14.2 million paid out in misconduct charges since 1992, an average of \$500,000 a year. It's crucial to think about as you face these major budget cuts. To the issues underlying this particular claim several other people filed lawsuits for use of force by police in the same protest. Sounded like a joint suit but this claim was settled individually. People were hit by flash bang projectiles that day. Police violence continued at subsequent neo-fascist versus fascist protests. Several people were arrested in questionable circumstances. Many of those people in the August 2019 protests were women or women of color including a woman recently cleared of disorderly conduct charges for twirling in the street. Clearly it has been less of an issue in 2020 but it's well worth discussing the potential for police violence if protests take place as well as questionable tactics used bringing so many overtime officers and external agencies but there was one police officer to face off with every two protesters. That was last August 17. I'm also hoping we can make comments on 369 tomorrow afternoon. Unexpected that that got rescheduled. We'll see what happens. Thank you for the opportunity to talk about this, letting me pull it off the agenda.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Karla, was there anybody else who wanted to testify on this item?

**Moore-Love:** no one else signed up.

**Wheeler:** Any further discussion?

**Robert Yamachika, Deputy City Attorney:** Mr. Mayor, this is Deputy City Attorney Robert Yamachika. I would like to clarify for transparency the total amount of \$22,882.23. 10,000 of which will be going to Mr. Maddox and 12,882.23 will be for the attorney's fees. So as council might be aware, part of our risk assessment is to minimize attorney fees in this

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case and you can see with this settlement the attorneys fees are more than the settlement amount. So that came into reaching a settlement to minimize attorney fees.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, robert. We appreciate it. Good clarification. Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** thank you. I am always concerned of course when we pay out these settlements but when I also saw the low payout amount and the fact that all parties agreed to mediation it gave me a sense of comfort that this was the right settlement to move forward. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Karla, that completes our business for this morning, correct?

**Moore-Love:** yes, it is, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you all for your participation. We're adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

**Council recessed at 11:37 a.m.**

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**2:00 PM**

**Wheeler:** this is a meeting of the Portland budget committee for purposes of receiving the budget message. This is wednesday, may 13, 2:00 p.m. All members received copies of the budget friday, may 8. Karla, please call the roll.

[roll call taken]

**Wheeler:** under Portland law we're holding this meeting electronically. All members are attending by phone and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the broadcast. You can email the council clerk. The council is taking these steps and we need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely. I would like to thank everybody for their continued patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. Now we will hear from kimberly branam to kick us off presenting the budget message. Good afternoon.

**Kimberly Branam, Executive Director for Prosper Portland:** Good afternoon. Our board chair tavo cruz is going to say a few remarks before we begin.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Tavo Cruz, Chair of the Prosper Portland Board of Commissioners:** Good afternoon. Mayor, commissioners, i'm tavo cruz, chair of the prosper Portland board of commissioners. We're pleased to be here virtually to present the fiscal year 2020-2021 proposed budget for your consideration. Since we reviewed the requested budget with council on march 5th staff have been fully engaged in proactively leading Portland's response to economic shock. Our proposed budget recognizes near term programmatic divots as well as planning for economic recovery while also acknowledging the financial impact of the pandemic. On behalf of the board I offer our thanks to community partners and staff involved in preparation of this budget. We spent considerable time between september and january putting forth priorities, cannabis and tif funding as well. Advisory members and the board prioritized budget requests for anti-displacement initiatives and cannabis business development in addition to key ongoing programs. We appreciate the investments in the mayor's proposed budget and through existing resources and new funding we believe we can deliver on these priorities with our partners. I'm proud of the agency's work and look forward to strengthening our collaborative efforts with public, private and community partners as we address the immediate impacts of the pandemic and begin long term recovery process. On behalf of the board I would like to commend executive director branam and her team for their excellent work and rapid response to this crisis. The team with our partners is resolute in its commitment to the prosperity of this city. I would like to hand it over to executive director kimberly branam.

**Branam:** Thank you. Good afternoon, again, mayor and commissioners. For the record i'm kimberly branam, executive director of prosper Portland, joined by lisa abuaf, tory campbell and tony barnes. I'm wondering if we can pull up the presentation. While that's moving forward i'll just begin by saying how much we appreciate the opportunity to discuss our proposed budget with you this afternoon. I'm going to provide an overview of the budget and discuss how we're addressing the financial and economic impacts of covid and our high level budget priorities then tory and lisa will share how they show up in the programs

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that they lead with their team and finally tony barnes is going to describe key components of our agency's long term forecast. So while we do have 25 slides we promise to move along at a good clip and ensure that we will have plenty of time to answer your questions. Next slide, please. Thank you. At a high level o the \$291 million in available resources this year we anticipate up to \$166 million in total expenditures. More than 90% of funding resources come from existing cash balances and tif districts and tax increment finance that will be issued next year. General fund and cannabis resources of \$7 million and ongoing and one time represent approximately 2% of anticipated resources, however they represent a substantial portion of our economic development and operating budget. To support this work we employ a total of 86 full-time and limited term employees with the staff level for our three largest external facing departments noted below. This is approximately three positions fewer than we included in the requested budget as a result of the cost containment agreement with our union partners. We reviewed the drafts budget with our community budget committee which met seven times over the course of the budget cycle and whose members represent a diverse array. Staff reviewed specific tif district requested budgets with 11 organizations to receive input. We met two times in the past few weeks with our community budget committee to share updated thinking in light of covid's financial and economic impacts. You'll have a chance to hear from a co-chair toward the end of the presentation to hear some of the committee's perspectives. As we all know our financial picture and the city's economy have changed significantly since we submitted our requested budget in early february. The next few slides I will share the financial impacts reflected as well as steps we have taken to adjust the economic impact that has influenced our programmatic priorities and while council is well aware of these we wanted to be explicit about some of the programs for the general public. As reflected in the proposed budget and forecast, revenue from tax increment finance resources remain unchanged however as a result of covid-19 we anticipate our program income will decline by approximately 30% or \$6 million per year for each of the next three years. The key drivers of this decline include the impact of deferring rent and loan payments to commercial tenants and borrowers in light of covid-19, reduce demand for parking at the convention center hotel garage and other assets and interim closure of the inn at the convention center. The budget incorporates 5% reduction in ongoing general fund resources and targeted increases in one time programming. In light of the financial impacts the proposed budget reflects an agreement reached with afscme local 75 which includes 12 furlough days in the fiscal year for all nonmanagers making more than \$75,000. A one-time salary reduction of 7.5% for all managers, cutting three unfilled positions and reducing 150,000 for general administrative materials and services. Together this creates a total savings of \$1.2 million from personal and general overhead budget, about 6.5% savings from what was planned in the requested budget. Throughout 2021 we will prioritize key transactions including selling air rights above the convention central hotel garage and disposition of centennial mills to try to offset losses while achieving community objectives, as the health of the economy and our financial picture become clear we'll continue to evaluate to make necessary adjustments. Sifting down to our external facing efforts as city council is well aware we have developed an economic relief and stabilization framework and taken early actions with many partners. Guided by the economic recovery task force and city council our efforts are grounded in commitment to prioritizing support for the most vulnerable, applying a racial equity lens, acting quickly and leveraging existing networks to do so and increasing the impact of our collective efforts. Building on this foundation the framework includes four objectives. The first to increase communication and connections to support. This is including establishing call center for small businesses and impacted individuals. We have mitigated economic hardship on impacted individuals and this is included working with county and state partners, city council imposed an eviction

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moratorium for residents and collectively advocated for unemployment insurance regulation. Help small businesses stay solvent and retain employees. The launch of the small business relief fund with partners which I'll touch on in just a minute.

**Branam:** Of course evaluating city business practices and redirecting available resources has included offering rent and loan payment deferrals by both the city and Prosper for borrowers and commercial tenants as well as redirecting resources to invest in small business and household relief. The Portland small business relief fund was launched with 1 million from city council which was appropriated from city general fund reserves. 1 million from the enterprise zone community contribution fund and nearly 400,000 in grant funding from the small business stabilization fund donated by a coalition of lenders and businesses with ties to the Oregon Bankers Association and Portland Business Alliance. The fund provides a small grant or no interest loan to COVID impacted small businesses with 50 employees or fewer. These funds were designed as a stopgap measure to help cover payroll, manage inventory or make lease payments with the goal of enabling them to retain business and employees. Consistent with our guiding principles the selection process was driven by clear recognition that Black, Indigenous and people of color, individuals with disabilities and individuals experiencing poverty are often disproportionately affected in an economic crisis. By strong desire to ensure that the current crisis does not exacerbate existing inequities. The review committee prioritized racial equity and other intersectional identities along with the impact of the investment and the application selection process. The demand for resources cannot be ever overstated. The relief fund received over 12,000 applications between the grant and loan programs. Meaning we had resources for approximately 3% of applicants. Nearly 880 businesses applied to the grant program. Of the 280 business owners who received funding 95% were people of color and 65% as women. Grants of 2500 went to 133 businesses with a single employee, many of whom had furloughed workers with hopes of reemployment. Recipients ranged from child care providers and health care services to beloved coffee houses, businesses that are truly essential to the fabric of the community. The remaining grants of five and 10,000 support businesses with multiple employees, many of which are taking extraordinary measures to support their employees. In order to ensure equitable outcomes are disaggregated by race, geography and other identity. This pie chart shows awardees by race and ethnicity for the loan and grant recipients and demonstrates diversity of recipients. Next slide, please. The - - demonstrates the city-wide impact of the grants and loans. The work of the task force and related programmatic adjustments have informed updates to the proposed budget and will continue to shape priorities in the coming year. Prosper Portland's proposed budget implements programs and projects that are critical to ensuring an equitable economic recovery in years ahead and aligns with the overarching priority of building an equitable economy as articulated in our 2020 strategic plan. Networks, plans and investments made over the first five years and directs inclusive business resource network, neighborhood prosperity network, our community based action plan and tax increment finance districts toward economic stabilization, adaptation and recovery. Next slide, please. In line with the relief and stabilization framework as well as strategic plan objective the budget seeks to deliver on four priorities. The first, household recovery and relief through increased access to support unemployment for impacted individuals. The second, business stabilization and recovery by equitably retaining and creating or in some cases recreating business assets. The third is community partner stabilization and recovery to maintain the capacity of critical economic and work force development partners and the fourth is neighborhood stabilization and recovery through our community development investments to mitigate displacement. Next slide, please. Looking back to the most recent fiscal year for which we have complete annual data you'll see the reach and impact of these programs. With nearly 3500 jobs created, retained or placements made through economic development activities.

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Nearly 1500 adult and youth served through our work force development programs. With 61% of participants identifying as black, indigenous, people of color or bipoc. More than 1,000 businesses searched through the inclusive business resource network of which 72% identify as BIPOC and 8% as women and 23% of construction funds contracted to certified firms exceeding our goal of 20%. With 20% awarded to d, m, or wbe firms. We invested in nearly 50,000 square feet of affordable commercial spacious pilots across the city and provided 35 businesses with 1.2 million in prosperity investment program grants, 68% of whom are bipoc owned. We provided 1.5 million to 24 local nonprofit organizations through community liveability grants. As we look forward we hope to expand the reach of our work force business technical assistance grants and construction equity grants in the years ahead given the pivot you'll hear more about from tori and lisa next. Next slide please and with this i'll pass it on to tory campbell, our economic development director. Thank you.

**Tory Campbell, Director of Economic Development at Prosper Portland:** Thank you, kimberly. Good afternoon, commissioners, good afternoon, mayor. I'm tory campbell, director of economic development at prosper Portland. I will take the next couple of slides to share a little bit more around how we have really repositioned our programs to be in a posture of supporting recovery with a strong equity lens. We realize in light of the changing landscape after the covid-19 this was a must. The first slide shows the work that we are doing within our entrepreneurship and community economic development teams. The four programs that are highlighted here will show we'll start with work force. Our desire is to pivot towards what we call light touch support so that means providing light it up such port within work force navigation services designed to help create a more localized opportunity to engage those who are seeking employment or wanting to improve upon skills. We know in this season with a tremendous drop-off and loss of employment this position and this role is going to be even more vital. We also know historically that oftentimes particularly within black and indigenous communities the numbers are oftentimes double what we experience as a whole so we realize this work is going to now be more important than ever before. With respect to our inclusive business resource network, we shared our numbers from last year. We're increasing our light touch assistance which basically allows for up to five hours of technical support as opposed to traditionally a more long term which can be up to 30 hours. We still believe that will be necessary but we realize at this point we want to touch more businesses across the city and provide guidance and assistance to navigate the new waters of covid-19. We do also anticipate we will still provide very thoughtful and culturally responsive small business support in particular to bipoc communities as well as focusing on repivoting how we work online with mercadas it elevates entrepreneurs of color as well as a directy to help with procurement opportunities. We won to boost that content, create more opportunities to ensure businesses can find new markets to grow their business platform. We also have waiting in lieu my people's market eager to have a start as soon as we have the green light and are able to navigate phase of the overall opening strategy for our state. The next area is our small business relief fund. We will continue to make efforts to find additional funding and support businesses as we can. The last area is working within our neighborhood prosperity network and also our partnership with venture Portland who both provide complementary supports for commercial corridors within neighborhoods. The goal is to continue to build capacity of organizations who represent boots on the ground in terms of supporting business as well as the business community and their respective neighborhoods. Take a few moments to talk about our business and industry. Within our business and industry we are focusing again, our pivots will be increasing our firm and industry engagement. We have been doing that actively but will pick that up just to understand and ensure that services and connections are made available during this difficult time for businesses, particularly those that are vulnerable, wanting to help them continue to find ways to grow and support those firms. Next area we

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focus on is startups. You know during our past recession when unemployment became high many turned to their own inventions and innovations as entrepreneurs and we anticipate this will also happen again so we want to position ourselves by creating equitable opportunities for startups for founders who call Portland home as we want to support post layoff company development. Particularly in green cities and our athletic and outdoor clusters. Portland means progress. Again, very important initiative, we really see this as vital to reposition to a recession posture which means focusing on how employers can respond to the covid-19 with strong equity framework as well as to think about strategies to maximize intentional purchasing through my people's markets and our Portland progress businesses. That is a very necessary component, a positive way businesses can support one another. Last, our enterprise zones. We want to maximize revenue while reducing disqualifications for companies who may find themselves in straits they didn't anticipate because of the covid-19. Those are the brief updates I wanted to provide.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, tory.

**Lisa Abuaf Director of Investment and Development at Prosper Portland:** Good afternoon, mayor, council. I'm lisa abuaf, director of investment and development. With regards to our economic development activities we're also working to pivot our -- work to respond to both changing business needs and also just community and market realities giving covid-19 and ensuring an equity lens as we do so. So one of the first areas is we're working closely with the bureau of transportation, Portland housing bureau and bureau of planning and sustainability to ensure that transportation improvements can occur to improve safety and access for communities while also making sure that it supports small businesses particularly as they weather the covid-19 impacts. Given an equity lens we're particularly focused on our work in a coordinated fashion in east Portland, north northeast and in central city job centers on the central east side and south waterfront. Good news is we are seeing ongoing demand for small business support through tools like our prosperity investment program. We have three million committed for the coming year. With covid-19 we're coordinating closely with the listening sessions that tory's team will be undertaking to understand capital improvements that businesses will have to undertake to address physical distancing over the coming months. Our budget also reflects, kimberly spoke to this earlier on, we provide immediate business loan relief and commercial loan property relief that we started in march to ensure those benefits would give them lease relief given the impacts to their operations. We anticipate similar needs over the coming year for many of the important community anchor nonprofits who have been impacted and we have identified \$1.7 million available for community liveability grants to continue that program. We also know that covid-19 has impacted local businesses' ability to pay leases and access space so one of the first things we did was provide lease deferrals for businesses that are in properties that prosper itself owns. Looking forward as we think about our community action plans and priorities, one of the new opportunities we're starting to look at is ways we can help stabilize property owners and businesses, either through property acquisition or other mechanisms that would help property owners keep their properties as they are looking at who may not be able to pay their full leases and therefore their full debt. That will build upon the other work we have already undertaken for a couple of years now with regards to affordable commercial space at sites like lents common, 106th and halsey, and the joyce hotel. We also know one of the most direct ways that prosper Portland can continue to support quality employment and mwbe and dba businesses is through construction related projects. Auer goal to keep development and partner infrastructure projects moving forward. From those in construction, that's 106th and halsey, gateway, through to the demo contracts that we are starting to let on Broadway corridor as well as supporting making sure there's a two to three year pipeline of projects

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ready to go as we're building capacity within the work force and our small business projects like the cultural business hub that supports the north northeast community development initiative, one of the five goals of that initiative, and we anticipate issuing an rfi, seeking potential projects and partners, through that this coming summer which would lend itself to investments over the coming year. With that I think I will hand it back over to tony.

**Wheeler:** Could I ask you a question before you disappear there?

**Abuaf:** Sure.

**Wheeler:** The projects you've identified here excluding Broadway corridor, these are all projects that continue to move forward. Can you tell us how has this COVID crisis impacted those plans if at all?

**Abuaf:** It's a great question. To date we have not heard any impacts to commercial development that was in process or under way. So unlike, I know we have had this conversation with the housing bureau that was tremendously impacted, we're not seeing that impact on the commercial side of the market, so we're continuing to pursue kind of all of our projects. The one place I would say we have seen delays, but it's understandably so, on our tenant improvements and some of our permitting if we want a priority project in bds's roster we have seen delays but delaying by just a couple of months, not a significant delay.

**Wheeler:** Before I call on commissioner Hardesty I'll note the schematic for the Broadway corridor shows how much things have changed in the last few months. When you look at that it almost makes you cringe, doesn't it? [laughter]

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. I was trying to patiently wait to the end so you broke that mode. I appreciate that.

**Wheeler:** Sorry. I got into the vibe quickly.

**Hardesty:** I also have a question about the RFQ that's going to go out around the northeast cultural business hub as well as the ongoing work around what we're calling central east side. Actually maybe Broadway corridor is what it used to be. You're right. I didn't recognize that part of town, Mayor. That may explain the confusion.

**Wheeler:** It doesn't exist yet.

**Hardesty:** No, it doesn't. So my concern is if we are going to either do requests for information or requests for proposals, if we have not fundamentally centered equity in those requests for proposals we will continue to get the weak proposals back that we get that don't set our equity. I'm really curious as to how even your advertisement for people to respond will look different based on the city of Portland's commitment to centering front line communities and making sure that those opportunities exist.

**Abuaf:** So happy -- we welcome any advice or thoughts. The picture in the upper left-hand corner is actually a picture with that very thought in mind, which was an opportunity for community based organizations in north northeast as well as development firms to do a meet and greet. We did that early on so folks were both familiar with what the goals of the cultural business hub were within the CDI, which is the concept of an African-American focused small business center and community anchor so that the development community could hear that and understand what the opportunity was going to be as well as to have nonprofits who are potentially interested in being tenants in the space able to engage with the development community.

**Hardesty:** Broadway corridor will be the biggest development project the city of Portland has ever seen. Currently there has not been opportunities for local contractors to benefit significantly from any activity with that project. So while I appreciate us continuing to have these aspirational goals, I think Tony said it best when he said we will face a 30% unemployment rate coming out of this pandemic so for communities of color we're talking about 60% or more and for young people closer to 95% unemployment rate. So if we

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aren't thinking differently about how we're going to actually be able to bend that curve, we're going to end up with a very racially inequitable city once again.

**Branam:** Commissioner Hardesty, I appreciate the comments and I agree that particularly in an increasingly digital environment engagement has its own challenges. As part of the listening sessions we are engaging with connected partners and thinking in new ways about how we do that engagement. But I do want to just note that for Broadway Corridor the first two construction projects that we bid out both went to local MBE firms. I can send more details on that but we very intentionally crafted and sized those and did outreach with our partners in a way that ensured maximum opportunities and so we -- the first two were local MBE firms.

**Hardesty:** I'm very happy to hear that, Kimberly. Thank you. I have been a thorn in your side about this, and I am hopeful that at the end of this project we all will be proud of being much more thoughtful about how we make sure we're centering those communities who have most been devastated and consistently don't benefit from these big projects. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Before I call on Commissioner Fritz if I could chime in as well, from the very beginning conception of development of the Broadway Corridor it has been my top priority to make sure that we reset the way we do urban development in Portland, that people see this not only as the next great space but one where everybody sees themselves in it, both in terms of how it's built, how it's procured, and the spaces and the amenities that are available in that district including the housing. Equity has been front and center in every aspect of the plan and development of this project so far. You have my commitment, Commissioner Hardesty, that it will continue to elevate equity and inclusion. I believe we're close. We don't have any news but we are getting closer. We're inching towards agreements not only on as Kimberly just mentioned the early development phases and demolition phases but we're also closer to broader community agreements and those conversations are ongoing. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Mayor. Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for the presentation. I have a quick question. Do you know how tall that building in the bottom right is?

**Abuaf:** We would have to come back to you. I would bet it's about 70 feet. That's the central east side project.

**Wheeler:** I think she asked -- was that your question, Commissioner?

**Fritz:** It was the height. Obviously this is a different context which will be coming up in a few weeks but I just wanted to get your estimate as to how tall that building is. Thank you.

**Abuaf:** The only other thing I would add just because I think it's something we will certainly be doing over the coming year is Broadway Corridor, I apologize, I didn't register that that -- we're also looking at interim uses so we're actively engaged with various chambers and various community based organizations to understand how the space once the buildings come down at Broadway Corridor can be used on a temporary basis for many of our community based partners to activate the space in a way that sends a message of equity.

**Wheeler:** Great opportunity.

**Branam:** So now we're going to have Tony walk us through fairly sobering last few slides and then we're happy to open it up for questions. Tony, are you there?

**Tony Barnes, Finance Manager for Prosper Portland:** Yes. Thanks, Kimberly. Good afternoon, Mayor, Council. I'm Tony Barnes, Finance Manager.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon.

**Barnes:** An acknowledgment of -- next slide, please. Want to end with acknowledgment of key elements and challenges in the five-year forecast and beyond. To ensure that Prosper Portland maintains the ability to support economic recovery and community resiliency we continue to seek solutions with our board, city council and partners in alignment with the goals of our ten-year financial sustainability plan. Next slide, please. So as a reminder our

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budget forecast includes resources from 16 tax increment districts including six prosperity districts shown in green that will produce revenue through 2023. Four expired tif districts shown in blue that retain assets that won't produce revenue, and six active districts in yellow which will issue new tax increment debt proceeds between 2021 and 2025. Next slide, please. As a result in the next five years prosper anticipate approximately \$600 million in resources including about 228 million in beginning fund balance with 373 million in new resources anticipated. New resources about 60% comes from new tif proceeds, 29% from program income and 12% from general fund and other public resources like community block grant. With these totals there's about \$122 million committed to the housing set-aside which is about 54% of the tif resources so while significant resources remain available the tif cliff is squarely within the five-year forecast. Next slide, please. So the coming year we'll be working with two key issues in addition to the tif cliff that have significant and thus programmatic locations. First with river district implementation of Broadway corridor and line of credit repayment. [audio not understandable] significant balancing challenges to fund the district priorities included in the five-year forecast. Secondly, the speed of recovery, available of new public resources and performance on key investments have a significant impact. It could mean up to \$23 million decrease in our forecast over three years impacting building certain projects, maintaining level of service and investing in programs. Whether the impact is higher or lower will depend on the structure of key investments and additional loan or deferrals. I would like to pause and take any questions on the five-year forecast.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions? Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, Tony, for that sobering report. We have been knowing about this tif cliff coming, and so I guess just knowing what we know about this cliff and resources coming, how well prosper Portland adjusts, we adjust to this the result because I can honestly say I know the city won't have a free \$23 million floating around in the next few years, and all governmental budgets will be challenged at least for the next couple of years, what's the plan to get to a place where the loss is minimal? What does the organization look like by 2023 if this is the financial reality?

**Branam:** So I'll start. I think one of the reasons that we -- like everyone we anticipate that the economic hit will be significant and will be lasting. But we don't want to make any permanent decisions at this point without some additional information. What we're going to be looking at really closely over the next year is our performance on the program income because the financial sustainability plan that we had put in place anticipated that we would utilize the \$600 million to create ongoing revenue that would help as the tif cliff occurred help offset losses. The reduction right now --

**Hardesty:** Kimberly, I missed a word in there. You thought you would use the 600 million what?

**Branam:** The 600 million -- that Tony mentioned. We anticipated using some portion of that for investment, similar to the convention center hotel garage, that would offset and throw off resources that could help offset the decline in tif. The COVID economic shock has had an unforeseen impact that is even outside of when we have stress tested it, so I think we want to put it out there and let you know that we are not sure yet what the full impact is going to be, but this is something that we are going to be looking at really seriously and will be coming back to our board and to city council with some options as we have more information about what the actual program income decline is. I think that's where we are right now.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** I don't have questions about the forecast, I have questions and comments about the use of the cannabis tax dollars. Is this the right time to begin?

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**Branam:** We're happy to take any questions. Our presentation is over. I know we do have Jo brickman from our community budget committee who is prepared to share her perspective but we're happy to take any questions that you might have.

**Eudaly:** Great. Well, as a commissioner in charge of civic life, which is where the cannabis office is housed, and as someone very committed to restorative justice and very proud of the work that we have done in the cannabis office to advance social equity and restorative justice, I have some concerns about how this money will be used. I'm certainly also a big advocate for small business and I want to see as many dollars as possible roll out through our small business relief fund, but this to me feels like robbing peter to pay paul. The projects we're funding through the cannabis grants are targeted at communities who have been disproportionately impacted by our past cannabis laws. The need for expungement, the need for rental assistance for people coming out of the criminal justice system, none of those things go away because we're in the midst of a crisis and they are all equally important and this is our sole source of funding for those types of efforts. So here are my questions. How will the small business relief fund comply with the funding priorities of the cannabis tax ballot measure? Number one.

**Branam:** Thanks, commissioner. So the tax ballot measure as I understand it, one of the priorities support and prioritizes support for small businesses from communities and individuals who have been adversely impacted by the prohibition on cannabis and the war on drugs.

**Eudaly:** It's actually support for small businesses especially women and minority owned businesses. That's one item. Then it's economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition, which is really what we have focused on with the cannabis grant.

**Branam:** Thank you for the clarification. So I think that Portland small business relief fund would align with the first of the two in particular by supporting businesses from communities who have been adversely impacted, so black, indigenous, people of color as well as women, we would anticipate that the diversity of recipients would be in line with what we have seen in the first tranche of investments so as we showed 90% of recipients came from communities of color. One of the things we had talked about internally was to the degree to which we wanted to add a follow-on question about whether people have themselves directly experienced any incarceration or any adverse impacts because of cannabis prohibition. I think we have not yet determined whether that would be advisable and we would want to work with our partners at new leaf and others to determine how best to reach specific businesses, but certainly we would look to city council for advice on that point.

**Eudaly:** Yeah, and I just want to say I was really impressed with prosper's focus on equity, as far as who you got those relief dollars out to initially. I in no way want to suggest that that's not important work or that you're not doing it right. It's just that by allocating all of these dollars to prosper it means that some of the more essential restorative justice work that we're funding with these dollars goes away because we are trying to assist people who aren't ready to become entrepreneurs. Who face barriers to entrepreneurship or employment or housing. I don't believe that all of those dollars should solely be directed towards women and minority owned businesses. If the dollars are entirely allocated to prosper, they are going to represent about 40% of the small business relief fund, so will prosper commit to awarding a minimum of 40% of the grant to businesses and individuals as defined in the ballot measure language?

**Branam:** Yes. We will exceed that if it's in line with what we just talked about in terms of rewardage to black, indigenous, people of color and female owned businesses I think are as I mentioned we so just by sort of context of the 12,000 people business own whistleblowers applied more than half were business owners of color, and more than 60%

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were female entrepreneurs. So there is a huge number of businesses who applied for these funds who would meet the criteria but have not yet received funding.

**Eudaly:** Okay. My last question is really just for my colleagues to consider. You don't have to respond. Again, I support the small business relief fund. I have been hustling to do everything I can for our local small businesses, but I am very uncomfortable with allocating all of these dollars for those purposes when we are funding really essential work that needs to be done in the community to repair past harms. I will just ask that everyone consider whether this is the right allocation of these dollars and consider that we have invested a lot of time and resources into developing this grant program, and creating an equitable system for cannabis. That's all. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. For me I assumed that we were going to on a one-time basis turn over some cannabis tax dollars to Prosper so that those dollars would get out of the door immediately, like within the next couple of weeks. I do not support giving all the cannabis tax dollars to Prosper because as Kimberly knows, I have been troubled by the fact that all the business support pretty much comes out of cannabis dollars for businesses that are owned by communities of color and the work that Prosper has currently done, if you talk about the neighborhood prosperity initiative, many of the other programs, they are funded through cannabis tax dollars and we can debate whether or not these individual businesses have suffered harm. Some cannabis policy in the past or not. We can have that conversation. But I'm not -- I do not want all cannabis tax dollars going to Prosper because I think Prosper needs to have more than one source of funding to support organizations led by people of color. I was willing to do it on a one-time basis, but I am not willing to do it as an ongoing allocation to Prosper, so I also want to be very clear about that and want to clear up any confusion I may have caused earlier where we were talking about cannabis tax dollars. I appreciate, I know that Prosper has excelled and gave small business relief dollars out because I have been part of that work and I'm very proud to be part of that work. Pre-pandemic I was already having these conversations with Prosper about their overreliance on cannabis tax dollars, so Kimberly knows this is not a new conversation. This has been ongoing since I showed up at city council. So I would not support having all those tax dollars going to Prosper because as commissioner Eudaly said there are real community needs outside of small business support and we should not be labeling all small businesses owned by people of color as somehow being impacted by cannabis policy. I think we send a wrong message when that's where our business support comes from. So thank you.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions at this juncture? Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** I just have to say what I always say in that it wasn't intended that it would be the particular people who had been impacted by cannabis prohibition but rather the communities. So it was never intended that people had to have been personally affected by cannabis prohibition in order to get support.

**Hardesty:** That's why we pay for expungements. Those are people impacted by previous poor cannabis policy. That's why we prioritize that. That's why we prioritize providing job training assistance for people who have directly been convicted of cannabis related activities. I don't think you can disconnect the two, especially in a city like Portland where it's very easy to see what communities have been radically impacted by policy around marijuana. There's no question about what communities have been harmed. What communities need some help to get through that process to become a ready to start a small business or do anything else.

**Fritz:** As we saw in the demographics the people who have received the assistance are from the most impacted communities, which are the black, indigenous people and [audio not understandable] communities.

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**Hardesty:** One has nothing to do with the other. Thank you, commissioner.

**Wheeler:** All right, does that complete your presentation, director branam?

**Branam:** It does.

**Wheeler:** Very good. In a moment we are going to get to public testimony. Before we do that, at the beginning of the meeting I usually have legal counsel read the rules of decorum. If legal counsel could do that before we get to public testimony. I'll give you a couple of minutes to get the list organized, Karla.

**Branam:** Mayor, as a reminder we have Jo brickman as invited testimony from the community budget committee.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Why don't we do this. Have legal counsel read the rules of order and decorum then we'll get to Jo.

**Branam:** Perfect. Thank you.

**Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney:** To participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance with the clerk's office to speak about any subject. You may sign up for public testimony and first readings of ordinances. The public agenda is at -- contains information about how and when you may sign up while the city council is holding electronic meeting. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. State your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist and if you represent an organization please identify it. The presiding officer determines length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given that further may also please be aware city council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Kimberly, is Jo the only invited testimony for today?

**Branam:** She is, yes.

**Wheeler:** Jo brickman, welcome.

**Joanna Brickman, Deputy Director of Virtue Lab:** Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. I'm JoAnna Brickman. I'm the deputy director of virtue lab and the cochair of Prosper Portland Community Budget committee. Thanks for the opportunity to provide brief testimony on behalf of the 22 volunteers that serve along with me on the committee. Our team works with prosper Portland staff over the course of the following winter to become acquainted with the work, understand implementation and the trajectory of the strategic plan, the priorities as mayor. [audio not understandable] draw up budgets for the general fund and tif districts and submit our recommendations. Then the world turned upside down. Last week our committee had the opportunity to be debriefed by prosper Portland staff as to the mayor's proposed budget. Ongoing relief and recovery planning efforts and plans for cares act funding. We truly appreciate the proactive thoughts and response to the pandemic, plan for recovery and the thoughtful position of the budget. Committee members share a common concern about maintaining the core programs that will continue to play a critical role in ensuring the resilience of our communities and the economy. We encourage council to prioritize federal cares resources to ensure these proven and successful programs continue to be supported and efforts to [audio not understandable] thank you for allowing us to join us. Best of luck.

**Wheeler:** I just have to say i'm completely envious of your little office space. [laughter]

**Brickmann:** I promise i'm not on a boat. Looks like I am.

**Wheeler:** It's totally cool. I love it. The positive thing of the zoom experience you get a micro look into people's personal lives, their artwork, their plants, sometimes their dog, their cat jumps into view.

**Brickmann:** I was a little worried my dogs would make an appearance this afternoon.

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**Wheeler:** Trust me, we have seen it all. We are roommates unwittingly walking through in various stages of undress. Thank you for your leadership and your service. We appreciate it. Commissioner Fritz, then commissioner Hardesty.

**Fritz:** I'm sorry I forgot to put my hand down.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Where did she go? Jo. Jo brought up a question that I think is really pertinent to this conversation. I guess I'm concerned about how prosper -- how the economic impact task force work feeds into some of the decisions that the city council will be faced with. I think I heard Jo say something about investment of care act dollars and the city council to my knowledge has not had our work session on setting our priorities about how those dollars will be invested, so it just raised a little warning sign for me about how the work of the task force, which I am loving, how that work is separate from the work that the city council's deliberation will determine how we invest those dollars. So I just want to make sure there's not a disconnect between what people think we're doing as far as the economic task force work groups and what the reality is about where those decisions will be made.

\*\*\*\*\*: Commissioner, I'm happy to answer that. Actually just before this presentation we were looking -- we put together an infographic because we want to make sure it's very clear I think verbally we have been very clear that city council makes determinations [audio not understandable]

**Hardesty:** Assumption that this work leads to funding and I want to be crystal clear that that is not at least my expectation. Yet.

**Branam:** Yes. Understood. We'll share that and make sure that everybody involved has that information.

**Hardesty:** Getting a little freaked out about that.

**Wheeler:** That completes our invited testimony. Karla, how many people signed up for public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** We have ten people registered, but we have five on the line.

**Wheeler:** Our next item can't start until 3:30, so let's give them three minutes each. If you could call them in their respective order and ask everybody as you come online just to state your name for the record. That would be super helpful. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** The first person is David Cress.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, David.

**David Cress, Producer:** Hello. Mayor, council members, I'm David Cress. I'm one of the producers of the show Trill, documentaries now. I would like to talk about the history of the Portland film office and what a success that office has been. Let me say just to start thank you to you and your staff and the employees of the city and prosper Portland for the leadership that you're providing in these extraordinary times. We really appreciate it. Thank you. It almost seems in a way trivial to be talking about such a tiny item on the city's overall budget given the circumstances, however we think [audio not understandable] in light of what's likely going to be tremendous downward pressure on the city and state's economy. As a proud Portlander I have been involved in the Portland film community since long before the film office was created. In fact last time I came before council was in 2002 when the film office was created. I provided testimony then. Back in 2000 the city council recognized that the film industry could be very beneficial in diversifying our local economy. State and constituents were competing for good living wage jobs with health care and retirement benefits the film industry provided. The city wanted the [audio not understandable] they appreciated that this diverse economic element could be brought to the city with little investment in infrastructure. They knew what we needed was a faster response to permitting requests and more coordination between bureaus and regional coordination with the state's divisions especially the tri-county area where the lion's share of the business was generated. They could see the local indigenous media eco-system

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would benefit from the additional equipment and expertise that large outside productions brought to the city. They really had it right. Since 2005 we know we have generated over \$1.5 billion of economic activity in the region. All that and the city has not had to pave one road or install one street light for us. The industry has helped shine a bright light on the city attractions and been a big driver for visitors of the zone. The video industry will more than pull its weight by jump-starting industries hit hardest. In season two spent \$350,000 on hotel rooms and restaurants. Our Portland payroll was 5.6 million and we spent 240,000 on rental car taxes and parking. One highlight is we paid the city of Portland \$22,000 for permits. We know the Portland film office if eliminated will still host some shows but there's still not a practical way to coordinate the permitting process without people. If the office is eliminated we know our reputation as a great place to shoot will be degraded. Like to point out the Portland film office has been involved in helping create the protocols that will allow us to return to work quickly and safely. We thank Brian for that. Every mayor since Mayor Katz has realized a need for this office and retained it. Please work with us to find a way to continue this office and its important work.

**Wheeler:** David, I want to personally thank you for all of your contributions and volunteerism in the community. Appreciate it. Appreciate you being here today. Commissioner Hardesty and Commissioner Fritz, did you have comments or is that.

**Hardesty:** No, I failed to put my hand down.

**Fritz:** I wanted to say thank you for producing Shrii. It's one of my daughter's favorite shows. I understand the economic benefit of having the film office. I know that the mayor does too and I'll be looking forward to discussing what the plans are for continuing to support the film industry.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, David. Appreciate it. Next individual, please.

**Moore-Love:** Lisa Chacoia.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, Lisa.

**Lisa Cicala, Executive Director of the Oregon Media Production Association:** Thank you. I'm Lisa Chacoia, executive director of the Oregon media production association. I'm testifying today as well on the behalf of the Portland film office which is not included in the proposed budget. OMPA represents the working professionals in the film, television commercial and immersive media industry and they represent everything from producers and writers to construction workers and caterers. In 2002 we established the Portland film office because as David said the industry recognized that what was needed. It paid off. Since then the membership in our organization has grown seven times to over 2,000 members indicating that there are many more professionals working living wage jobs in this industry today. This growth in jobs did not happen by accident but rather due to consistent support from our city leaders to ensure that Portland [audio not understandable] reputation due in large part to the Portland film office. The same companies bring multiple projects back to the city over several years. We cannot afford to go backward and lose the investment that has gotten us to where we are today. I spoke to one of the small businesses that works in our industry, Mando Catering. Just after the pandemic shut down production, the husband and wife, minority owned business, caterers of choice for many shootings here. Sarah and Javier told me food businesses run with so much overhead and slim profit margins that it decimated us. Sadly that happened at a time when they welcomed a baby two weeks ago. Their business depends on productions choosing to film in Portland and they do that because they had good experience due to the Portland film office. Mando Catering can't afford to see productions go elsewhere to cities recognized as more welcoming to film and television. Only member provides cameras and lenses to the major productions that come to town and while, yes, Michael's business and his employees depend on producers choosing Portland because of reliable work flow they generously provided camera gear. They were able to provide mentorship, help elevate

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more diverse work force. They are able to offer scholarships and internships to students and support local film festivals that draw tourism dollars to the city. So when productions come to Portland students, artists and people of color also have more opportunities. We can't take for granted what we have built over the years. There are no guarantees production will continue to create jobs in this city unless we protect what we have built. I ask you not to shut down the film office. It's a small but mighty office that has a large impact on our industry's ability to put money directly into businesses across the city and state in its economic recovery. Thank you for your leadership during these challenging times.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate your testimony. Thank you, lisa.

\*\*\*\*\*: Next, c. David cottrell.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

\*\*\*\*\*: Hello, everyone. Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. I'm c. David cottrell, property master by trade in the home and tv business, business act for local 488 for the studio mechanics of the pacific northwest. Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of maintaining the film office and for the important work you're doing now to keep Portland a great place to work and to live. I represent the crew behind the cameras, commercials and other film and digital media projects. Our members work in 19 crafts, production office, accountants, construction and paint, makeup, medics and more. Our members literally manufacture entertainment for the world. Our jurisdiction covering Oregon, Washington, montana, idaho, Portland is our base with 261 people. In the Portland metro and vancouver area we have 341 members. Local 600, the camera crew has 75 members. There are over 1,000 actor members and the teamsters have 115 members working in our industry. As our union work has grown so too has the larger free-lance crew base. People include nonunion folks who work alongside our union members on nonunion projects in motion pictures, stop motion animation, advertising and other digital media. It's solid family wage jobs with benefits for the citizens of Portland and of Oregon. We understand deeply the financial crisis we face as a city, state and nation. Our media industry is suffered a complete shutdown canceling thousands of workdays for projects already in production. In addition the postponement of multiple large projects planned for the end of the year however with the national demand for streaming content once it's safe to do so we'll be back to work in a minute and others will be coming to Portland. Shutting down the Portland film office will severely hamper our ability to jump-start. Here are some projects which would not have been fully realized without the Portland film office. As the liaison the Portland film office effectively uses limited resources to support individual projects as well as other important pieces of our eco-system. The Portland film office has been active collaborator with ompa. The Oregon media pathways program, Portland film office also established a working group made of industry professionals, local colleges and communities groups. The film office helps fund safety and training open to the entire digital media industry. Most recently the office has been instrumental in, working with industry partners to establish our regional and state covid-19 protocols for our industry to safely return to work. There will be much planning and training necessary for our industry's restart. I hope our testimony and the 2800 responses to the petition we put online demonstrate we have a community that edwards needs the city of Portland now more than ever. For us to successfully revive and survive we need the Portland film office by our side. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

**Moore-Love:** Next is michael martin.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, michael.

**Michael Martin:** Okay, you there?

**Wheeler:** We hear you loud and clear.

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**Martin:** If I may decline at this time and give my spot to the next --

**Wheeler:** Certainly. Next individual, please.

**Moore-Love:** Next is tim williams.

**Tim Williams. Executive Director of Oregon Film:** Hi, there. I'm tim williams. I'm executive director of Oregon film, the state film and media office, testifying on behalf of the Portland film office. Thank you for all you do and prosper Portland do for this city in this hard time. It's much appreciated. The film, television and media industry has been steadily growing for 20 years. For the 2017-19 biennium we tracked 280 million of direct spending impacting 4,000 jobs per year. During this current year we're tracking 150 million of direct spending impacting 42 projects equating based in the Portland metro area. This industry is going to return quickly and safely providing a very high rate of local employment, spending on local vendors and providing notoriety and tourism for the city long term. At least three television series are in line to start production this summer as protocols are put in place to do that safely. This industry will be the leading edge of recovery as it has been the only source of content that literally everyone is consuming. It will thrive. Clearly shown during the last recession. Each production utilizes a wide range of local vendors including hard hit areas like hotels, restaurants, small businesses [audio not understandable] a place where small business relief fund will be amplified many times over by one truck. Trinkets spent \$100,000 just on travel booked through a local travel company. 140,000 in catering costs from a local caterer and 32,000 paid directly to the city of Portland. [audio not understandable] employing more than 400 people in just over a month of shooting. While I acknowledge the budget note about the film office put in place two years ago completely closing down the film office now during a budget from two years ago doesn't make sense from a commission or economic perspective. We're now operating in a very different reality and we need to find constructive, creative solutions to preserve this work and momentum. I'm working through these same issues at the state level with my office. What is now a three-day turn-around for city property uses will turn into a much less workable process. They make decisions based on ease of use and processes that make each day of filming easier to arrange. It's a valued community partner. Our work together has included providing numerous grants for local productions to finish their projects in Portland as well as specific equitable and work force development and job opportunity creations. In short this office of one person has made Portland the place to produce creative content in the northwest united states. I ask you please don't eliminate this small, highly effective office that does so much for the community, the city of Portland.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty, then commissioner eudaly.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, tim, for your testimony. Here's my question. I can still say i'm a new kid on the block until somebody else shows up on the Portland city council. When I first arrived I was under the impression that last year the office was going to figure out how to self-fund itself. My colleague nick Fish advocated venomously that we give the office one more year to be able to identify that funding. I'm a little offended that we're being told that we're shutting down the office, and in fact we're not shutting down the office. There's no one on city council that doesn't think the office is critical, but I have to ask what have you done, tim, to help identify additional funding resources so that that office could be maintained without being dependent on very precious general fund dollars.

**Wheeler:** Any response to that?

**Williams:** Sorry, I didn't know I was unmuted. I believe that was the intention. I think with commissioner Fish's passing we lost somebody that we were working very closely with on the inside of city council and brian lord, who runs the film office, is trying to find ways to put in place full financing. Maybe that is the next step how do we find a way to make this 100% financing but both the current crisis as well as commissioner Fish's passing has made it

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harder for that equation to be met in the time frame we wanted it to be met on and I fully acknowledge that was the intention for sure.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I want to thank everyone for coming to testify on behalf of the film office. This is conversation i'm also very interested in. When I had bds, I was interested in creating a film, music and festival office. I don't have bds any longer, but I have pbot, which interacts with your industry quite a bit. Unfortunately, my pbot liaison is out sick today, so I haven't been able to get timely information back during this conversation, but I have a vague recollection that there was conversation about increasing those permit fees to make the office self-funding, and I believe the conclusion was the permits might become cost prohibitive, but i'm going to have to follow up with staff on that to see where we're at. We certainly don't want to lose your industry. We appreciate everything you bring to Portland, and you're another critical piece of our overall arts and creative economy. So thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Next, please.

**Moore-Love:** The next person is ahmad santos.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Ahmad Santos:** Hello. Can you -- I can be heard, yes?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Santos:** Perfect. I just really am adding to what a lot of other people have already said which is that our industry draws from so many other industries in this town, in this city, and so I feel like shutting us down or keeping us at a point where we're not able to operate efficiently is really at a detriment to everyone because I work costumes and even within our team we're always seeking out local designers, exposing new lines, new people who are starting businesses and helping them grow even further beyond just the means of Portland so therefore I feel like our industry just brings so much attention to Portland and allows us to grow as a city, not just within our own industry. That's pretty much all I have to add.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

**Moore-Love:** I believe that's all unless michael martin was going to speak. He seemed to have declined.

**Wheeler:** Michael, did you want to speak or are you good to go? He may have gone. He may have signed off. Very good. As you know we're not taking a vote today. Anything else before we move this on, colleagues? Commissioner hardesty, I see your hand but I think that was left up from last time.

**Hardesty:** That's correct. My apologies.

**Wheeler:** This meeting of the prosper Portland budget committee now adjourns but we will reconvene on may 20, 2020, to take action and approve the prosper Portland budget. I would like to thank director branam, lisa abuaf and of course chair cruz for all of your great leadership and for giving us this presentation today. Thanks to you and your entire team.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We will take a brief recess. We will reconvene at 3:30 for the time certain item. We're in recess.

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**Wheeler:** Karla, can you please read time certain 373.

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**Moore-Love:** Item 373

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly.

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**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. Good afternoon, everyone. As the commissioner in charge of the office of community and civic life, it's a pleasure to introduce this year's recommendations for the 2020 cannabis social equity grant. This is the second year of civic life social equity grant program, and I am pleased to see how the program has evolved over the past couple of years. Portland is one of the first jurisdictions with a legal cannabis market to allocate our revenue to restorative justice, and our program serves as a model for the rest of the country and I am really proud of it. I am looking forward to reviewing the projects today, and now I am going to turn it over to kim, and michael, and christina from civic life to present on the cannabis social equity grant. Welcome, everyone. Nice to see your faces.

**Michael Montoya, Strategy Innovation and Performance Manager for the Office of Community and Civic Life:** Thank you. Good afternoon, commissioners. Good afternoon, mayor. Thank you, commissioners and mayor. It seems that thank yous aren't quite enough. It is truly a thankless job, the sacrifices you have to make of your time, energy, and commitment, although it probably doesn't feel that way because you are so dedicated. I just want to personally thank you as others have today. My name is michael montoya, the strategy innovation and performance manager for the bureau of community and civic life. I also want to thank christina and kim, our staff in the cannabis program for their heroics to stand this grant process up this year, and you will be hearing from them in a minute. We are here today to briefly present work from lessons one and two of the grant program, and to request approval on the recommended projects and programs for year three. We hope that we can return at a later date to present and celebrate the work of the grant funding project and partner organizations. As you know, state and national statistics show that enforcement of cannabis laws has been experienced disproportionality by our communities of color, and to a greater extent, by our black and indigenous communities. For the past 800 years, social and political pressures intensified cannabis and led to regulatory policies often rooted in fear and in racism. These policies have had devastating legal, social, and economic impacts from many individuals and their families and have added to inter-generational harm experienced by our communities of color. This grant program recognizes the damages caused by cannabis prohibition and the restorative justice potential of legalization. As stated in a funding analysis, these funds are meant to repair harm, restore justice, and create pathways to wealth and power for communities that have borne the brunt of unjust cannabis laws. I will hand it off to kim.

**Kimie Ueoka, Cannabis Program Policy and Grants Coordinator for the Office of Community and Civic Life:** Thank you, and I apologize. I am going to share my screen. We have a power point that goes along with this, so just one moment, please.

**Ueoka:** Hello, I am the policy and grants coordinate for the city's cannabis program. The last two cycles and this year's grant-making, I am going to share, when Portland voters approved ballot measure 26-180 by nearly 80%, intended for funds to be put towards targeted re-investment, particularly in communities disproportionate impacted by cannabis prohibition. This program speaks directly to that intention. To date, nearly \$1 million has been distributed through these grants. The fund has been supported 34 community expungement clinics, 2,000 legal analyzes for expungement, and 270 Portlanders have received specialized workforce training and career development support free of charge. All programs apart from metropolitan public defender services reported that 70 to 90% of the participants are from our grant priority communities. Although mpd's percentage is below that, closer to 40%, they alone have served more than 10 times the number of individuals identified as black, indigenous, or persons of color than any of the other grantees. I need to note these numbers do not include the grants administered by prosper or the final numbers for year two grants which are going now and will end next month. All of whom are continuing to serve to the best of their abilities during the covid-19 crisis. In year three, the

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grant and priority funding areas were informed by stakeholder engagement through the cannabis program's advisory body, the policy oversight team, and stakeholder feedback from year two listening sessions, grant applicants, year three cannabis community talks, information from city, regional, and national efforts, and criminal justice reform, and community economic development. This graphic shows a time line of this year's grant-making process. We started our conversations with the community in late October. The grant application period opened in mid December. We had four information sessions out in different sectors of the city of Portland. The funding announcement closed at the end of January, and then the review panelists began their individual review and scoring. As you can see, this crisis emerged right at the mid to tail end of the independent review, and we have spent the second half of the grant-making process responding to that crisis. In year three, the cycle, we received 31 applications asking for close to \$3 million in need. Since assuming responsibility for this grant, civic life has seen a number of applicants increase from nine to 30. After last cycle, adjustments were made to grant-making and community engagement to have a [inaudible] pool of applicants. We saw increases across all funding areas except workforce development. The applicants were reviewed independently and collaboratively by a community majority review panel. The review panel was made -- or is made of seven individuals. Five appointed by you, commissioners. One cannabis body advisory member and one city staff with funding area expertise. Since assuming administration of this grant we have worked to ensure that the composition of the review panel is reflective of both the plants priority funding areas and the service communities. This cycle, one panelist was forced to withdraw due to personal reasons related to COVID-19. As we manage our own challenges presented by COVID, we were also acutely aware that the impact of the impact this was likely having and would continue to have on our reviewers and our current and future grantees. Our first step was to reach out to staff, panelists, awardees, applicants, and our own advisory group to better understand the impact that COVID-19 was having on them and ask them for guidance. Based on their feedback we decided to move forward with the grant-making process. At the review panel's online meeting, rather than jump right into scoring, we started the meeting by first asking the panel for guidance around this fundamental question -- how should this grant fund respond to the current crisis? The panel discussed a variety of options for recommendation. They considered narrowing the priority areas in order to focus on a single area, and even considered dividing the funds equally amongst all the applicants and recommending 100% go towards the general operating costs. It was a lengthy and difficult conversation for the panel. Ultimately, the group decided to distribute funds across the funding areas to fund both small, emerging community programs and to support their survival and ability to serve but also to fund larger, more established programs that would be more likely to get funds and services out into the community quickly. They also accepted that they have a limited amount of information, and that the funding landscape and the economy was likely to shift rapidly. They accepted that the scope of the projects and the capacity of the organizations was likely to change, and that they recommended the city offer awardees the maximum amount of flexibility possible so they can respond to immediate community needs. The panel was also asked to consider these other questions in relationship to the current crisis.

**Christine Coursey, Cannabis Licensing Coordinator for the Office of Community and Civic Life:** Good afternoon, I am Christina, I am the interim supervisor and the licensing coordinator of the cannabis program. In exhibit A of our package has a brief summary of each of the recommended projects. We are asking council for approval to move forward with generating grant agreements for these proposed projects. I would like to share a few of the recommendations for these proposals. Social Justice Program Beyond Black. Beyond Black is a small community-based organization with important geographic placement for

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community members in east Portland. This project focuses on building community engagement, policy awareness and social justice. The advocacy portion of this grant was well designed. The project plans to tackle an important community-led discussion around the cannabis policy and equity. The mink'a program. This program uses a proven model for full use and family wrap-around services to address youth gang involvement. This program has a valuable combination of direct services and advocacy to support and empower families. The program offers a strong leadership development opportunity and support for participants. Building economic power for day laborers, worker's right indication project. This provides workforce development for a high-need community that is unlikely to have access to federal emergency support programs. The program was developed through a strong model of participant-led organizational and program very many. This program is a year two grant recipient. Construction pre-apprenticeship programs for communities of color in low income young adults. The construction pre-apprenticeship program application gave thorough information about how the program participants who it serves in community and individual level impact of the program so far. They also provided clear information about the existing needs in the community for this program. This program is also a year one and year two grant recipient. Housing support for justice involved Portlanders pursuing the middle income careers. Work systems. Housing support for justice involved Portlanders will provide emergency housing assistant funds for individuals exiting incarceration. The program provides integrated housing and employment services. 75% of the program participants will be from black, indigenous and communities of colors. [inaudible] will be going to rent assistance. Portland community college community legal and educational access and referral clinic. Pcc clear clinic, pcc clear clinic will be based in north Portland and will host free legal clinics offering a variety of needed legal supports and services, including civil, immigration, housing, and expungement legal support. The program's relationship within pcc creates direct access to an extensive network of students, volunteers, resources, and wrap-around sports services for participants. The program will also include direct pathways to educational opportunities, and this program will also provide civic engagement in criminal justice reform experience for pcc legal students. Today the office of community and civic life is requesting council approve to use 548,094 from fiscal year grand funds with the understanding that the economic landscape and community needs are shifting and intensifying daily, and this program intends to do what we can to be responsive through grant-making. If we are able to receive funding to continue this work in the next fiscal year, there are some things we would like to improve upon. We would like to continue to approve grant design and grant-making process, improve the understanding of the impact of cannabis criminalization on participants, boost visibility of the fund and work of grantees, and expand internal and external relationships and community engagements. The end of cannabis prohibition is a rare opportunity with great potential to be reparative. Each cycle we learn from the community what's working and what's not, and we grow from this. I am excited to be part of the grant program and to partner with the communities we serve to help realize this potential. We thank you, commissioners, and mayor for your time, and we would be happy to address any questions you might have. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Very good. Colleagues, any questions? Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you both for that presentation. I don't know if I should address this to kimmy or to christina. I have some very specific questions about some of the individual grants that I hope you will be able to answer. The first one was beyond black, and you said that they were going to host a series of community meetings around -- you said something about a community meeting around cannabis impacts. Could you tell me a bit more about that? Who are these people -- you said they were in east Portland. Is this a 501c3 organization? Is this a brand new organization? I know nothing about them.

**Ueoka:** It is a young, nonprofit organization that has just been over the past year or two gaining more of a foothold in outer east Portland, so they are right on the border of Gresham and Portland. They are serving a lot of community members who have been pushed out to far east, and what they originally had proposed was a much larger and kind of two faceted, multi-faceted programs that would include more direct assistance with re-entry, but the review panel really thought that the more well formed and ready to deliver piece of their work was around the policy advocacy and community engagement, so part of -- so what was offered to them, and they were invited to do through this grant was to flush out and do the project around focusing on that piece around building community awareness and also building community knowledge of how to access and get involved in political processes as well as also exploring with the community as part of that cannabis policy, and equity as it relates to the reinvestment of the cannabis funds.

**Hardesty:** My second question has to do with the work systems, inc., which is the workforce development entity in the region, which gets significant money to work with the populations that we are about to give them grants to work with, and I am just wondering out of all of the opportunities that we had, why that one rose to the top for a significant level of funding just knowing what their resources are that they already have access to, and if you could compare them to beyond black, right, it's like one has access to a multitude of resources and one probably has access to almost no resources. And so it seems a very bizarre mix.

**Ueoka:** Yeah. The review panels, first of all, I have to say that the review panel met on April 2nd. On April 2nd, the landscape was shifting even more quickly than it is now as far as what was going to be available. What money was going to be going out to who at both the local and federal level. So there is that piece to their decision-making. So I will start with the work systems. The thinking around work systems was that work systems is established and has mechanisms in place and was asking in their proposal for the lions share of the money to go to directly to -- rental assistance, that they were asking for the amount of admin and overhead, and \$130,000 of what they were asking for would go to rental assistance.

**Hardesty:** Excuse me. Did they have a history of doing direct rental assistance with populations like folks coming back from conservation? I don't think that they have a good success record at that based on information that I know about what they are, what the -- that the community perceives them to be experts at. If you have some analysis around whether or not they are effective, right. It's one thing to say -- I would think that poic, I would think constructing hope would be two organizations that had a more direct relationship with that population than say work systems, inc. -- I was just -- it seemed bizarre to me.

**Eudaly:** I can speak to that a little. They have had ongoing rental assistance programs for people coming out of incarceration, and what they found was that the short-term assistance typically available to people coming out of the system did not allow them to complete the programs that they were in and led to significantly lower success rates for those individuals who lost that support. So my understanding is that it's really targeted at funding the gap between the length of temporary assistance typically available and the length of those programs that get people, workforce training and up and ready to go out and find their own housing. That's my understanding.

**Hardesty:** I guess my biggest concern is they get all the federal workforce dollars to address that population, so my concern is putting it all in one pot. They already get all the federal dollars and any regional dollars that come in. Unless they made a compelling argument, and of course I have seen none of the grants, that somehow giving them over 100,000 is going to make them more effective with that population. I would be very concerned.

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**Eudaly:** I don't know any of the other grant applications were for rental assistance, for justice involved individuals. I can't speak to that. I can say that although it sounds like one pot, they have struggled on an ongoing basis to find money for that supplemental rental assistance that I was referring to. So even though they may be getting the lions share of federal dollars, those dollars apparently are not adequate to cover the needed rental assistance.

**Hardesty:** Thank you all for those responses. I admire the work you did. I appreciate the shift that had to happen after the pandemic hit. If possible I know that today is the first reading, or are we accepting a report?

**Wheeler:** First reading.

**Hardesty:** First reading. I would be very interested in actually reading the proposals that you are recommending we fund because I know in this venue we are not going to be able to get the totality of the picture, and I don't want to waste time asking a lot of questions that I could answer for myself if I read the proposal. So thank you.

**Ueoka:** If I might say -- we are in the process right now of working with these six applicants to make immediate adjustments to what was originally proposed given the proposals were written way back prior to covid, and so we are working with them as we speak and all of our year two grantees, as well, in order to make sure that they are -- what they are asking for and what they are proposing is responsive as they identify it to what the community they are working with needs most.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, kimmy. Very good. Any further questions before we move into public testimony? Great. Excellent presentation. Good conversation. Karla, do we have people signed up for public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** No one signed up, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Nobody signed up? All right, anything else for the good of the order? Thank you all. This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading, and we are adjourned.

**Council recessed at 3:55 pm**

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**2:00 p.m.**

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon. This is the thursday, may 14 afternoon session of the Portland city council. Karla, could you please call the roll. [roll call taken]

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty has an excused absence for the first part of our session this afternoon. Colleagues, under Portland city code and state law the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by phone and the city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to this meeting. The public can also provide written testimony to council by emailing council clerk. Council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thanks, everybody, for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. With that i'll turn it over to our attorney who will give the rules of order and decorum.

**Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Good afternoon. I'm going to make a couple of comments. First when testifying, please state your name your the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If representing an organization please identify it. The presiding officer determines length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting testimony or council deliberations will be given a warning. A warning will be given further disruption may result in a person being placed on hold or ejected from the electronic meeting. All council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Our first item is a time certain, item 374, if you could please read it.

### **ITEM 374**

**Moore-Love:** Item 374

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, we're here to listen to the bureau of planning and sustainability, the commission and the public about expanding opportunities for affordable housing projects. The expanding opportunities for affordable housing projects. Approximately 450 institutions throughout the city are regulated as conditional uses in residential zones. This includes many faith based institutions such as churches, synagogues, mosques and the like. Fraternal organizations, community services and even some schools. A growing number of these institutions are exploring how they can use their available land to address the affordable housing crisis in Portland. The city received a grant from metro to partner with ecumenical ministries of Oregon for outreach to faith-based communities. An advisory committee worked with our staff to develop recommendations for regulatory improvement to facilitate housing on institutional sites including zoning and land use map amendments. We heard from many throughout the city and even the state interested in this issue and I particularly want to acknowledge house speaker tina kotek, who has been an ardent champion of these strategies. I thank her for her support of our ordinance this afternoon. We'll hear public testimony today about these recommended changes. So with that we'll start out with staff. We then have a limited number of invited testimony guests this afternoon, then we'll open it up for public testimony later on. We'll start with bps staff eric engstrom. Would you please introduce the item.

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**Eric Engstrom, Principal Planner for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:**

Thank you, mayor, commissioners. I'm eric engstrom with the bureau of planning and sustainability and matt is helping me as we pull up the power point. Does everyone see that?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Engstrom:** Great. I want to thank nan for her work on this project. She's been instrumental pushing this forward and i'm just here to help with this adoption process. I also want to thank metro for the grant and ecumenical ministries for their partnership in this. I'll turn it over to nan to talk about the project goals. Are you muted, nan? You're still muted.

**Nan Stark, City Planner for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Okay, [laughter] good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners. I just want to take a second to say it's a thrill to be here today to be presenting this project to you, which is a two year long project. We have had several goals at the project. A big one was to capture the momentum happening within the faith and nonprofit communities, looking under every rock for available land and realizing that many organizations that are mission based in the city do have available land for the potential of providing affordable housing on it. With that, we wanted to look at what kind of barriers exist for community-based organizations that want to do an affordable housing development and realized early on that one of the big barriers is the regulatory process, and so with this project we are streamlining some of the regulations that are hurdles to it. We used three local case studies as a guide to identify some of those barriers. Through this project and the metro funding we will also be able to create an online guide that we're in the process of making than will be finished in the next few weeks. We have many wonderful partners from the faith and nonprofit community supporting the work of this grant. I don't want to go through all of those right now but I do want to recognize ecumenical ministries of Oregon for doing a big share of the outreach on this project along with all of the other organizations that you see listed. Most of these were on our stakeholder advisory committee, which also included staff from several city bureaus including housing, environmental services, bureau of development services, prosper Portland and bureau of transportation. We were able to solicit applications from organizations across the city that were interested in some consulting services and we chose three sites to work on as case studies. Those were Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), the muslim community center of Portland and trinity community church. Those were very helpful in identifying some of the barriers that exist to doing affordable housing on their properties. They were of different sizes and different locations and gave us a good idea of what those barriers might be like. We had consulting work from carlton hart architects, who helped the committees for each of these organizations come up with design concepts and then sherri nielson of the nielson group provided financial expertise and led each one of these to initial pro forma. The work on this project occurred over several years. In april of 2018 council accepted the grant that made this work possible. We support of partner organizations staff reached out to faith and community based organizations to identify potential barriers to development and as nan mentioned the regulatory barriers were one of those. Stakeholder advisory committee was established in the fall of 2018 which helped develop recommendations and we published a draft in early january of this year considered by the planning and sustainability commission in february and march. They transmitted their recommendation to council on march 24th. Next slide, please. The recommendation has two parts. The first allows institutions regulated through the zoning code as conditional uses to add housing without a new conditional use review if standards are met. The second part includes rezoning and changing the comprehensive plan map on a number of sites. Next slide, please. Going into slightly more detail on the zoning code changes, the first item allows housing that meets base zone standards to be added to a site without a new conditional use review. As part of that we're allowing

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removal of a parcel from conditional use site without also opening up that review. We're allowing a slight increase in the size of nonhousing floor area before that conditional use review is triggered. This is because some of the anticipated residential buildings may include institution or community service use in them and we want to provide some flexibility. On this issue we're also amending both the conditional use code and school sites code to keep the two consistent. We're replacing -- replacement of existing square footage has been a point of confusion so we're clarifying that as well. The conditional use code often requires institutions to maintain their parking even when they are close good transit. So as part of the recommendation is to allow removal of some of the required parking when housing is being added to the site. This is consistent with broader land use policy that frees up more land for needed housing. Even though we're exempting housing from condition at use review there may still be instances where review is needed. For example if the project exceeds the size limitations or if other conditions need to be amended. In those situations, we're also reducing the procedure type for those land use reviews from a type 3 to type 2 if there's housing included in the project. I'll turn it back over to nan to talk about the map changes that are included in the recommendation.

So the planning and sustainability commission recommended zoning map and comprehensive plan map changes on 20 sites. The focus of the map changes was to offer more flexible options for development on community based owned land. There's several sites where affordable housing and community development organizations are involved including habitat for human amount, hacienda acdc, and northwest housing alternatives. I also want you to be aware of two sites on north williams avenue that are in community based organizations ownership. One is the hill block, also called the williams and russell site, and the project working group for that site is overseeing the future planning of it and they have recommended that change to -- from the campus institutional zone that it's currently in as part of the legacy emanuel hospital campus, to the mixed commercial 3 designation, which is found along much of the williams and vancouver corridor. The other property on north williams is the gordly house to the north near prescott street. That is used by the Portland african-american leadership forum, and that's also proposed to change to mixed commercial, which will also facilitate a broader range of community uses than the current multidwelling residential zone that it's in. We worked with the stakeholder advisory committee to develop criteria for which sites would be eligible for the map change through this project. So these are the criteria that we used adjacent to the proposed zoning on a corridor or collector street, rectifying eight nonconforming or split zone situations. Creates a pathway for providing community benefits. The planning and sustainability commission liberalized one amendment we proposed which was to allow the repurposing of 50% of parking areas for housing on conditional use sites. That regulation, when we originally posed it was limited to be near frequent transit lines, but that restriction was removed. Then they also added exemptions to two property line adjustment regulations on conditional use sites. And just to review the planning and sustainability commission recommendation, they also urged city council to budget time for bps staff to do periodic every two to three year map refinements. This project is doing this within a limited scope, but as an equity issue there's a need for regular updates to the comp plan and zoning maps. We are still receiving testimony and up to about noon today we had received 120 pieces of testimony on the map app and five letters and emails. Today we have 41 people signed up to give oral testimony. You can see the issues raised, and I just want to point out that we have gotten map request changes on three additional sites that came in through testimony and actually when I last looked at about noon an additional one had come in. So we have 20 that are in the recommended draft and then you will be looking at four additional sites, and potentially more through the next week as testimony continues to be open. We received opposition to some specific map changes on four different sites. One of

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those is on southwest boundary street owned by cedar sinai park, and that one received the majority of those opposition letters. The other two sites that received six letters of opposition each are st. Philip neri in southeast Portland and emmanuel temple in north Portland. The one from emmanuel temple, one letter attached a petition with 17 signatures on it. Then we received 23 letters or map app testimonies in support of specific map changes. The st. Philip neri site is the only one that received both opposition and support. Six letters of opposition, four letters of support on that site. In addition, I just want to note that we did receive a number of testimony about the parking at 50% that can be used to develop housing on. 24 people wrote in encouraging council to change that to allow 100% of parking to be used if an institution wants to redevelop that for housing. These are the map change requests. We do have maps for those if council would like to look at those. One is a revision on a map change that was proposed and approved by the planning and sustainability commission at st. Andrews in southwest Portland on southwest dosch and sunset. In response to neighborhood concerns they have revised that map change to change to r10 to r5. We received several letters of support from the neighbors of that particular site expressing support for the r5 change. At the st. Philip the deacon church at 120 northeast knott, that has also requested a change. We received 15 letters of support for that change from rm2 to cm3. And then the elliott neighborhood association land use commission requested the change for 2800 north vancouver, which is the property just north of the two lots that are proposed by the williams and russell project working group. They requested that elliott neighborhood requested to change that along with the change to the williams and russell site. We received a request from a residential property owner to change the zoning on her property on north mississippi avenue from single dwelling residential to multidwelling residential.

**Engstrom:** This is eric again. Thanks, nan. It's our understanding the council intends to leave the record open for written testimony for an additional week after today. That testimony can be submitted at the bps testimony app at the link on the screen here. That link is also information that is also on the project website. When you go to that app you want to click on the expanding opportunities for affordable housing button then click the testify button there. Next slide, nan. You can also get more information on the project website. And that concludes our staff presentation today. I'll turn it back over to the mayor to preside over the invited panel.

**Wheeler:** Good. Very good. Thank you. Thanks, nan, thank you, eric, both for that. Since we're working remotely, what we'll do is call on each of the invited panel guests. There's about six of you. We'll call on you one at a time and you can unmute your mike. For those of you new to the miracle of zoom, the way you get to the unmute is if you scroll your cursor down to the bottom you'll see a bar on the bottom and on the far left-hand side you'll see a little microphone that says mute. You click that and you'll see that you are unmuted and if not i'm sure we'll be more than happy to remind you of that at that time. So without further ado, I have a list here. I hope it's current. The first individual is jan Musgrove elfers, the president of ecumenical ministries of Oregon. Jan, are you on board?

**Jan Musgrove Elfers, President of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon:** Yes, I am.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Elfers:** Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and Portland city commissioners. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today. My name is jan nusgrove elfers. I'm the president of ecumenical ministries of Oregon. Emo brings together diverse communities of faith to learn, serve and advocate together for justice, peace and the integrity of creation. Programs provide affordable housing, food, mental health and legal services as well as a supportive community to our neighbors who live on the margins. As people of faith, we honor the dignity of every person and are committed to changing unjust circumstances that perpetuate poverty. We believe the availability of affordable housing is a human right and

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it's our responsibility to see that everyone has the opportunity to be safely sheltered. I want to thank the city of Portland, metro, the bureau of planning and sustainability, and particularly nan stark for the partnership that has been created in the expanding opportunities for affordable housing project. Our collaboration is important because many places of worship in our city have land, and a desire to use that resource to address the dire shortage of affordable housing. Our mission aligns with your desire to see all Portlanders thrive. I cannot overemphasize how vital and impactful the amendments to remove barriers in this expanding opportunities proposal will have for faith communities who are trying to build affordable housing on their property. These amendments are truly a game changer for us, and we're incredibly grateful for the cooperation and efforts on your part to streamline the very complicated and expensive process involved in the development of housing. We're also excited about the ramifications that these partnerships will have as a model for the rest of the state of Oregon. Our congregations, mosques, synagogues and temples throughout the state are engaged in affordable housing issues in their own communities and want to be a part of the solution. The expanding opportunities project provides a great example of what collaborative opportunities are possible with the faith community and government working together to address challenges. Thank you again so much for this partnership, and we look forward to continuing our good work together.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, jan. We appreciate it. Next is julia nielson, pastor of portsmouth union, Welcome.

**Reverend Julia Nielsen, Pastor of Portsmouth Union Church:** Thank you, mayor. Good afternoon, commissioners. I'm reverend julia nielson. I serve portsmouth union church. We're active members of 11 community land and housing coalition comprising more than 20 congregations across the city. Six years ago this week I moved to Portland from the midwest and at age 21 I had bought my own home. It was a three bedroom ranch in a neighborhood much like st. John's for only \$129,000. When I arrived in Portland ten years later I was shocked to find that that same home would have cost my family nearly \$600,000. My family of course rented instead, only to have my rent raised 400 a month without warning in 2015, which displaced us and forced us to make difficult and urgent choices already familiar to many of my neighbors and friends here and many of you. When I began serving portsmouth union I was horrified to see that our own congregation, not to mention our north Portland neighborhood, was already being deeply impacted by the housing crisis. However, rather than close up the building due to dwindling numbers or simply complain about this painful injustice we vowed to build as much affordable housing possible on the half acre of land. Thus began a continuing journey of five years in which we learned many things about housing development in Portland in particular how great the barriers are to faith community lending our land and resources to end the housing crisis. After all, faith communities are often the safety net under the safety net, we often advocate for and create services where there are major gaps and systemics chasms we find ourselves on housing today. Faith communities get calls on a weekly and even daily basis from folks looking for a place to live. A referral possibly to a shelter if there is space. Yet we find it supremely difficult to build on faith land like ours. At the point where we began affordable housing was not an allowed conditional use for religious institutions like ours and without that state law and these code changes in place we were required to undertake complicated lot line adjustments which necessitated conditional use review, creating an llc of our own, ground leasing that lot back to ourselves, and processing through extensive and expensive city processes that simply would not be required now under these code changes. Five years of effort now we finally have gotten to the point of permitting for 20 units of housing at 30% ami and below, but that process unnecessarily cost my church nearly two years and \$50,000 in total time and money that would have allowed us to be housing the people displaced neighbors and homeless veterans who are currently living on

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the edge or on the street. So I and my congregation strongly support the expanding opportunities proposal and while these amendments will not solve every problem related to the barriers of building affordable housing on faith community land they certainly smooth many of the bumps and bruises my own church has suffered in our own project that we're seeing other faith communities in our growing land and housing coalition also face as they move to give their land over to affordable housing as we have. I would encourage you further. Please expand these changes. Continue to press forward into even more creative and streamlined processes that specifically make way for and encourage community based organizations like ours to easily build affordable housing. There are over 400 faith communities in Portland and we have over 600 acres of developable land at our disposal to house our community in. We do not have a shortage of land. What we suffer is a shortage of cooperative institutional courage. Bravo to the city for moving forward with this and other regulatory changes that will allow already strapped but intrepid missions like ours to swiftly serve our neighbors at their most vulnerable. We give a special thanks to bureau of -- nan stark who has been an essential partner to us. We ask you to please expand and pass this proposal so we can all stay and live in the city that we love and deserve. It is a great city that we all want to stay in and continue to be partners and neighbors in. So thank you very, very much for your effort and four your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate it very much. Next is ted reid from metro. Good afternoon, ted.

**Ted Reid, Principal Regional Planner for Metro Planning and Development**

**Department:** Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. I'm ted reid with metro's planning and development department. I'm pleased to be here in support of the proposed amendments. We're pleased to have funded this work through our 2040 planning and development grant program. This work provides an excellent example that other jurisdictions around the region can observe of how to remove barriers to development of abundant housing. Doing so advances one of metro's core goals. That's to make the most of land that we already have inside the urban growth boundary. We want to ensure not only that we have abundant housing but also that we're protecting farms and forests outside the egress boundary for future generations. This program has showed innovation by engaging community based organizations and institutions that have excess lands that they long to use more effectively. This work is also timely because it may provide some opportunities for some developments to leverage financial programs that were adopted by voters in the region and city over the last couple of years to provide more affordable housing. But even if these amendments don't result in regulated affordable housing, it does add to the housing supply that can help the region to ensure that their housing choices for everyone. I encourage the council to adopt the proposed amendments. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, ted. We're extremely grateful to you and to metro for your grant. Next is the director of the leaven community. Welcome.

**LaVeta Gilmore-Jones, Co Director-Lead Organizer at Leaven Community:** Thank you, mayor wheeler. Commissioners eudaly, Fritz and hardesty. I do thank you for this opportunity to share with you today. I'm laveta gilmore jones, the daughter of b. Gilmore and the late reverend gilmore -- mid 40s and early 50s. I and my two brothers and sisters were born and raised here and have experienced the evolution of the city over the years. Right new my heart aches for our friends and neighbors and loved ones who want to be but no longer can afford to live in the familial neighborhoods. So my calling to make a difference in the world informs my work as the co-director of leaven community. We organize our members and neighbors to listen and to build powerful community that act together out of our shared stories and spiritual wisdom. We form the community land and housing coalition to respond to our shared stories around the lack of affordable housing

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and we're becoming a diverse and growing interfaith coalition and together we're becoming vital and active communities of faith engaged in our neighborhoods. We're creative agents of systemic change and we are becoming community organizers and developers of diverse affordable housing on faith stewarded land. Over the past year we have had the privilege of collaborating and working with nan stark on the expanding opportunities for affordable housing projects and extend our appreciation to nan and the staff for their commitment and dedication to working with faith community. We fully support the code and zoning changes proposed by the bureau of planning and sustainability and the Portland planning and sustainability commission to remove barriers to affordable housing and on faith community land. Your approval of these changes will be a major step in transforming structures that create and perpetuate housing inequity in our city. Another structure we are targeting for transformation is funding. Unfortunately many of the current funding sources for affordable housing target large scale multifamily buildings, and many of the affordable housing developments that are going to happen on faith community land will be smaller in size and scale. So one possible solution is to bundle two to three projects into one multi site project to qualify for funding. Funding for those metro bond dollars, and so we ask that you work with us in creating a clear, streamlined pathway for accessing funding for these types of bunked projects. Lastly, I invite you to imagine what Portland could look like if the current 600 developable acres of faith stewarded land was filled with a diversity of affordable housing scattered throughout the city. Imagine neighborhoods where the lives and visions of those marginalized by gentrification and systemic racism are centered in the life of the community. Imagine a Portland where everyone has a place to call home. So with an affirmative vote by the council, the imagined Portland will be one step closer to reality and thank you for listening and thank you for your vote of support for this project.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, laveta. We appreciate it very much. A clarification on some housekeeping here -- the host will enable you to speak then the mute or unmute button will appear in the lower left of the tool bar. Over the left hand portion ever the screen. For those of you participating by phone, when it's your turn to speak you'll have to press star 6 on your keypad to unmute. If you have problems we'll reminds you about that. Next is keith edwards, chairman of the bethel economic development corporation. Welcome.

**Keith Edwards, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church Chair:** Thank you very much, mayor. Thank you, city council as well. Good afternoon. Thank you, nan, for assisting me on this presentation. I'm keith edwards, currently trustee of bethel ame church and have a member since 1959. I'm currently president of the economic development corporation. We have a great team of board members including tanya march, ed dobbins, jackie brown, sylvester paschall, dennis payne, debbi ingram, reverend terry mcrea hill and many volunteers. Bethel ame economic corporation is a not for profit corporation developed in november of 2002. It was developed in response to the historically relevant and express needs of the community in improved housing, health, nutrition, improved results and the education of the community's children and preparedness for employment opportunities. Next slide, please. Today we want to focus on housing and the support we have received from the city of Portland. We have two vacant lots directly south of bethel ame church at 801 and 814 northeast jarrett street. It has plans to erect a building to reach and hopefully exceed our goals to meet the needs of our community. At the core of our housing program is to provide access to information and resources to eliminate the need for second generation affordable housing by encouraging first generation homeownership. Next slide, please. We are planning to develop residential multifamily housing for our community. With the council and support we receive from the city of Portland, bureau planning and sustainability and a grant, we have community support from the king neighborhood association who we gave a presentation to several years ago and have sponsored national night out to help build relationships with our close

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neighbors. This would not just be a housing facility but a model for building a thriving community with vibrant families. Our greatest challenge is to obtain funds to achieve this goal. If any of you know where we can get five or \$6 million please contact us. Some of our benchmarks are to build a green building, use local labor, contractors, ensure workers are paid prevailing wages, strongly encourage diversity each step of the process and make this process an educational opportunity of inclusion for our youth. With the expansion of affordable housing opportunities our community and families will all benefit. Without the expansion our community and families will continue to struggle. We strongly support expanding affordable housing opportunities. Next slide, please. In closing we certainly want to thank the city of Portland for the opportunity to share our plans today and we especially want to thank nan stark, sharon nielson of the nielson group and bill hart of carleton hart architects. This has been an endeavor that helped us through the grant that we received to not stumble around but help give us direction so that we could make sure that we didn't waste our energy and time doing something that was frivolous and disadvantage us to our endeavor. Again I thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Next is bryson davis, co-chair of the williams russell project working group.

**Bryson Davis, Williams Russell Working Group Co-Chair:** Thank you, mr. Mayor. Thank you, councilors. Commissioners. I'm bryson davis. I'm one of the two co-chairs of williams and russell project working group. I'm here to talk about our little piece of this project. To give you some background, the williams and russell project was formed and centered around the development of a vacant 1.7 acre block of land between north williams, north vancouver, north russell and north knox streets. The focus of this development is to honor the african-american community in Portland and address some of the issues caused by the original development of the hospital and building of the hospital and the land taking that was associated with that. The site itself which used to be referred to as the hell block was historically the center of the african-american commercial district from about the '40s until the '60s. The land is currently zoned as campus like the rest of the legacy hospital complex, and for our piece we're requesting that that be changed to be zoned as cm3. Now, the project working group which oversees the development of the land was formed with a combination of nonprofit leaders and other community members and leaders to ensure that the land's development and eventual project that was placed on the land incorporated the express needs and desires of the community and addressed some of the historical displacement, gentrification issues that have occurred from the hospital's original building and the neighborhood has gone on since. Now, we have done a lot of extensive outreach to the community to determine what people in the african-american community and larger community are really wanting to see be developed on the property and what needs they think the property can address, overwhelmingly, from community members that we have polled and even just looking within the project working group itself affordable housing is the top priority going forward. So affordable housing will be a part of the development that we are looking to build on this site. One important component, and this really gets to the change in zoning, one important component of this zone change and of the product itself is the symbolism of separating the project from legacy. Bringing it back to the control of the community. We believe the zoning change has specific symbolic power to indicate that this piece of land is no longer a part of that legacy development. It is now back in community control. So we really thank you for your consideration of this project and our inclusion in this project. We hope that at the end of the day it will get your support. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, mr. Davis. The last invited guest is dr. Steven holt, the chair of neighborhood housing strategy committee. Welcome, dr. Holt.

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**Dr. Steven Holt, North Northeast and South Strategies Oversight Committee Chair:**

Good to see you, mr. Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Likewise.

**Dr. Holt:** Good to see you, commissioner eudaly, commissioner Fritz. Good afternoon. I am the chair of the oversight committee from north northeast and south strategies and have been since its inception of 2015 which started initially with a \$20 million allotment from mayor haes and we have grown it to over \$19 million with investments from the city and various other sources to address the issue of affordable housing. We are comprised of and made up of various committee members or community members who are either professional educators, business owners, and/or just most important everyday citizens from community. Our work has been to establish and support affordable housing throughout this city. We have been extremely fortunate to exceed the goals that were initially set. We exceeded them with affordable places to live. We exceeded our goals around mitigating impacts and further gentrification and displacement. We have exceeded our goals with homeownership. Renting is fantastic, owning is a staple for development of community. Our committee, about 13, unanimously agreed to support the expansion of the -- to create other opportunities for people to have stabilized housing. Someone said it earlier, it's a human right. It is a human right and we are 100% in support of that. We raise our voice to say we would like to see this passed and adopted by city council. Our work speaks to our investment and concern, so thank you, mr. Mayor, and commissioners, for examining this and voting to support it.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, dr. Holt. Thanks to all of your for your leadership on this important issue. I would like to give the opportunity for staff of the bureau of planning and sustainability to say a few words. Welcome.

**Steph Routh, Planning and Sustainability Commission Representative:** Thank you, mayor, members of city council. I'm steph routh. It's my honor to represent the planning and sustainability commission today. Expanding opportunities for affordable housing reads like a love letter from Portland to Portland. This is a great targeted code update to streamline the process for nonprofit and faith based organizations to make property available for much needed housing. These groups are showing up with their values to build permanently affordable housing in some cases leveraging other funds and efforts to respond to our affordable housing crisis. Under current rules which you've heard reducing the area covered by conditional use approval or going through a zone change costs money as uncertainty to project and can take months and months. This strategically reduces those barriers. This is about helping community based organizations cut through red tape to advance our shared goals. Through this process we saw many organizations asked to join this project once they learned about it and sounds like there's a few others that have joined since which demonstrates the care that Portlanders hold for one another and to be untapped opportunities that exist with connecting resources to potential solutions within our communities. I do want to highlight one amendment the commission considered and i'll quote from the letter that we sent you to council. I will add as nina totenberg would call it a dirty read. In its deliberation of the 21 zoning map amendments proposed the commission discussed the one request by a single property owner to change the zoning on their property. While several commissioners were sympathetic to the request the majority voted against it because they did not want to make an exception for individual situations which they felt is more of the purview of city council. End quote. There it is. We on the planning and sustainability commission urge you to allocate as others have said additional resources including budget and staff time to advance this work. Let today be the prologue of further work that complements the anti-displacement efforts already under way. Thank you and excited to see this move forward.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, steph. We appreciate it. We appreciate all of the work of the commission. That brings us to the favorite part of any hearings which is our public testimony from the public at large. We never know exactly what we're going to hear and that's what makes it exciting. Because of the large number of people signed up and the enact we have a very aggressive agenda are for today we want to make sure that everybody has the opportunity to be heard we're going to ask as your name is called to keep your testimony within two minutes. That's as much as you get at the legislature, it goes quickly, so I just want to warn people about that that we really do want to hear everybody's perspective and again we always take testimony by email and at the end of the hearing i'll reiterate how people can provide full rijn testimony by email. Before we jump into the first names, Karla, commissioner eudaly has her hand raised.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm happy to reserve my questions. I'm wondering when you would prefer council to have any kind of discussion.

**Wheeler:** I was thinking we would do that after public testimony, but if you have a burning question now the beauty is we don't have a rostrum or testimony table so if you have something for nan or eric or somebody else we have that opportunity. I see commissioner Fritz has her hand raised as well.

**Fritz:** I believe we have a session to discuss next week. Is that right, nan?

**Wheeler:** I did leave an opportunity at the end of testimony today if people had questions for staff while things were fresh on their minds. If commissioner eudaly just has a limited number of questions right now we can go ahead and get that in and get to public testimony.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. I have a couple of questions and I think they are very relevant for anyone listening or planning to testify. I have been after anxiously and enthusiastically awaiting this moment. I'm supportive of these changes however I was disappointed to learn that there's no longer any kind of affordability requirement associated with these zoning changes. I have longer comments to make about that which i'm going to reserve, but I do want to ask that someone explain why this project does not require a site to develop housing that's affordable, which was the original intent of this effort. I have been engaged in this conversation since the beginning with many of the faith communities included in today's presentation. So that's my first question.

This is something that was discussed quite extensively at the staff level and as this project moved through its formation period. Many of the institutions that are taking advantage of this project obviously are mission driven and many will have the intent to develop as affordable housing projects. A good portion of those projects probably will attempt to take advantage of public funding to help with the affordability. Through those programs there could be -- there are regulatory attachments to those programs if the project is taking advantage of those. So given that, the staff did not recommend including the affordability in the zoning coat that does create the potential that there's a nonregulated affordable housing project that takes advantage of that. Also matt tschabold from the housing bureau is also here on the call if you'd like to add anything.

**Eudaly:** I want to be clear I absolutely support us getting out of the way of the projects, letting them move forward and supporting them as much as possible. What I don't support is aiding and abetting further gentrification and displacement by opening these properties up to any type of development that could be placed on them. Just to be clear, the churches or institutions themselves could choose to develop for profit market rate housing or they can sell parcels to private investors that will then build market or luxury rate housing on these properties.

**Engstrom:** That is correct, commissioner. We don't believe that that is how it will likely play out in most cases but that is technically true.

**Eudaly:** That's not much of a comfort to me to be honest. We can move on. BDS's concerns mentioned in the recommended draft seems focused on logistics. I believe we can solve logistics and that's not a good reason to give up on ensuring the housing that is developed through these zoning code changes is affordable. Besides logistical challenges why should the city give up an opportunity to ensure that hundreds of units developed through this project would be affordable.

**Stark:** I could just add that to support what Eric said, the changes that we're doing to the maps are on faith on sites faith owned sites and community based sites that are also mission based. So we are confident that those mission based organizations are going to build what they say they want to build. What some of them are in the process of moving forward on. We also know that in some cases they may need to provide a mix of market rate and affordable housing in order to pencil out the project. Part of the rationale for this is to make the regulations more flexible and allow different types of housing developments to be created that are going to be primarily affordable.

**Eudaly:** I want to make it clear I have utmost confidence in the communities that have come forward to ask for this change and the 20 projects that are in the pipeline. That is not my question. I don't have confidence that given the various pressures both external and internal, these are not just faith organizations, they are educational organizations, fraternal organizations. The property is owned and controlled in a variety of ways. The decision-making process may not be local at all. I'm very concerned, but I want to make it clear I really appreciate the work, nan, I deeply appreciate your long service to our community. I'm sure everyone has the best intentions. I remain very concerned that we are missing an opportunity to really dig into this challenge and work through it and deliver the maximum return for the public good on affordable housing. I'll leave it at that.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. We're going to get into testimony and the first individual, Karla, after this individual I'm going to turn the list over to you, is Jeff Bachrach from the planning and sustainability commission. Welcome.

**Jeff Bachrach, Planning and Sustainability Commission:** Thank you. Just want to -- first thank you for this opportunity to participate in the historic virtual land use hearing. [laughter] it's great that everyone has been able to make the technology work so well.

**Wheeler:** Sort of.

**Bachrach:** It's pretty good. Pretty good. I just want to emphasize and I think you've heard this message, what a unique project this has been. It's not often we truly present you with a streamlined code package geared towards helping produce more housing. I can't remember the last time we gave you a code package emphasized on streamlining the code regulations not adding new ones and I hope that becomes something you'll see more from the planning and sustainability commission, streamlining the code is part of creating more housing and I think as we have all learned through this process and listening to faith based organizations the code can be a true impediment, significant impediment to more housing so I think anything we can do to look for those regulations doing more harm than good and eliminating them is a good thing. To briefly address commissioner Eudaly your concern about requiring this to be regulated housing, I think there was a concern, I hope the housing bureau will chime in, that at some point all housing is helpful. Any price range, and I think the feeling was since all these properties are starting with faith based communities the likelihood of seeing higher priced housing is small. Even if that's part of it's accomplishing more regulated affordable housing it's a worthwhile tradeoff.

**Eudaly:** I appreciate those comments. [audio not understandable] predatory speculative real estate developers. Again, these are not just faith communities. They are educational institutions and fraternal organizations. I know one instance where a beloved southeast Portland institution which I won't name had their umbrella organization find a loophole and almost sold their property out from under them to a private developer and I'm very

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concerned that we are going to see actions such as that. Maybe not with our faith communities but with other institutions.

**Wheeler:** Let me just jump in here because we have a lot of people signed up and commissioner eudaly, you've made a very strong argument. I note a number of people agree strongly with you. Let's get through the testimony then have the opportunity to revisit this.

**Bachrach:** My apologies, thank you for the opportunity to speak.

**Stark:** Did we put a limit of two minutes on testimony?

**Wheeler:** We have two minutes for each person testifying so we can get through the list. It's a long list of people who would like to testify.

**Bachrach:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Karla, take it from here, please.

**Moore-Love:** Just letting everybody know there will be a chime when you have 20 seconds left and a constant ringing when your time is up. The first person is leon porter. He will be followed by charles kunnard and trail anderson.

**Leon Porter:** Hi. I'm leon porter. I strongly support expanding opportunities for affordable housing. It's great that the current draft allows community based organizations city-wide to remove 50% of the parking spaces by right, but an amendment to raise that percentage to 100 would be very much in the public interest. You're all aware, the city government is now facing major budget cuts just as the public need for social services soars. Under these conditions, it's especially urgent to make it easier for nonprofit organizations to provide these services including affordable housing on their underused parking lots. Community based organization parking lots are almost the only places affordable housing can be added in single family neighborhoods without demolishing existing homes or cutting down trees. Parking lots detract from neighborhood character whereas affordable housing enhances that character by enriching these neighborhoods with socioeconomic diversity. Building affordable housing on parking lots in wealthy neighborhoods gives lower income residents easier access to good schools, jobs, parks and other amenities. Targeted upzoning to allow more units on the lots increases these benefits. If this raises local demand for street parking, then charging for permits can prevent parking shortages while also helping to fund local street and sidewalk improvements. So an amendment to allow community based organizations to remove 100% of the parking spaces by right would be a win-win for these organizations, their neighborhoods, low income residents and the city budget. That's all. Thanks for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is charles kunnard followed by trail anderson and julia mets.

**Charles Kunnard:** Thank you very much. I'm chuck kunnard. I represent trinity lutheran church 55 and killingsworth in northeast Portland. We were one of the three sites selected to participate in the expanding opportunities venture and we're happy to have been part of that and thankful for it. For 130 years trinity lutheran church and school has served our community in northeast Portland by offering high quality education, spiritual strengthening, food assistance, recreational opportunities and aid to immigrant families. Our founders had the foresight to obtain significant amounts of land for potential future expansion. Our congregation has decided that in light of the affordable housing shortage in the cully neighborhood where we reside and particularly the latino members for -- [audio not understandable] we would like to utilize our real estate resources to meet those needs. We have been trying to do this now for over three years working with the bureau of development services cooperatively to make this happen. The roadblocks to this goal are significant and without passage of the proposal that is before you it is not likely to happen. Because we are not a wealthy congregation and because we need to utilize the equity in our property to reduce our own indebtedness our only opportunity would be to sell to the

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highest bidder. We do not want to do this but without passage of this we may be forced to. Help us help you meet the goals for affordable housing in Portland.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Charles.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Trail Anderson followed by Jewel Wymets and Ed Labbe.

**Trail Anderson:** Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler, council members, I'm Trail Anderson, executive director of Northwest Housing Alternatives. We're a nonprofit community based and mission focused to provide opportunities through affordable housing established in 1982 we have nearly 2,000 apartment homes in our portfolio serving families, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities. We have some 500 apartment homes under construction and another 500 in our planning pipeline including 75 to 100 units at Brace Commons. In partnership with Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, a parish for all people in the heart of the city at Northeast 13th and Weidler. On behalf of our project team and get people at Grace Memorial we strongly support the recommendations of the expanding opportunities for affordable housing project presented to you by staff and the planning and sustainability commission for recommendations help to overcome a good number of barriers to complete affordable housing projects. Especially thank you to Nan Stark, Ecumenical Ministries of Portland and Housing Coalition and many members of the faith community who have met over the past year responding to the housing needs of the people in our community. Mayor Wheeler, council members, in the midst of difficult times currently, adopting these recommendations is something very positive that you can move forward. Thank you for considering it. Thank you for your service. And thank you for your ongoing leadership. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Charles. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Julia Metz followed by Ed Labbe and John Calhoun.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Julia Metz:** Thank you. Good afternoon, I'm Julia Metz with Catholic Charities of Oregon here to express support of recommended draft. Additionally some of our project partners including St. Philip Neri have submitted written testimony in support of plan. Today I would like to focus on the Neri site, one of the sites proposed for rezone. Since last year Catholic Charities has been discussing affordable housing opportunities in partnership with the parish. The site currently hosts a variety of uses and buildings including what is affectionately referred to as the old church and rectory. Our goal is to restore and repurpose these two buildings and add new complementary buildings along division to support 100 percent of affordable housing while also supporting parish activities. Although we're still in early conceptual stages of the project we held a public open house in early February to share our thoughts at this stage. We received a variety of feedback and it was exciting to hear from a great number of attendees voicing support for affordable housing on the parish property. As we began to dig into the specifics like traffic studies, building design, historic review and other items that typically come up later in the process we plan to continue this engagement however the site is currently zoned R5, which would not support the number of units typically needed to make an affordable housing development financially feasible or immediate requirements for funding. Being responsive to nearby zoning. Based on our studies thus far the rezone what allow us to provide approximate will 57 affordable homes and support services. Our written testimony provides more detail. If this plan goes through as proposed it would provide a predictable path for development that could easily deliver affordable homes by a year or more and less expensively with recommendations of the plan. In short the recommended draft removes barriers and increases certainty. We can't understate the importance of this for affordable housing development.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Julia.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Ted Labbe, followed by John Calhoun and Dolores Myers.

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**Ted Labbe:** Good afternoon. Mayor, city council, i'm ted labbe, executive director with the urban green spaces institute. We work with the intersection of housing, transportation and other issues to integrate green space into the fabric and culture of our cities. I'm pleased to strongly support the proposed expanding opportunities for affordable housing project and I would like to echo comments by the reverend julia nielson to keep expanding opportunities at these sites. I also support psc's recommendations to let churches repurpose 100% of their parking for housing to let these reforms apply across the city, not just close to high frequency transit. There are too many churches with declining congregations and a desire to redevelop at least a portion of church grounds for affordable housing. Many have large expanses of under utilized parking -- awareness of climate change and the urban heat island. Because of burdensome conditional use issues they cannot afford to address the challenges of affordable housing and the climate crisis. I sought to permit regreening projects of churchess and bumped up against these burdensome conditional use reviews. The expanding opportunities will lift many these and this is a good move for the city. Please adopt the expanding opportunities for affordable housing zoning code amendments. Thanks.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, ted. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** John calhoun followed by doris myers and mickie kirkpatrick.

**John Calhoun:** Mayor wheeler, commissioners, i'm john calhoun. I'm a member at st. Andrews presbyterian at the corner of southwest sunset and southwest dosch road. We are one of 20 presbyterian churches in the city and part of the 96 church presbytery. Dozens of churches across Oregon are looking for ways to ease the affordable housing crisis. This is a priority for that we have available property and a deep mission to serve those most vulnerable in our communities. St. Andrews is interested in converting a section of our parking lot on the west side of dosh road to be used to 45 units of affordable housing that will fit within the character are of this neighborhood. We had applied conversion from r120 r1 but we have revised the request to r5. This will allow sale of more affordable buildings that concern some of our neighbors. We're aware that we will still have to go through an extended process with the city too use for housing from the property left as parking. We ask this council provide encouragement to the bureau of planning to continue to support communities trying to provide more affordable housing. For those of us not professional developers there will be many rules and steps that can thwart our effort unless there's a continued desire by the bureau of planning to help us succeed. So far we appreciate the work nan stark has done to help us process. We hope that can continue. We are also pleased that the planning commission responded favorably to concerns about limiting the projects to high traffic bus routes. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, john. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Next is dolores myers followed by vicki kirk and brian terrett.

**Wheeler:** Hi, dolores. Are you unmuted? Karla, i'm not sure we have dolores. Why don't we go to the next individual and see if we can get dolores later.

**Moore-Love:** I'm not seeing her there. Next vicki kirkpatrick followed by brian terrett.

**Wheeler:** Vicki, are you here?

**Vicki Kirkpatrick:** She is on the attendee list there.

**Wheeler:** Still muted. Vicki, in the lower left corner of your screen if you move your cursor down towards the bottom, see if the mute button pops up. If you're on the phone you need to push star 6 on your keypad to unmute. Why don't we move on to the next person.

**Moore-Love:** Let's go with brian then chris hodge.

**Brian Terrett:** Good afternoon, this is brian terrett. I am with legacy health, and we own the property that's located between vancouver and williams and russell and knott. That is the focus of the williams and russell project working group. In august of 2017, legacy health along with prosper Portland and the city of Portland agreed to move forward, to

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move the property back to the community. They did a good job talking about what was happening with the project working group and why this was important so I don't want to cover that territory. I know time is limited. Let me focus on the most important thing. We wanted to make sure city council knew that legacy was in support of this effort. We feel it's critically important and will be a key factor to having this project be successful. The other thing I wanted to talk about was the property that is in question right now for this rezoning would be three specific tax lots, and those tax lots alone would be the area that's incorporated. One thing we do know is that the Elliott neighborhood has asked to have an additional block included in this as well. I wanted to make sure the record was clear that we have not asked to have that property rezoned. It is one of the last remaining properties on that campus where we actually have a building, and the challenge is as we look at any kind of future expansion of hospital base care we will need that property. So thank you very much and it's our hope that you support this. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thanks.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Chris Hodge followed by Dolores Myers.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, Chris. Chris, poke star 6 to unmute.

**Chris Hodge:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Now we can.

**Hodge:** Thanks for having me. A 20-year resident of the Mt. Scott Church of God neighborhood, which I am not certain has been approved or I know that they are looking for approval to join this expanded affordable housing act. But the two questions are, one, is part of that they are looking to develop, it's now been looked at twice by first a residential developer then most recently a developer looking to put an assisted living care facility on. According to what we have heard from the Mt. Scott Church committee both developments have now disappeared. During the process they identified a portion of the property as being a nature preserve or something to that effect where a portion of the land that was going to be developed is now supposed to be protected. Is there a way or some site that we could go to as neighbors of this area to find out what is or may be protected if the developments do go through?

**Wheeler:** We'll keep that question on the record, and we'll have one of our staff folks answer that later.

Thank you.

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

**Moore-Love:** Next is Dolores Myers followed by Maria McDowell and Dennis Douglas.

**Wheeler:** I'm not seeing them on the call.

**Moore-Love:** I see that Dolores is there, Dennis Douglas is there.

**Wheeler:** Is Dolores calling in or is she on -- I can't find her name. Is she calling in?

**Moore-Love:** I show at the top number 11 there.

**McClymont:** It looks like she is trying to connect with her computer, and she may be having trouble with the mute function.

**Wheeler:** Okay, so --

**Moore-Love:** What about Maria McDowell. Is she there?

**Maria McDowell, Rector of St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church:** I am here. Thank you for having me. Good afternoon, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. I am Maria McDowell, rector of St. Philip the Deacon Episcopal Church in the Elliott neighborhood. We would like to request our property at 120 Northeast Knott be granted a CM3 designation. We fully support the code and zoning changes in the expanding opportunities for affordable housing proposal to remove barriers to affordable housing development on faith community land. I grew up in Portland. Like many my family is dispersed across the city because we can no longer afford to live close to one another. The 25-minute drive to see one another is becoming hard on my mother's aging body. Likewise St. Philip is an aging

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parish founded by african-americans dispersed over the course of decades by city sponsored development. They want to come home to be together again yet their home is no longer what it was. A parishioner, jerry caldwell, looks towards the house he was born and sees the coliseum. He sees absence of the businesses and homes that supported him as a child and young adult. My parish family wants to spend their last years together, to experience the community that supported them as children and young adults. St. Philip the deacon would like to create a culturally sensitive space in the midst of Portland's prosperity for a diversity of age, ability, income and race, the kind of diversity that is a benefit to any city. Our request is supported by our neighborhood association and our immediate neighbor at 130 northeast knott street who have also requested that their residential lot be upzoned f. Approved we can explore affordable potentially multi-generational housing at a site with excellent access to transportation and ensure the building capacity to provide community oriented ground floor and outdoor spaces. On behalf of our neighbors and our city, please approve the proposed changes. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** I believe dolores myers has her hand up so maybe she's ready to go. Dolores, can you hear us, dolores? Let's go with dennis douglas. Followed by Dianne Clay.

**Dianne Clay, Pastor at Mt. Scott Church:** Hi, this is actually denise douglas, not dennis.

**Moore-Love:** Sorry:

**Clay:** That's all right. Thank you. Pastor at mt. Scott church in southeast Portland. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our mayor and the city council commissioners. It's been an encouraging afternoon just to hear from so many friends in the faith community and to listen to the commissioners. I know we're all working towards housing needs and community -- thank you so much for your help with the city. We have a vision to serve our community and our neighborhood. We see our location as a gathering place for community and as a launching pad to work together not just -- this is not just what we want to do it's what we have been doing the last four years, linked arms with our neighborhood association to help homeowners in southeast Portland who are in trouble. They have been fined by the city, they are homeless living on their property or they can't repair their own home or mow the lawn. We have linked arms to help our neighbors do neighbor to neighbor. We have to reallocate some of our unused property in order to continue to fund the things that we want to do for our neighbors. We want to take the opportunity to thank the city of Portland for recognizing we are better together and your decision to create an easier path for churches to sell excess property will benefit the greater community in numerous ways. We have been impressed with every city employee we have worked with in the neighbor to neighbor program and we look forward to doing even more together. So please pass this for all of our sakes. Let's make the community better together.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Dolores, you're on.

**Dolores Myers:** Oh, my goodness.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your persistence. It paid off.

**Myers:** Thank you for the opportunity. Hello, everyone. It's difficult to give my thoughts because the zoning I don't understand totally but I was informed by nan is that correct it could be 30 feet tall and three stories. I feel that the architecture should relate to our surrounding neighborhood. I am concerned about philip neri has 57 units and I wonder how many units might go in here and I think about the parking and I think there should be a playground for the kids. I'm impressed by the good will of everyone that wants to provide affordable housing and I do believe in that, but I think we have to consider the impact on the neighborhood when you bring in people and you don't provide the parking and the space for children to play that they should have. I have been a resident here for 27 years

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and I live next to ascension church. When we get buildings, they will block the view of the cascades, which is kind of sad. I think that's what I wanted to say.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, dolores. We appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Dianne Clay followed by Bill Kabeiseman.

**Wheeler:** The name cut out a bit, can you repeat the person's name?

**Moore-Love:** We are on Diane Clay.

**Dianne Clay:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear, you are good to go.

**Clay:** Hi, Thanks for having me here today mayor wheeler and all the commissioners, I am Diane Clay. I am here to request the zone change for residential to the property at 4515 North Mississippi Avenue. A little back story, I purchased my grandmother's house that had been in the family for over 30 years. Grandma was worried before she passed away that the family house would be lost to gentrification by the way of a money lender her children had to use in order to remove mold and asbestos. From the house.

**Wheeler:** Diane, you muted yourself.

**Clay:** Sorry about that. That's the most heartwarming thing, after we came home, I knew that there was a need for affordable housing in the neighborhood, especially to the people of color and low income people that has been displaced and lost their homes in the past a couple of decades due to the gentrification. I started my property management business in order to provide affordable housing in the neighborhood. I rented out individual rooms and provided affordable rooms that is 25% below the market rate for the area to individuals who grew up in the northeast area that did not want to be displaced to East County or Gresham. My greatest obstacle or barrier is to access the Capitol. I am an affordable housing provider. I requested the change to zoning, single dwelling residential to multi-family, will allow me to expand and offer more affordable housing in the interstate corridor. Since my property is in the interstate corridor urban renewal area, I fall into the gap of my business not being able to benefit from various programs that are designed to help small minority business and property owners like myself due to being in a single dwelling zone. This is a huge barrier for me and my family. I need the zoning to be changed to multi-dwelling so that I can access the Prosper Portland funds to do upgrades for the house. If I can do that, I will be able to provide generational wealth for my family as well as provide safe, adequate, affordable housing to low income people in the community. My house is located two houses down from property that are already multi-family zoned, and kitty corner from properties that are commercial zoning. I know that I am a small -- I am an individual person. Granted, I don't have the political backing or the corporation backing, I should say, behind it, but please consider this zone change that will benefit the community and provide a wealth generation opportunity for my family that has been living in the area for several generations. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Dianne. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Miss Clay. But the person that testified at the planning commission that was referred to earlier?

**Clay:** Yes, ma'am. So I am just a single individual, so I am not a major corporation, and I get that. However, in order for me to allow my family has been in this area for generations after generations. In order for me to provide wealth for my family and provide low income housing for people -- for my friends and other family members, I need the zone to be changed.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much for taking the time to come here today. I am very interested in pursuing your request, and similar to another request that the council heard a couple of years ago, and I think that it's another way that we can provide reparations and also prevent displacement as you said, so I will certainly want more information and would be very interested in pursuing this. **Clay:** Thank you, Thank you for having me.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you, dianne. Thank you, commissioner Fritz.

**Moore-Love:** Next I have Ikuko Hisaka followed by doug klots.

**Bill Kabeiseman, Attorney with Bateman Seidel:** Hello, mayor wheeler, commissioners. I am bill an attorney with bateman seidel. I represent several neighbors that live closeby the st. Andrew's presbyterian church on southwest sunset boulevard. The last map change in your packet no. 20. Staff has talked about this particular property during this presentation, and you also heard from the church, itself, in mr. Calhoun who talk about the church's desire to rezone from r10 to r5. We want to support the church in their desire to go to r5. Before I go into some of the reasons, I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak today in this new environment we are all adjusting to, and to acknowledge the good work in this project. My clients support this effort to provide affordable housing and institutions and the good work that has gone into it. There are many opportunities for affordable housing in the city and targeting willing institutions and addressing the barriers is a great way to spur that development of the affordable housing. In the case of st. Andrew's church, they are willing, a willing institution, but after consulting with the neighbor, they want to make sure what they do is appropriate for their neighborhood. Is the packet from the planning commission suggested a rezoning to r1, as originally requested, but their request now is to go to r5, and that's what the neighbor supports and the church supports, as well. If it's council, if this council wants this project to succeed, it's important to follow the wishes of the willing institutions or may result in a different barrier being erected. In this case, you have the institution and it's neighbors agreeing on a path forward, and I urge you to follow that path. It comes from the church. It has been vetted by the neighbors, and the amendments to the code, including the changes in the st. Andrew's property from r10 to 5. Thank you. I am available for any questions you might have.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, bill. Commissioner Fritz, did you just keep your hand up or did you have a specific question here?

**Fritz:** No. I just wanted to say that I really appreciate the church and the neighbors watching together, and actually, you addressed our concern that I had for this particular site. It is over half a mile from transit, and probably not a very good site for multi-family housing. So I agree that the r5 designation gets the best of both worlds, so thank you for coming in.

**Kabeiseman:** Thank you, commissioner Fritz.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, bill. And thank you commissioner Fritz.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Ikuko Hisaka, Doug Klotz, followed by mary vogel.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Wheeler:** I am sorry, Karla, can you repeat the name?

**Moore-Love:** I see they are on the line.

**Hisaka:** Hi, this is [inaudible] with my mom, Ikuko Hisaka. She submitted a written testimony yesterday and will not be using the spoken testimony today.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Doug Klotz:** Hello.

**Wheeler:** Doug. You are up.

**Klotz:** Great. Thank you. Hi. Mayor wheeler and commissioners, my name is doug Klotz. I support the expanded opportunity for affordable housing. As the archdiocese of Portland said this will make it easier and more predictable for housing developers and communities to respond to the housing crisis. I support changes to the conditional use code, especially allowing removal of 50% of parking spaces for housing without conditional use process and along with the Portland neighbors welcome, I also support upping that to 100% of the parking spaces, housing people should take precedence over restoring cars. I support all the proposed zone changes. The sites were reviewed by staff who

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recommended appropriate new zoning. There is three sites specifically that I want to talk about. I support all try of these. The first is emanuel temple on north sumner, which is a change from r2-5 to cm-2 to allow us to pursue affordable housing to further their mission. Cm2 allows more housing and more flexible in height and matches the zoning two blocks away. This seems appropriate to me. The robison jewish home has two existing large buildings, you know, one-story spread out [inaudible] signs them. Rm1 zoning will allow better use of this large site near bh highway to expand the facilities. Boundary street could be closed west of the site to reduce the neighborhood traffic, or some sort of restriction there. I support the rezoning of [inaudible] mary on southeast 16th. A historic district should preserve buildings of the past that allow uses of today and of the future. This proposal saves and restores three buildings, including the 1952 church. The son is on the design team for one of the new buildings, and historic review with compatibility. Affordable housing along division will compliment older buildings and address 21st century needs right across from the grocery store and on a major transit corridor, and I support the entire proposal and would allow -- ask for 100% parking renewable allowance.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Moore-Love:** Sorry. Next is mary.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, mary.

**Mary Vogel, Principal of Plan Green and Co-Administrator of Portland's Small**

**Developer Alliance:** Am I unmuted now.

**Wheeler:** You certainly are. You are good.

**Vogel:** Okay. Thank you. I am mary vogel, principal of plan green and co-administrator of Portland's small developer alliance. I cannot offer a great personal story like many who testified today as I live downtown and am most aligned with the first unitarian church, which has the cx zoning, allowing the highest density in the city. Plans are underway there, and I support them. I fully support this proposal, too, the expanding opportunities for affordable housing. Although Portland's small developer alliance has not taken a position, I believe that many of our members would jump at the chance to help effective faith-based and nonprofit landowners, as developers indirectly affiliated with the new urbanism, I do know that they believe that fax don't support the density of the dangerous narrative, which is the title of the study by a journal editor who points out that even in new york city, the least bureau one had the [inaudible] case than manhattan. I have taken a quotes from a few more studies that may be helpful in assuages our neighbors who fear further density in their neighborhood because of pandemics. Folks can get links to these studies as well as cogent quotes from my testimony on map app. Density is not destiny. Covid and cascadia by joe courtwright, city observatory, another coronavirus, the new face of urban density by liam dillon of the "l.a. Time" staff writer. This author also has a link to a piece that nuances density into two types that I don't have time to go into today. Urban density is not the enemy in the coronavirus fight evidenced from china by [inaudible] on the world bank blog. Mayor wheeler, city commissioners, and your staff, as well as members of the public who are listening today, thanks for taking the time to listen to our testimonies. You each contribute to my sense of community no matter which side you are on. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, mary.

**Moore-Love:** Next is heidi hart followed by john Washington and douglas taylor.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, heidi.

**Heidi Hart:** Hi. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I am heidi hart, and I strongly support the expanding opportunities for affordable housing projects. I commend the inclusion of the ability to remove up to 50% of parking by right anywhere, and I hope that the city will go farther and also allow 100% of the existing parking spaces to be converted to housing. Religious institutions and other community-based organizations can assess their own parking needs and should have the maximum possible flexibility to serve

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their communities and create desperately needed housing, especially in light of the current crisis. I also urge the city to approve all individual upzoning requests you may have received, and to keep in mind that low income Portlanders who would potentially live in the future housing do not have the same ability to organize as the homeowners who are currently safely housed. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thanks a lot, heidi.

**Moore-Love:** Next is John Washington followed by Douglas Taylor and Robbie Terron.

**John Washington:** Good afternoon, commissioners and mayor. How are you doing. I hope you are in good health.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Washington:** I am here on behalf of the district business association as the executive director in support and advocacy of the zone change on the property on 4505 North Mississippi Avenue and 4515 North Mississippi Avenue. Change from a single dwelling, R2.5 to multi-dwelling R1, mixed commercial CM2. We stand in support of our long standing historical Black property owners as they seek to answer our community's challenge of providing culturally specific affordable housing within our North, Northeast Portland district. Our district has been hit particularly hard by a balance of wealth, disparities that persist in the Black community, gentrification, displacement, and divestment have all played a hand in disrupting the general wealth cycle of the resource Black residents, businesses, and property owners. This zoning change will provide an opportunity for -- to mitigate the displacement of long-time Black residents while providing opportunities for them to create additional affordable housing and wealth creation strategies for their families and other community members in need. Thank you for considering our request for this support, and we appreciate your commitment to our city's development. Again, and thank you very much again for the time and investment which you guys have put into this, and particularly, Commissioner Eudaly -- I have an appreciation for you being wise. Thank you, again.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Mr. Washington.

**Moore-Love:** Douglas Taylor followed by Ravi Terron and Kaeneko Clarkson

**Douglas Taylor:** Good afternoon. My name is Douglas Taylor, and my family and I are long time Southeast Portland residents near the Catholic Church at 2408 Southeast 16th Avenue. Mayor Wheeler and members of the Council, I want to thank you for your consideration of expanding affordable housing under the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing (EOAH) initiative. During this difficult time for all of us with this pandemic. We appreciate that the city of Portland can amend local ordinances within the Title 33 Comprehensive Plan Map, and based on the amendments proposed for the area without requiring full disclosure from the requesting agency, Catholic Charities of Oregon. We are aware that the city has been using both 33 changes for [inaudible] as part of the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing (EOAH). The full body of the recommended draft does not require affordable housing on any of the proposed sites, this parcel included. If the whole justification for these zoning and comprehensive plan map changes is to facilitate affordable housing, I don't see how these proposals comply if organizations are encouraged but not required to build affordable housing developments as Commissioner Eudaly emphasize in her questions. The assurances are not binding to organizations that could choose to develop market rate or luxury rate units or sell to a private developer looking to do the same, especially in the case of a large, well-healed, 501c3 like Catholic Charities. Additionally, any material with the legal requirement of a transportation impact analysis demonstrating compliance with the transportation planning role for development was not listed. Finally, the proposal for future housing development on this parcel proves inconsistent with the national historic district character and uses the existing structures for

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purposes other than which they were originally intend. For these reasons I urge st. Philip mary catholic church to be removed from the expanding opportunities for affordable housing initiative and deny the zoning changes sought by the catholic charities of Oregon to build a large scale housing development on the historically designated church parcel, where affordable housing is encouraged for the faith-based organization but certainly not required. I want to thank the mayor and all the commissioners for their consideration of my testimony.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, douglas.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Ravi Kiran followed by Kaenkeo Clarkson and linda metacobin.

**Ravi Kiran Kondama Reddy:** Hello.

**Wheeler:** Hello. We hear you.

**Reddy:** Okay. Hi. My name is Ravi Reddy, are you ready? I am a residents on Boundary Street, and I would like to thank the mayor and commissioners for providing me this opportunity to provide my testimony about the expanding opportunities for affordable housing. And the amendments to zoning. Although I support this initiative, I do not support the change of zoning, but for the particular property. I do not support the change to the zoning of the robison jewish home [Robison Health & Rehabilitation Center at Cedar Sinai Park] located on boundary street from r10 to rm1. With the limited availability of my time I would like to highlight only two of the I noticed that are on the matter here. One, the complete lack of transparency in choosing this particular property to the existing one. The property in the question, the robison jewish home does not appear in the draft proposed in january. On march 10, when a set of nine additional properties were introduced, there was a surprise and astonishment expressed by the members of the planning board. This lack of transparency by the city and the board of directors at the robison jewish center results in complete distrust on a deep sense of insecurity amongst the residents off boundary street. The robison jewish center is under the families in Portland, and here, look poor on the city administrators. There has been no communication or now,s about this property sent to the residents on the street either by the city or our robison jewish center neighbors. The last two months have been very difficult for many of us, especially now when we need to be more vigilant. The lack of communication and transparency is very troubling. This is especially for councilwoman hardesty. I would like to impress upon you the need to adequately question the requirements of this particular property. Secondly, I would like to point out the environmental impact of this change to the robison home property. The rezoning of this property. Under question here is a densely wooded property that is part of a, a constantly eroding catchen basin of fanno creek. The failing grades on the fanno creek report card demonstrate the vulnerability of the Fish and wildlife. The land, along most of the creeks banks, mainly this area, is very narrow on the vegetation coverage almost no to nonexistent in some areas. We need to improve the area instead of destroying it. I strongly urge the mayors and the counselors to oppose this change in zoning for the Robison Jewish home. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you

**Wheeler:** After the next testimony, can you give me a heads up on how many more folks that we have to testify.

**Kaenkeo Clarkson:** Hi Thank you for letting me speak. My name is Kaenkeo Clarkson and I believe in affordable housing and I think it is a wonderful idea. But I oppose the affordable housing development for the Robison Center Cedar Sanai on Boundary Street, the proposal is too big. My husband and I moved into this neighborhood because of the quaint street, green space, and the trails located at the Robison property. Since then, we have had two children, and our children spent a lot of time in our front yard, the green space and the trail. Because we don't have much of a backyard space, as where they play. Our concern is about the safety of the 10 to 15 children on the street, and in the

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past, I have complained about the traffic issues in and out of the Robinson & Cedar Sahome, and it was dismissed by the staff there. The boundary street is -- doesn't have the -- does not have the capacity to -- with the increase of the traffic. It's a very narrow street. We do not want to have to worry about our children getting hit by a car in front of the house. We ask you to please take into consideration not to take-away the safety of the children, the pedestrians that use the street and the dog walkers. Many of us avoid the bustling and very loud Beaverton/Hillsdale highway, which is was, unfortunately, has had many pedestrian fatalities in the recent year. That's all that I have to say, but yeah. So you have this.

**Wheeler:** Yes, thank you for your testimony, we appreciate it. Karla, can I get a check?

**Moore-Love:** It's 15, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Linda Nettekoven followed by Kathleen McCullough and Andrew [inaudible].

**Linda Nettekoven:** Hello, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners. This is Linda Nettekoven. It's nice to see your faces, even briefly on the screen. I am here to express my strong support for the expanding opportunities for affordable housing proposal before you. The removal of these barriers represents the kind of innovative thinking that we need in response to Portland's well documented housing crisis. It allows new units to be built without the need to demolish existing housing or to displace the residents in the process. The increased access to housing along with any of the impacts from this new infill will be shared by the neighborhoods across the city. In my neighborhood it will lessen in a small way some of the economic segregation that ongoing gentrification has forced upon us. With the excellent work that has already been done by staff and so many community partners I have only a few side comments on the package. I do share Commissioner Eudaly's concern about wanting to maximize the affordable housing units that are built due to these zone changes. I have concerns about the conduct of a community engagement in the midst of a pandemic. I am interested in how evaluation will be conducted. Is there a system to track the units with the number that are affordable and what income levels, etc. Also, how design opportunities will be maximized so that density will bring good design to communities. I think that some of these may be handled in the manual you are putting together, but I want to raise those concerns. My final comment is about the St. Philip project. I live within three blocks of this area, and wish to add my support for that project, assuming it will be affordable housing. It is ideal for providing more equitable access to housing in an area that has been gentrifying for some time and is a high opportunity neighborhood. It is located on frequent service bus line, soon to host bus rapid transit. There is a grocery store across the street, a community garden around the corner, a food co-op, and restaurants, coffee shops, and other commercial establishments on Division nearby corridors. There is a daycare center, and there could be opportunities for lower income seniors to age in place. There are many reasons to support if not -- the St. Philip Mary project. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Linda.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Kathleen McCullough followed by Andrew [inaudible] and Marisa Grim.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, Kathleen.

**Kathleen McCullough:** I am Kathleen McCullough, a member of the neighborhood association and inclusion committee. My testimony concerns the application by the Robinson Home on Southwest Boundary Street. My family lived on Boundary Street for over 56 years, during this time we have witnessed and been supportive of the changes at the Robinson Home. However now we break from that support. In the past the neighbors were involved in discussions surrounding the development. This time that did not occur. The

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now the neighborhood is faced with the rezoning of a green space and an adjoining old growth forest for multiple family dwellings for the elderly. The development would have an enormous physical, psychological, and environmental and financial impact on our small neighborhood it is not the case that this is paving over a parking lot. There is an environmental buffer against the beaverton/hillsdale highway, a community space for walkers from the home and the adjoining neighborhood. If this lands is build up to the degree the zoning would allow, there would be more people in those dwellings than in the single family dwellings that existed for decades. It is not a street of mansions but modest single family homes. My dad built the home that I live in here now. I recognize the intent of the proposal is to build affordable housing, and I and my neighbors echo the concerns of chloe eudaly. What oversight will the park have to ensure affordability. The price is for rose manor on the campus roughly from 5,000 to 7,000 homes. Another part of the proposal that seems like just the tip of the hat is the access to a bus stop at the bottom of 62nd, which runs from beaverton/hillsdale highway to boundary street. 62nd is a hill and quite a hill. I highly doubt other cars can go through. 62nd cannot handle the traffic to and from boundary street. The livability of boundary street will plummet with the proposed plan and our house prices will plummet along with it. I ask you to please hold off on your decision regarding this proposal. Give the neighborhood a chance. Thank you for your -- thank you for listening.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Andrew Berlinberg:** Next is Andrew Berlinberg followed by marisa grim and Fernando D'Agostino

**Wheeler:** Thank you, mayor wheeler and commissioners for this opportunity to testify today. My name is andrew, a citizen of Portland and a homeowner living next door to the st. Andrew's presbyterian church's parking lot. I support both the need for more affordable housing in our city and st. Andrew's request to rezone the parking lot from r10 to r5. As you heard from john calhoun of the church, the r5 zoning will allow st. Andrews to achieve the goal of providing affordable homes. The documents posted on the city's website show a change from r10 to rm1 zoning, which I am told is an error that has been corrected. R5 zoning will allow double the density of the current zoning and fit within the constraints of the neighborhood. As the commissioner said earlier, these include limited public transportation. According to the website, [inaudible] the property 21 out of 100, it was rated, and is described as car dependent with few nearby public transportation options. Another constraint is the narrowness and lack of sidewalks on both dashroad and sunset boulevard. The shoulder of dosh, a two-lane road, slopes into a ditch just north of the property making walking a challenge. While absorbing a handful of housing units would be manageable, the level of development with the rm1 zoning would overwhelm the available transportation infrastructure. My understanding is the church does not want rm1 stoning, and I do not support a change to rm1 zoning. I encourage the city council to support the range to r5 zoning, which is the goal of the church and supported by many of my neighbors and me. I thank you again for this opportunity to testify.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, andrew.

**Moore-Love:** Next is marisa grim followed by fernanda [inaudible]

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Marisa Grim:** Hi. If you can hear me, sorry, I am doubled up on my phone and my computer.

**Wheeler:** You can only have one or the other.

**Grim:** I know. I am using this one. Great, can you hear me now?

**Wheeler:** Perfectly, thank you. .

**Wheeler:** That did not sound good. What happened? Marisa, are you still with us?

**Hardesty:** See what you did, mayor?

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**Wheeler:** That's what's scaring me. Let's come back to her.

**Grim:** I am here:

**Wheeler:** Okay. We hear you.

**Grim:** All right. Perfect. Okay. Hello, mayor and commissioners, and everybody listening. My name is Marisa Grim, and I live on the corner of Boundary Street and Shattuck Road. I, obviously, my first thing is that I absolutely think that we need affordable housing, and I agree with Nan, and I love what she is doing and the partnership. However, on Boundary Street cannot support another sort of unit with like a multi-dwelling housing project. We already are overloaded as it is, and this is a really narrow street, and being I am on the corner of Shaddock Road and Boundary Street, people -- there is a lot of traffic, obviously, coming to and from the Robinson home. We get cars kind of going through this area right into the street, which really isn't cut out to even have two cars like passing each other on the road. So we have -- it's also parallels the highway, so we have a lot of walking traffic, and we have bikers, and my concern always is, is that someone will get hit, especially with people the way that they fly, you know, through the streets. And we do have a number of kids, and the thing that I love is we have quite a few elderly that walk the street often. So that's probably -- I don't think that we can support having more people, more cars, more traffic through the street, and as it is, we already have emergency vehicles come through often, and you know, the one, from one end of the street to another, there are two roads. There is 65th and the exit -- the exit, entrance into Shattuck Road, so that would be my first one, and I agree with Commissioner Eudaly that my concern would be that it's really ambiguous on what that would look like, and being that it is a business next door, and there are residents that are paying, you know, 5,000 to 7,000 to be there, I just can't see how we can guarantee that there will be affordable housing in that project. So those are really my main concerns, and I oppose changing the permit for the property.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Marisa.

**Grim:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Fernando D'Agostino and Dari Kondama Reddy and Brian Foulkes.

**Fernando D'Agostino:** Hello.

**Wheeler:** Hi.

**D'Agostino:** I am Fernanda D'Agostino. Thanks for having us, and thanks for all your good work on this project. I have lived on Boundary Street for 30 years. I have watched Cedar Sinai grow from a small little apartment complex to what it is today, which is major care facility for the elderly. I want to say that we have had, in the 30 years, we have had wonderful relationships with the people that live there and also with the people that lived in the affordable elder center. I don't know the name of it, on Beaverton/Hillsdale Highway. This is a really big walking street. It's a family street. And I sort of support having affordable housing on our street. What worries me is that there are a number of the earlier pastors and ministers that talked about the relationship that they had with the neighbors and the conversations that they had with the neighbors about how to accomplish this in a way that was going to fortify the community. We have not had those conversations. In the 30 years I lived here, the traffic and the speeding that Marisa was just mentioning, that's been a problem for 30 years, and every time there is a new change at Cedar, you know, there has been discussion, but nothing ever changes. The speeding, the traffic, it's just, you know, never ending. And I feel concerned that it will not be affordable. And that we will also really -- create a dangerous situation for the families that live here and the people that use the Boundary as a place to walk. So, I would really ask that the commission to work with Cedar Sinai to have some real commitments not just a handshake about traffic calming and, you know, trying to resolve this in a way that's going to be affordable and also reflect the character of the neighborhood. I think it's not impossible to do, but it takes a bit more -- I wish that we had the relationship with the board and the administrators at

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cedar sinai that we have with our neighbors that we walk with and talk with and in our front yard. That relationship is not there, and I really regret that. We need the city to advocate for us because we've been trying to advocate for ourselves for 30 years and getting nowhere. I hope that we can find a way because we do need to address the housing shortage. That's what I had to say today. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate it. Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Dari Kondama Reddy followed by Brian Foulkes and Leesha Posey.

**Dari Kondama Reddy:** Good afternoon.

**Wheeler:** Hi, Dari.

**Reddy:** Hold on. I would like to thank the mayor and the city council for the opportunity to provide my testimony about expanding opportunities for affordable housing and the amendments to the zoning. My name is dari [inaudible], and I am a neighbor of the robison jewish home in southwest Portland on boundary street. Although I support this initiative, I do not support the change of zoning, of one property and that is the robison jewish home. I do not support changing the zoning from rm10 to 1. As a neighbor of the home ambulances, fire engines, and employees, visitors and residents of the facility drive in front of my home. This is not maintained by the city of Portland. There are no sidewalks. A lot of potholes. Very loud, as the trucks go by and potholes make the [inaudible] of the truck. But, you know, in this time, and always, the boundary street has been a neighborhood walkway, and the residents of the street provide much needed social and emotional support for the elder residents of the robison jewish home in their daily walks. My ten-year-old son constantly shares his walks and stories with the residents of the home. Even though we love our neighbors, those who are residents of the robison jewish home, we have been kept in the dark by the management of the organization, and the lack of trust and communication by the management is why I am opposing the change in the zoning. Previous construction projects -- they are treated as an annoyance rather than an asset. Getting information from the management was like pulling teeth. The neighborhoods concerns on the traffic mitigation or the reduction of parking or any support towards upkeep of the street were barely acknowledged and disregarded by the management. Because of this, the boundary neighbors can't entrust the robison jewish home management or board in building a large housing complex. I would like to close my testimony with the line from the famous robert frost, good fences make good neighbors. We want to be good neighbors with the residents of the robison jewish home, but the management has not been a willing partner. In closing I do not support the change of zoning of the robison jewish home from r10 to rm1. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, dari.

**Moore-Love:** Next is brian folks followed by [inaudible] mosey and nicholas davis.

**Brian Foulkes:** Hello, this is brian folks on boundary street, and I would like to ask that cedar sinai not be included in this zoning change. I remember when they bought the land involved from [inaudible] 15, 20 years ago, and they expressly planned at the time to build on it, but never since have they said anything about the affordable housing. I don't think that it's their plan, and I think that they are just taking the opportunity now to try and escape the normal zone change process. In a way, to an end run around neighborhood. Cedar sinai is a huge institution. It's been my sense, the 800-pound gorilla, and they pay attention to their needs and not for ours, and our trying to interact with them, they have not been -- they don't honor agreements, even written and signed agreements -- they don't honor. The one neighborhood agreement that they signed an agreement took 14 years of constant badgering before they did what they said that they would, and they only did it halfway. -- in this process, we, the neighbors on boundary street, feel blindsided because we only heard about this through the grapevine at the end of last week. That's not okay. Everyone along boundary street is hugely impacted. This is a poorly built road made of

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gravel and oil. We have huge trucks going back and forth, and all the cedar sinai traffic. We need leverage over them. If you grant this change to cedar sinai without any neighborhood involvement, it will be a coup for them, and it will just help them to further ignore their impact on the neighbors. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to let everyone know that came to testify about robison that even with a zoning change, which I am not saying whether or not -- I will have to look into it more -- there will be requirements of the development permitting stage to look at transportation impact and whether the existing infrastructure could support increased density. There could be anything from right-of-way improvement requirements to just a denial of the permit, so I don't want you to think that even if this change does go ahead, that means that property will be developed tomorrow. There is still collection in place, so I just -- I wanted to share that and I am going to continue looking into it.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Next is Leesha posey followed by Nikolas davis and jordan winkler.

**Leesha Posey:** Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon.

**Posey:** My name is lisa posey, and I am the former co-chair of the north and northeast community development action plan oversight committee for prosper Portland, and I am the community partner and program lead for the empower communities program in the bureau of development services. Small business own, diane clay, I met through this work. As she mentioned in her earlier testimony, miss clay's story is one shared by many black people in Portland. It is one of disenfranchisement, predatory lending, displacement, struggle, systemic and structural disparities, survival, and legacy. She's now simply seeking to create generational wealth for her family by transforming her family's property into a real estate asset. Miss clay also has a vision for her community. She's providing community benefit with a strategy to provide affordable and culturally responsive housing and a landscape that was once home to many african-americans in northeast Portland. Unfortunately, she's at an impact and unable to secure the financial backing to grow. Miss clay has fallen true the gaps of existing public programs and resources aimed at supporting black women owned businesses, and properties, such as hers. In an effort to support her goal for creating generational wealth and countered acting displacement, I am asking the city hall to accept her request to change her property at 4515 north mississippi avenue from residential single dwelling to multi-dwelling as part of the expanding opportunities for affordable housing projects. Like the majorities of other businesses and property owners, it has, that has benefited from the zoning changes, this could provide miss clay with similar benefits and opportunities. Most importantly, it could provide her and the community she seeks to serve a chance, a chance to change this and thrive. Please support her vision.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Nidolas davis followed by jordan winkler and christy Dirren.

**Nikolas Davis:** Hello. Thank you for taking the time to hear me today. I appreciate it. So my name is nicholas davis, a resident of southwest boundary street and a Portland native. I am here to discuss the proposal to rezone the robison lot from r10c to rm1. And rm1c. I oppose the rezoning but generally support the measure. With the exception of robison in the, and the properties adjacent to highway 10 our neighborhood is, actually, nearly entirely r7 and r10. Robison already has two large multi-tenant facilities on our street, on our small street, one of which is an exception to the r7 zoning. Creating more dense facilities here will really only increase the abrupt transition and the tension between the r7, r10 zoning of the road and neighborhood. These would clearly tax our natural environment as well as our limited physical resources including but not limited to our narrow roads. As

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far as ecological impacts, we mentioned on top of a steep valley down to highway 10. There is a great deal of water run-off that most houses have to deal with already to some extent, and more built land adjacent to us and across the neighbors will only worsen this, likely causing residents to incur greater costs to their buildings and land maintenance, and in addition to greater stormwater run-off and pollution that the built land is known to have. These acres of land also house a myriad of wildlife and would leave them without a home. Now we're constrained by the Robison Jewish Center, and the Arlington Schnitzer Center. If it were clear how Robison planned to use the facility and stipulations that they [inaudible] themselves as neighbors, just about everyone would support a measure of affordable housing. So to be clear this is not [inaudible] but a concern for a lack of actual stipulation for affordable housing and ask the densifying of our unique case be thought out a little more. And that the existing costs of Robison puts on the neighborhood actually be acknowledged and negotiated. It seems they only endeavor to expand the senior living facilities, and that can be frustrating, so thank you for your time and I appreciate you hearing my testimony.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is Jordan Winkler, and follow by Chrisy Diron and Jasmine Wilez.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Mr. Winkler.

**Jordan Winkler:** Thank you. I am Jordan Winkler, and I am helping on a volunteer basis with the zone change we've been hearing so much about. This is all about some excess land at the Cedar Sinai Park that was purchased years ago, in addition to the campus, and so I just wanted to tell you a bit about the intentions and the affordable housing expertise. Cedar Sinai Park is a nonprofit with a mission of providing residential and community-based care to our elders and adults. Allowing them to live with comfort and dignity. They have been serving this community for 100 years, and in fact, it's a 100-year party was scheduled to occur this weekend. And it's been located on Southwest Boundary Street for 65 years. [inaudible] owns the parcel adjacent to the campus intended for the campus expansion or for the affordable housing development with the opportunities provided by the project. And also, for our nature preservation, as much as the site is in an environmental overlay zone. And there is not a concrete plan for what to do next. It's just a big player in affordable housing, and demonstrated expertise in affordable housing, particularly for seniors. The organization preserved 540 units of down the housing in downtown Portland and operates those affordable units today with a high standard of resident services. And what's especially interesting about this opportunities to build affordable housing adjacent to the campus is the ability to provide enhanced level of resident services for seniors, drawing on the extensive resources on campus to help the seniors living independently in the affordable housing, live independently for longer before they need to enter a care facility, and that would be really an exemplary model and a great thing for the community. We have heard testimony, and concerns about traffic and other matters. I think that CSP has done this before, the organization is committed to addressing the concerns and the traffic in the neighborhood and would only do additional development if it could be helpful to the neighborhood. They have agreed for special arrangements with the neighborhood to direct traffic and deliveries on certain streets. The organization is deeply committed to working again with our neighbors. Once there is any development plan for the site, but as of this moment there is not. It's just you know, a land use decision. And I just want to say that CSP is an extraordinary commitment to best practices, with careful measures, thankfully zero controversy cases on campus to date, and it will bring the same commitment to best practices to any development of the site. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**\*\*\*\*\*:** Next is Christy Dirren followed by Jazmin Velez using an interpreter, Mira and Lauren Hawk, I show as the last speaker.

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**Christy Dirrin:** Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners Fritz, hardesty and eudaly. I am christy darren, the pastor of west Portland united methodist church and also a member of the 11 community land and housing coalition. In 1980 the church purchased the land, which is actually denoted as number 9 on the expanding opportunity's map. That was agreed with the former owners that will be used only for benefiting the community. It would not be sold at market or luxury rate for profit. Three year ago the church began to explore putting affordable housing on that land, and we ran into two things -- amazing support from our neighbors, including our neighborhood association, and dreams from the city, such as the southwest corridor equitable housing strategy. We also ran into the barriers around additional use and zoning, which would have prohibited us from doing anything on that land besides our -- our current community garden? Because of the 11 community land and housing coalition and the attentive ears of [inaudible] stark and joan christiansen, we've been able to discuss the potential opportunities so that we can build and contribute to the solution of the affordable housing. We are one of the churches considered being part of a bundle with other projects, which would increase the potential for funding and those who will be served. With the current pandemic going on, we would like to continue moving forward to provide hope for the future on the other side of the pandemic, for we know that housing will definitely be in more need, affordable housing, will be in more need. So I fully support the code and zoning changes proposed by the bureau of planning and sustainability and the Portland commission on sustainability to remove barriers to affordable housing, developed on land owned by faith communities. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Appreciate your testimony.

**Moore-Love:** Next is jazmin Velez and her interpreter is myra arella.

**Wheeler:** Very good, thank you.

**Myra Ayala:** This is myra, are you able to hear me.

**Wheeler:** Yes, loudly and clearly. [testifying through an interpreter]

**Jazmin Velez [using interpreter, Mira Ayala]:** Good afternoon, I live in a mobile home with my husband and three daughters in the cully neighborhood, and I am an organizer with 11 housing and land coalition. Right now we are going through a very uncomfortable situation. On april 18th, my mobile home almost caught fire from a strong electric surge. The owners of the mobile home park knew beforehand that there was a problem, that they did not immediately respond to it. Now we are on day 26 without a stove and some other electrical appliances. Everything was broken by the surge. Now I have to go to my mom's house to cook. By doing this, I am exposing my family to more people during this pandemic, something that causes me a lot of stress. I feel very upset, frustrated, and above all, I feel very sad. I have to wait until they decide to fix my appliances, and it makes me feel like I have no control over my home or keeping my family healthy. I have thought many times if I can only have my own home where I don't have to depend on other people. Through my work in the coalition I am hearing many stories going through a similar situation. They are desperate, and even more now in the midst of this pandemic, which in Oregon has hit latino harder than any other group. Housing is still very expensive. It gives me a lot of hope to be working with congregations that want to build safe and affordable housing. I support the code and zoning changes that bts is proposing to remove barriers for congregations that want to build so families like mine can have decent housing where we have control and agency over our own homes. Thank you very much for letting us give our testimonies, for hearing these testimonies and giving us the space here. I am really grateful. I have faith and hope for these changes.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it very much.

**Wheeler:** Karla, does that conclude the public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** I show one more person.

**Wheeler:** Very good, last but not least.

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**Lauren Hawk:** Thank you very much, mayor and commissioners. I am Lauren Houck, and I am a member of the Wesleyan Church in North Portland as well as the 11 Community Land and Housing Coalition. To illustrate my support of these code and zoning changes I want to tell you the story of my 76-year-old friend, Cathy. Cathy moved to Portland about 45 years ago fleeing horrific domestic violence situations with her three children and another on the way. When she arrived in Portland she lived in a homeless shelter for a couple of weeks, and then found housing in the St. John's neighborhood of North Side Portland. She found work in an -- assistive living facility. She volunteered for many nonprofits and served many vulnerable populations even though she's vulnerable, herself. If there is a way for her to show up, she was there. Six years ago he was priced out of her small rental and forced to move out of Portland. She's one of many hard working folks whose driving housing costs forced them to leave their home, neighbors, community of faith and the networks they give to and receive from. This is detrimental not only to the individuals forced to move but the communities that are losing them. This is just one story that demonstrates why it is essential that Portland do all that we can to address our housing crisis, including finding creative solutions about where and how to build. Expanding opportunities for affordable housing will help to remove the barriers for communities of faiths like mine and other organizations who want to develop affordable housing on the land and therefore, enforce the code and changes proposed therein. I do not want people like Cathy to continue to lose their homes and communities, and our communities cannot continue to afford to lose people like her. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Lauren, appreciate it. So now Karla, that concludes the public testimony?

**Moore-Love:** Correct, Mayor, that's all I show registered.

**Wheeler:** Great. I want to thank everybody who testified today. That was great testimony. I have taken pages of notes. I just want to remind everyone that we will not be taking a vote today, and that we will be leaving the record open. I will be explaining all that later. I want to take this opportunity to have my colleagues ask any questions or have any discussion that they would like to have at this point. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I just may be quicker on the draw than my remarks because I tend to go first. I came in late but I plan to review the information, the information that I missed. I have a question for the Planning Commission. Nan, if maybe you would be the appropriate person to respond? My question really has to do with the mix that -- of organizations that want to take advantage of these zone changes, and my understanding is that it was basically faith organizations and then the proposal that we are reviewing today seems to have actually veered away from that. So one question is how broad is this policy that you are recommending that we support, and then a second, I am very concerned about not being intentional about saying this will be housing that is affordable, and it has been to be stated at a specific level, whether it's 30%, 60% or whatever. I lived here long enough to know that if we don't say it, it doesn't happen. So I am really curious as to how the recommendation did not mandate that the housing units would at least have a percentage that we could be comfortable with the permanently affordable for folks in our community.

**Stark:** Commissioner, I will try to respond to a bit of that, and Eric also is on the call, and I don't know if Matt is still around from the Housing Bureau. Your first comment was about --

**Hardesty:** The mix.

**Stark:** The mix. Most of the outreach for this project was done in conjunction with the ecumenical ministries reaching out to 435 faith-based organizations in the city. We also did outreach to community-based organizations, as well. As a district liaison, that's part of what I do is work with community-based organizations along with the other district liaisons in the bureau who were also aware of this project. So there was some outreach done in that way, as well. Also to partially answer your question, the regulations are targeting the

conditional use review, which conditional uses are generally in regional zones. The majority of those are single dwelling zones, and so what we were targeting specifically was how to streamline the regulatory path to development when housing is what it's desired by that institutional use that happens to be a conditional use. So we specifically looked at streamlining the conditional use review process.

**Hardesty:** For who? For the community-based organizations?

**Stark:** For any institution that is a conditional use, so that does include community service uses that are on the residentially zoned property.

**Hardesty:** I thank you for that. I am sorry, someone else was trying to weigh in?

**Engstrom:** This is Eric. As Nan said, it includes faith-based institutions. They make up about 85% of the properties just by acreage, but there are some fraternal organizations and schools and other nonprofit entities in that mix, as well.

**Hardesty:** And so the expectation is if the city council goes along with the recommendations from the planning commission, this can be opened up to any developer that considers themselves a nonprofit with no requirement that the housing is being built is housing that people can afford to live in, is that correct?

**Engstrom:** It will have to be an institution that is a conditional use.

**Hardesty:** Say more about that, institutional use.

**Engstrom:** It has to be in the institutional use category, which includes churches, community centers, some schools and service organizations, a straightup developer of residential property wouldn't be a conditional use in that sense.

**Hardesty:** I heard a lot of conversation about concern around traffic from people who spoke today. I heard about one of the proposals has not been a good community partner for 30 years, and so if we -- if this was approved, what would be the incentive for this organization to actually engage with the community around whatever it is that they decided to develop.

**Engstrom:** It's going to depend a lot on the site specific zoning, but in that case, there is environmental zoning on the property, as well, so there would be probably a land use review that would have to happen for the specific development, which would involve some further community involvement from the permitting process.

**Hardesty:** Which would require community engagement before it was approved is what you are saying. Is that accurate?

**Engstrom:** Yes. Your other option is you can choose to remove that property from the proposal and ask that more work be done on it. That's up to the council.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. I appreciate the attempt to answer my questions. I think that for me if it doesn't say affordable housing, it will not be affordable housing. We see this all over the city of Portland. I have faith in a lot of the faith institutions that have applied for the zone change, and many of them are long-term institutional partners. I think of St. Andrews and Bethel AME Church, and some with a historic presence in the community and shown that they are good community partners. I guess for me I am going to review in detail both the written documentation and the testimony today, but I am concerned that if we just approve it as you presented it to us, that we will ten years from now be asking what happened. I don't want to be waking up late at night wondering what happened when what we tried to do was good. I appreciate all the testimony today. I thank you both for answering my questions. I may have some other ones when we come back together for our vote. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. I would like you to clarify now what is the process for getting to the vote in terms of the testimony still being open and when there will be a future discussion as well as vote.

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**Wheeler:** I would be happy to do that. Let me reach over here. So we are, obviously, since we are conducting this hearing remotely, we are going to leave the written record open for an additional week, so that would be until may 20th at 5:00 p.m. We are going to accept written comments until that time. We are asking the public to please direct your written comments to the bureau of planning, sustainability testimony app, which is at the [Portlandmaps.com/bps/map](https://portlandmaps.com/bps/map) app. Then as if that was not hard enough to remember, you click on expanding opportunities for affordable housing, and then you click the "testify" button. The easier way is to do a quick google search. Bps staff will forward the comments to the clerk so you can also provide testimony directly to the council clerk. So the intention is to reconvene at 2:00 p.m. On may 21st, so we will be formally continuing this hearing to may 21st at 2:00 p.m., and then at that time the council will consider any further testimony that's come in. We will have further discussion. We will make any amendments as appropriate and pass it onto second reading, which is tentatively scheduled for may 27th on the regular council agenda. So there is two more bites at the apple here for folks.

**Fritz:** And -- thank you for that. In light of the time and the fact that we have some more items still on the agenda, I am wondering -- I know that the -- that the faith communities have been waiting for this for a long time, and nan, thank you for your work on this and over decades with the planning bureau. I appreciate that. I know that you are kind of on borrowed time at this point having retired or close to retirement, so thank you for that. I am wondering if it might be worth -- we have got some questions, I know, about the affordability thing. There's been new requests that came in today that I think will need looking into and discussion. I wonder if instead of having the vote next week that we would have a discussion, and potentially, schedule a vote for the week after. I think that might give us more time to get some of the questions on the table next week, and then maybe get them resolved by the week after.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, and my understanding, commissioner Fritz, the way the bureau is laid, has laid that out, so we will reconvene on the 21st. We will consider the testimony. People will have the opportunity at that hearing to make amendments, and then we would pass it onto the second -- second reading, which is the week subsequent to that on may 27. As I understand this, we won't take the final vote until may 17.

**Fritz:** I am suggesting, mayor, we may not have amendments prepared in one week's time, and having a bit more time to delve into the -- if we cannot require affordable housing and in particular, to look at miss clay's request, I am interested in that with the support of miss posey, as well. I am just offering that as a suggestion. Otherwise I can ask a bunch of questions now, but as I said, we have another hearing coming up and also I know that commissioner eudaly has questions.

**Wheeler:** I don't have any opposition to that at all unless the bureau or the council clerk has some specific reason for wanting us to go through on the established schedule.

**Engstrom:** Mayor, this is eric. I don't have any objection to that. The number of requests you got today -- it may take you more than the amount of time you have on next week's agenda anyway.

**Wheeler:** That's probably right. So, Karla, while we are moving onto commissioner eudaly's comments after commissioner Fritz completes hers, could you rework the schedule then. Let's assume that commissioner Fritz, if I understand you correctly, we would not reconvene on May 21st, we would reconvene on May 27th, and --

**Fritz:** Actually, what I was suggesting is that we do have the hearing on may 21st but for the purpose of discussion and to get more input from staff as staff may be have time over the course of the week, but then not schedule the first -- until the week after that.

**Wheeler:** Do you see any problems that precludes that possibility?

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**Moore-Love:** There is only 15 minutes allowed on the 21st because the 2:15 is the utility rate hearings. I don't know if they would be able to -- if we could push them back. Are you thinking another hour for this item?

**Fritz:** I think those are probably going to be fairly routine this year, and won't take a very long time.

**Moore-Love:** Okay. So, are we thinking a half-hour for this item then next week?

**Fritz:** It seems to me that would be time enough to ask more questions and have discussion and then have a direction to move forward. I know commissioner eudaly has been patiently waiting to get speak so I will mute myself and let her.

**Wheeler:** We will come back to you, commissioner Fritz. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I know we have more to do, but given the kind of time line of this conversation I feel like I need to put some comments on the record. First I want to say again to the residents of southwest boundary, we will look at your concerns, and I want to assure you that zoning code change does not guarantee that any given property can be developed to the fullest potential. There are many variables that go into that, and I looked at the street view of the street. I see, you know, some of what's going on there. My comments that I am going to make are more general. Before I make those comments, I do want to clarify something, an exchange between commissioner hardesty and mr.

Engstrom. This zoning code change only applies to religious, educational, and fraternal institutions. However, once that code change is made, there is not only no requirement for affordable housing. There is also nothing stopping those institutions from selling parcels to private developers who will then develop market rate or luxury units. Is that correct?

**Stark:** I will step in here, eric, or do you want to?

**Engstrom:** Go ahead, nan.

\*\*\*\*: So yes, that's correct. What I think is important to keep in mind is that these are mission-based organizations. If they are selling part of their property, it's typically, in order to survive, so.

**Eudaly:** Okay. As I said I am generally in support of this. I've been engaged in this conversation all along. I respect and admire many of the faith communities asking us to make this change, but I am deeply concerned with our abandoning the affordability requirements. We need more than 20,000 deeply affordable units in Portland to supply our existing needs. We have made slow progress in the last few years, but it's far too slow. We know that we cannot fill this need without support from the state and our federal government, but we should be doing everything we can on the local level to address our housing crisis. These nonprofit entities that own these do not pay property taxes. They will not pay capital gains on -- when the properties are sold. The ability to develop and/or sell their property will yellow from one institution to another depending on how the property is held, and there will undoubtedly be pressure, whether internally or externally by some institutions to prioritize profit over affordability. These properties have been accruing in value due to public investment happening all around them, but they can be sold off to the highest bidder and redeveloped for luxury housing, delivering no public benefit. For sure there will be benefit to the developers and investors, to the retirement fund, which profit from the predatory, speculative real estate practices, which are fueling our housing crisis, and this will not serve the common good. Renters who are struggling now do not have 30 years for trickle-down affordability to take place. We don't need more unaffordable housing to add to the thousands of currently vacant units that are not taking pressure off our rental market or hoping with the housing crisis. Planning is essential to our overall strategy to solve our housing crisis. Through our zoning code changes, we can either continue to aid and abet gentrification and displacement and continue to add fuel to this housing crisis, or we can drive the very many of the housing we actually need. Unlike rip, I see no checks in place to even encourage or incentivize affordability, let alone require it. I

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am asking our council and our planning bureau to take a serious stand against gentrification and displacement. There is no single policy or silver bullet that will follow the housing crisis, and as I have acknowledged, we cannot do it alone. There are meaningful actions that we can take right now to slow down the relentless wave of gentrification and displacement, that has been rolling through our city. We have the unique ability as council to shape the change in this moment. This is a moment where we can do something bold, which can deliver significant benefit to our community, or we can continue to deliver benefit to private developers, bottom line. I am implore everyone involved in this decision-making process to rise to this and look at the limitations of our current system. If we are going to end the housing crisis we must support non-speculative urban housing models whether that is publicly owned housing, permanently affordable private development, or home ownership models such as community land trusts. So again I want to thank everyone involved in this effort. I believe we are headed in the right direction with this conversation. I don't want to miss this incredible opportunity to serve the public interests over private profits.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Very good. Any other questions or comments for right now? So Karla, let me make sure I have got this right, and you will, hopefully, correct me if I am wrong. So we will continue to accept public testimony, as I indicated until may 20th at 5:00 p.m. That can be done either through the bureau of planning and sustainability or directly through the council clerk's office. We will all, as members of the city council, get copies of that written testimony, so we encourage people to please send it. We will read it. We will then continue this item to may 21st at 2:00 p.m. At that time, we will have further discussion and opportunities for questions and answers, and presumably, proposals. We will then continue that conversation to may 27th for the purpose of bringing forward amendments. Am I right so far?

**Moore-Love:** Correct. The time available on the 27th would either be 11:00 a.m. That morning or 2:00 p.m., I would say, if you need more than 30 minutes or so.

**Wheeler:** I would suggest to my colleagues that we move it to 2:00 p.m. Because we don't really have a sense at this moment how many questions or follow-up or proposals we might have. Do you disagree with that vehemently, colleagues? I am not seeing any disagreement on that. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** So an alternative thing to do would be to have the utility hearing first and then do this afterwards because then it can have as long as it could take.

**Wheeler:** That would be good.

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we could switch those around. They are asking for two hours. So this would --

**Fritz:** Oh, really?

**Moore-Love:** It's your item so if you want to go less on them --

**Fritz:** I would need -- actually, it's jessica kenard's item so maybe we should leave it with that going first and then utilities afterwards. If we say this goes to 2:00, does that mean we stop before 2:00 so we can figure out the timing of both of them? Would that work, mayor.

**Wheeler:** That works for me.

**King:** That works.

**Fritz:** It's two weeks -- yeah. It will get notice -- yeah. Let's do that, please.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Good. And Karla, would we need to pick a time certain a week following that in order to actually do the votes?

**Moore-Love:** Go ahead.

**King:** Sorry, we do not need to set the next dates out yet. The only date we need to know is when the record closes and when council will take this item up again, and I want to make sure that I understood on the 21st, what time was council planning on hearing this?

**Fritz:** At 2:00.

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**King:** At 2:00.

**Fritz:** It would not stop before but it could stop afterwards depending on whether we do it before.

**King:** That's right. I just want to make sure I understood. Those are the only dates that we need and we can establish the other dates at the next hearing.

**Wheeler:** Good, thank you. That's helpful. All right. Good: That completes this item.

Great discussion. Thank you, everybody, for fantastic testimony. The council has lots of good ideas, facts, and that's exactly why we want the public testimony that we got today. So thank you, everyone. Thank you, nan and eric and colleagues. Colleagues, we have another significant set of items following, would anybody object to a 15-minute recess? So could we reconvene at 5:15?

**Hardesty:** I will just love you more if we do that. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** All right, good, we are in recess until 5:15.

**Hardesty:** Excellent.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**King:** Thank you, everyone. [recess taken]

Recessed at 4:58

Reconvened at 5:15

**Wheeler:** This is the Portland city council afternoon session. And we are now back in session. Karla, we are going to take these items up individually. Could you please read item 371.

#### **ITEM 371**

**Moore-Love:** Item 371

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, today we have three ordinances before us that include successor collective bargaining agreements. This is the first, and it pertains to the Portland police association, and represented employees in the bureau of emergency communications. This is coming to us after being ratified by the respective union, and the agreements are the result of good faith collective bargaining by parties during the past year. I want to thank the bargaining teams from the city and from all three unions that we'll be discussing today. I appreciate the work and the effort it takes to bring these tentative agreements up to a vote. With us today we have cathy bless, chief human resources officer, as well as members of the bureau of human resources labor relations team to provide an overview of the provisions. This and the other two tentative agreements and answer any questions that the council may have prior to taking a vote. We also have jessica kenard, director of the city budget office, heidi, our chief deputy city attorney available to answer questions. I will turn item 371 over to cathy bless. Welcome.

**Cathy Bless, Director of Bureau Human Resources:** Thank you. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. I am cathy bless, chief human resource officer. I am here today to review with you and seek your approval of the collective bargaining tentative agreements for the police commanding officer's association, ppcoa, 1911 operators, under the Portland police association, and the Portland firefighters' association, psfa. I have opening remarks for each contract as they come up on the agenda. I would like to take this moment and thank union president allen [inaudible], darrell turner, and craig morgan for their leadership and collaboration in the negotiation. I would also like to thank the labor relations team, jerrell gaddis, mark [inaudible], jamal anthony, anna marie, [inaudible] maddie and [inaudible] for their work on the tentative agreements before you today. Lastly, I would like to thank chief budget officer jessica kenard and her staff, city attorney lori crout, chief deputy attorney heidi brown, as well as chief of staff carly edwards to commissioner hardesty and chief of staff kirsten dennis from your office all have worked tirelessly in

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support of getting to this moment. We value the work of all first responders and the contracts today reflect the respect and admiration for the work they perform each day on behalf of the citizens of Portland. So in taking up item 371, this evening, I would like your consideration and approval of the ppa911 operator's contract. We commonly refer to this group as boac, which stands for the bureau of emergency communication. This contract encompasses the 9-1-1 operators within the bureau. The city began negotiations in January 2019 with afscme, and two months into that process the union members elected to change the representation to Portland Police Association. We resumed bargaining with the ppa in late June 2019 and in December we went to mediation. Through good faith bargaining we reached a tentative agreement on March 11, and it was ratified by their union shortly thereafter. The previous boac agreement expired in June of 2019. This contract provides for a 1% increase across the board in longevity pay at year seven to ensure we remain competitive with similar jurisdictions in our local area. We increase the ability for dispatchers to attend training with new language, allowing for up to 40 hours a year on scheduled days off, and in exchange for these ads, the city was still in negotiating more accountability within the use of sick leave and allowing for the bureau to provide the training for a new system without incurring significant overtime costs. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this agreement. Both the union and the city worked hard on this contract and appreciate the work from both sides to address the needs of 9-1-1 operators and the important work they do. I fully support this agreement and ask you approve this contract. I am available as is Heidi Brown, Deputy City Attorney, and Jessica Kenard, CVO for any related questions. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Does that complete your presentation?

**Bless:** That does complete my presentation for Boec.

**Wheeler:** I would like to make a brief statement before I open this up for any other consideration or questions. First of all I want to say how much I appreciate the work of the Bureau of Emergency Communications staff. In particular, I want to acknowledge that over the last couple of years the Bureau has made significant improvements in call response time for the public, in terms of the improving morale amongst the staff, improving recruitment and retention of employees, and being really nimble and smart with regard to the use of technology. I also want to acknowledge how hard the work is that they do. When people are in crisis in this community, they call 9-1-1, and I bet most people in this community really never stopped to think who was actually answering the phone. These are the people who answer the phone. They are the people who make the systems work, and they are the ones who really support our emergency call response, and it goes without saying that the work that they do is critically important in this community. Cathy, as you just mentioned, we bargained this tentative agreement in good faith. That being said, it was bargained under a completely different economic reality. The world has changed with the advent of COVID. Now what we acknowledge is that we are in a completely different economic reality. The city finds itself in a crisis. The goal during this crisis has been stated very clearly from my perspective. It has been to as much as possible preserve, hotline, critical services to the public, including our 9-1-1 response services. And to save as many jobs as possible for our valued city employees. I have come to the conclusion that if we supported this T.A., as previously outlined with no changes, we would jeopardize both the direct 9-1-1 service to the public and both employees in a Bureau where we work very, very hard to address the staffing shortages. While it gives me no pleasure to say this, the only responsible action is for me to reluctantly not support the T.A. as previously bargained under different economic circumstances. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. And thank you Human Resources for all the work we did. Let me start this conversation by saying that I unequivocally support the right of workers to bargain and to be represented by a union. There is no question about that. As the

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commissioner in charge of boac, I deeply appreciate the sacrifices that the 9-1-1 call takers and others that support our 9-1-1 system make and doing the work that they do. Up close and personal, since this pandemic, just how dedicated, committed, and compassionate, our 9-1-1 call takers are, and how well managed the call center is. I would put ours up against anyone in the country. As the mayor said, when we negotiated this contract in good faith, human resources, and the bureau and the two unions involved all came with an open mind and with a willingness to negotiate in good faith. As a daughter of a longshoreman, I know the value of a union job and what it takes in a union job to keep a roof over your head. Today I am approaching our labor contracts with that same set of values. For every Portlander that we all deserve shelter and three square meals a day. With the current health crisis, that will turn into our economic crisis, the question this council faced is how to balance the needs of our entire community with the limited resources that we have available. These needs include providing rental assistance, addressing food and security, and supporting struggling small businesses in our community. We know right now many Portlanders are barely hanging on. And don't have the economic safety nets. Many of us are a paycheck away from homelessness and those fears are real. The financial resources our city has are dramatically different today than before covid-19 hit. Although prior to this crisis, we would have had -- I would have been the biggest champion for our agreement with boec. I know that I just don't represent the bureaus in my portfolio. All Portlanders. What I need is our city attorney to return to the table with our labor partners, and ask for the same sacrifice that we have asked across the board. This new agreement needs to address our current financial reality. Not what we hope for. Not what we thought that we had. But what we have now. This does not mean that I expect the total rewrite of this contract. What it means is I expect us to agree to take the concessions that every other employee has had to take. This is hard for me, but I know that it is the right thing to do. I will also let you know that I will vote no on this contract as it stands. I have every confidence our labor partners and the bureau of human resources will go back to the table and come back with something that we can support. I want to be crystal clear, our 9-1-1 call takers are the best in the nation. They sacrifice a lot to be that calm voice on the phone. I know because I know them. They are fun people who deserve everything in this contract and more. Today I just cannot in good conscience vote to support it as it stands. Thank you, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. I have a clarification, has there been discussions with the union leadership about making some amendments given the new reality of covid?

**Wheeler:** The answer to in that question is -- to that question is yes, and I don't know if Cathy, you would like to discuss that or if we should have somebody else do that.

**Bless:** I have -- it might be good for the city attorney, Heidi, to discuss that. Although I know that there's the, there's been numerous conversations directly with the mayor's office and with the union.

**Fritz:** That's all I need to know unless Heidi needs to say something. I am surprised it's still the same agreement on the table asking us to approve with no changes whatsoever. I know we would normally all have supported -- well, there is one time in 12 years that I have not supported an agreement for good cause. For the most part, the council has been very supportive ongoing with the unions because we value our employees. It's just kind of astonishing to me there's been no acknowledgment while everybody else is making sacrifices in the city in order to save jobs, including the utilities that will have rates coming in, so they are not affected in the same way as the general fun, but the staff there are willing to make some sacrifices that the -- there is absolutely no willingness to do that here, so I just wanted to get that -- I wanted to get that Oakland raider.

**Wheeler:** Heidi, did you want to add anything?

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**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor and commissioners, I don't have anything to add. You heard that there were attempts, particularly, by your office, mayor, and by commissioner Hardesty to try to come to some different agreement given the change in financial circumstances, and unfortunately, we don't have anything to present to you today that is different than what we had before. I am available for -- if there are questions, I am happy to answer them.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate your hard work on this, as well.

**Hardesty:** I was going to get to my appreciation of Heidi where we got to the vote, mayor, but if I may I want to respond to commissioner Fritz briefly. I want to say I would not read too much into the fact that we were not able to come to an agreement before this vote. As you know this is a new bargaining unit, and this is a new process for this particular bargaining unit with 9-1-1 operators, and so I would just say that take it at face value and not read too much into it.

**Wheeler:** Any further questions or comments before we go into testimony? Karla, do we have any public testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** Sorry. No one signed up for 371.

**Wheeler:** Any further business on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll on 371.

[Roll Taken]

**Hardesty:** I want to start with my appreciation. Heidi Brown has just been absolutely phenomenal not just in this process, but in all of the processes that we are going to -- that will come in front of us today. I want to thank you, Heidi Brown, I want to thank Kirsten Dennis from the mayor's office who up until labor was at the table making sure that we were moving this agreement forward. I want to thank Carly from my office, who I know was up very, very, very late, also trying to help make sure that we were able to do what was right for the city of Portland. Human resource, it was a fabulous negotiation team. I was so proud of that team. I was so proud of their agreement that we came to. It is unfortunate that we are now at a place where we were not able to do what was right for all of Portland. So I vote no.

**Eudaly:** Well, I want to express my appreciation for the workers of Boec. It's been one of my priorities since I joined council to ensure that -- to improve workplace conditions and service to the community because I personally know that minutes and seconds on 9-1-1 can be the difference between life and death. I also know that your jobs are incredibly hard, and I hope that none of the workers take the vote today as a lack of support or appreciation from the council from the hard work that you do. We are in an extraordinarily difficult position. We are attempting to preserve essential services and minimize the impact to our workers across the bureaus. We ask all bureaus to take the same cuts and it is critical that everyone participates in that process. I am disappointed that we couldn't get to an agreement. For that reason, I vote no.

**Fritz:** Thanks to Cathy Bless and Heidi Brown and your entire team in both places for all your good faith work on this and to the bargaining team who also did good faith work to get to the agreement. I was in charge of the bureau of communications for four years. I know how hard the people there work and what good people they are. I also know what the mayor said is correct. We cannot afford to have layoffs in the bureau of emergency communications. We let the positions stay vacant during the great recession, and that resulted in a staffing shortage, which took years to overcome. The choices are concessions on the margins by everyone or losing positions. It's just not right to lose positions. I would imagine that many of the people working in the bureau of communications would like to see their colleagues keep their jobs and to come back to the bargaining table. I do, obviously, know commissioner Hardesty that the team's work will continue to work together and we will get to an agreement. It's disappointing that they have not been able to make that step right now because it is an urgent situation. We need

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to get this fixed as soon as possible. We need to get the budget approved next week. It's disappointing that there's been no movement. Thank you to the mayor and his staff for all your work in seeking it until the last minute. No.

**Moore-Love:** Wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Well, I won't give the same speech again, and you have heard it from all of us, and I want to make sure it is heard clearly. The level of respect that we have for our front line employees. As I say, supporting this t.a. Would have further exacerbated a reduction in service to the community as well as the potential loss of significant jobs in boec, and after spending years to improve the 9-1-1 service and retain staffers that would not be the right choice. I want to thank cathy. You did bargain in good faith. I want to thank your bargaining team, heidi, I want to thank you for your considerable efforts on this. I want to thank my colleagues and their staffs for the good work they did. Carly from commissioner hardesty's office, thanks to you, and kirsten dennis, who is working on all three of these t.a.s literally until this morning after she had already gone into labor. That is how much effort and the degree of seriousness and commitment that my team put into this, as well. I am sorry we could not come to a different resolution on this item. It's with reluctance but confidence this is the right thing to do. I vote no. The motion fails. Next we will go to item 369, please.

**Bless:** Thank you again, mayor and commissioners, cathy bless.

**Moore-Love:** I need to read the titles first.

**Bless:** Sorry, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** That's okay.

#### ITEM 369

**Moore-Loe:** Item 369

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, before cathy jumps in on this, I am going to introduce a motion to substitute the substitute exhibit a. Cathy will describe that, and commissioner hardesty, when we get to 370, I will ask you to introduce that amendment, so I move on item 369, a motion to substitute, substitute exhibit a.

**Hardesty:** So moved -- so seconded. Seconded.

**Wheeler:** We did not practice this, folks. Very good. It is moved. It is seconded. It is on the table. Cathy, why don't you take it from there.

**Bless:** Thank you, mayor. As a point of clarification, I also believe that you need to substitute the financial impact statement. It was also included in a packet that I sent to you earlier.

**Wheeler:** Very good, and I am sorry my language was not the latest, so I will also include the new financial impact statement as part of the substitute.

**Hardesty:** And I have a second.

**Bless:** Okay, great. Thank you again.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Bless:** I will now provide remarks related to ppcoa, police commanding officers association, bhr began a formal discussion with the ppcoa in october of 2019 and entered into final negotiations on january 6, 2020, reaching a tentative agreement on march 10 and ratifying on the same day. The ppcoa's current contract expires june 30 of this current fiscal year, and is a small union of police lieutenants. Bhr worked with ppcoa to align important community concerns within the contract related to the embarrassment clause, and ppcoa had an interest in longevity, pay, and education incentive pay. Both parties wanted to create the stability at the bureau's first line of management insuring the desire within the rank and file to promote into position that are not otherwise eligible for overtime. Prior to covid-19, this contract would have been a good balance for both parties.

Subsequently, ppcoa has been a collaborative partner engaging in additional negotiations with the city to ensure that we could come today with the ppcoa one-time concessions that

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has matched the mayor's office targets within his proposed budget. These concessions are related to longevity pay and ppcoa has agreed to forego this in fiscal year 2021. In exchange for a higher longevity percentage in the time year of the contract. The one-time savings represents 137,854. Portland police bureau is committed to continuing to exercise their management rights to limit any holiday pay associated with the ppcoa members to manage additional savoring under this contract. I support this agreement and ask you approve this contract. I am available as is heidi brown and jessica kenard for any related questions. That concludes my remarks on this contract.

**Wheeler:** Very good, thank you. Commissioner hardesty, is that a residual hand raise or did you want to.

**Hardesty:** Yes, it is a residual hand raise, I will lower it now.

**Wheeler:** I would like to thank craig morgan from ppcoa. He was amongst the first of the labor leaders to reach out to us from the very beginning. He approached us in a collaborative manner. He looked for ways to both protect the interests of the membership while recognizing the financial situation the city currently finds itself in. He had many conversations with my chief of staff, kirsten dennis, in particular. At every turn, she reported back to me that while the conversation was very serious, while there was considerable back and forth, contributory negligence morgan was, throughout, helpful and supportive and professional in his conduct, and I want to personally acknowledge and thank him for that. So as you heard from cathy, this gives us concessions in year one and year two, where we are in the economic crisis in exchange for significant benefits in year three, particularly, around the longevity provisions. I think that this is a really good balance. It meets the targets that we had established, and I would encourage my colleagues to support this. Any further discussion before I ask if there is public testimony? Seeing none, Karla, is there any public testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** We had one person register, dan handelman.

**Wheeler:** Mr. Handelman, it's yours.

**Dan Handelman, Portland Copwatch:** Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners, or good evening, at this point, I appreciate the ability to testify on this item. I guess that I should start by saying I support all the words you all said about the supporting workers and their rights to negotiate, and appreciating that it sounds like the commanding officers have agreed to make some, at least some sacrifice facing the economic crisis that the city is now in. I also am appreciative that there is this clause that basically says that depending on what the Portland police association contract looks like, the ppcoa's embarrassment clause could be modified. It's a little tentative because that does not necessarily mean the contract is going to be changed, and we hope that it will be. That said, I guess the organization around the [inaudible] I talked last week about how we appreciated you opened that up to the community. We brought in concerns about accountability and transparency and oversight that could also have been reflected in this contract. I know that you are under a lot of pressure to finish this now, and I just wanted to make the comment that it appears that from what I just heard and what I read that the only thing that's changing in terms of the policy around accountability is a possibility that they no longer have to say that the person subjected to the discipline has to be disciplined in a way least embarrassing tomorrow this. So we hope that there will be other changes in the ppa contract, and it would be great if there were more clauses reflective that said that those will affect the ppcoa, but most of the problems we have with the conduct do not occur at the lieutenant level anyway, but with the officers and sergeants. So we look forward to the ppa contract when that is being negotiated again. I hope we will get ideas when that will be picked up in the next public negotiation session will happen. Thank you again for your time.

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**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you for your testimony. Is there any further comment on this? Karla, please call the roll, on item number 369.

**King:** Mayor, vote on the substitute first.

**Wheeler:** I am sorry, thank you very much for reminding me. Can we call the roll on the substitute first.

[Roll Taken]

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The substitute is tabled to the main motion. Is there any further discussion?

**Hardesty:** Do we need to vote on the budget associated with it, as well? Can we vote to add that?

**King:** Are you referring to the impact statement?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**King:** It does not need to be a motion on the table, so what you did just now is good.

**Wheeler:** Okay, so the main motion, any further discussion? Please call the roll.

[Roll Taken]

**Hardesty:** It is my pleasure to support this contract, and I want to personally say that the Portland police commanding officer's association for being willing to come to the table, understanding the reality of our current, both health crisis and economic crisis. We don't want to take anything away from any employee, and to hear the mayor talk about the willingness from the beginning, to be opening to how we can all be in this together, and we are, in fact, all in this together. Thank you, everyone, for all their hard work. The same list of people worked on all three of these, so I won't repeat myself. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Thanks, everyone. I just want to appreciate the spirit of the shared sacrifice shown by ppcoa in this renegotiated contract and all the work that went into it at the 11th hour to make it happen. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** I also appreciate the willingness to come to the table and to recognize that times have changed. I particularly respect the sacrifice of the people retiring soon and who, therefore, will not be getting the longevity payments in the retirement. So just respecting that sacrifice by the most senior members of the Portland police bureau. Thank you, again, to everybody who was involved in this. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to acknowledge and respect the leadership of the PPCOA, Craig Morgan. I want to thank the members of the bargaining team, legal counsel, and I especially want to thank Kirsten Dennis for her hard work on this, as well. The command officers have, in my opinion, some of the most difficult jobs of anybody in the city. Particularly with all the crisis that we are seeing in the community and on the streets the job is doubly difficult, and so it gives me great pleasure to be able to support this. I vote aye. The motion carries.

#### **ITEM 370**

Last but not least, 370, and Commissioner Hardesty I will ask you at the appropriate time to put the substitute for it.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Read the item, Karla.

**Moore-Love:** Item 370, ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement between the city on behalf of the Portland fire and rescue and the Portland firefighters' association relating to the terms and conditions of employment of representative employees in the Portland firefighters' association bargaining unit for 2019, 2022.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty.

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**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Changes have been made to the ordinance, and the document attached as exhibit a. I would like to move to formally substitute the ordinance and exhibit A with the revised ordinance and revised exhibit A.

**Wheeler:** Second.

**Wheeler:** So commissioner hardesty moves. I have seconded it. And why don't we -- we should take the vote to put this on the table first, shouldn't we, heidi?

**Brown:** Yes, I think if we could start with that, that would be helpful.

**Wheeler:** Any discussion of the motion before we vote on the motion? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

[Roll Taken]

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. Substitute is on the table. Cathy, take it away.

**Bless:** Thank you again, mayor and commissioners. I would like to now shift to discuss item 370, the Portland firefighters' association tentative agreement. The pssa contract expired in june 2019 nearly a year ago. We have worked with the pssa through regular bargaining, mediation, and a potential for arbitration that was avoided through collaborative efforts on both parties, and reaching a tentative agreement on march 11, and the pssa ratified this agreement on april 15 within the membership. The city had specific interests related to this contract, and worked with the fire bureau since the last contract to address the union concerns over wellness and safety of the members. The city addressed these concerns by contracting with the medical director, insuring access to nfpa1582 physicals for all members through one provider and added a wellness court, coordinator to directly work with the pssa members in the fire bureau on collaborative strategies. The city and the pssa were also successful at negotiating a dui policy, which was an important element for the city and the community. The city was successful at implementing the pilot programs related to hours of work and securing pssas continued enrollment in the city's healthcare programs in lieu of an independent health trust. The pssa members had an interest in a reduction of work week alignment of vacation policies with other city employees, and premium pay increases for some of the members, and to ensure the firefighters had competitive, comprehensive health and wellness programs. Again, prior to covid-19, this contract would have been a good balance for both parties, and subsequently, pssa has been a collaborative partner engaging in additional negotiations with the city to ensure we could come today with pssa concessions that have matched the mayor's office, matched and exceeded the mayor's office targets within his proposed budget. These concessions are related to implementation of a longer work week in the next two fiscal years and other changes to pay. These concessions were made in exchange for a decreased workweek in the fourth year of the contract. The resulting changes equal a net change of approximately 3 million in cost savings over the contract. Lastly we have language in the contract that allows for either party to reopen if the city's economic forecast require other changes. I, again, support this agreement and ask that you approve this contract. That's the end of my remarks, and I am available as is heidi and jessica for any related questions. Thank you very much, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any further comments?

**Hardesty:** I just want to say how proud I am of Portland fire for being good partners and understanding that we have a new reality. One thing that this pandemic has shown us is the firefighters are on the front line of so many of the social issues in our community, and they are always willing to show up and do whatever is necessary to make people healthy and keep people -- get people's needs met. I am proud of the contract that was negotiated, and I am equally proud that our firefighters understand that we must all be in

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this together. We cannot balance the city's financial decline on the situation with folks who have limited resources. We are either all in it or we are not. So I am proud and honored that I have had the privilege and continue to have the privilege of being the commissioner in charge of the fire and rescue. I will say last night reinforced for me the deep respect that I have for the men and women who serve the Portland fire and rescue. There was an incident that engine 24 house responded to, and it just would break your heart to know that someone unfortunately lost their life to a work accident, but I was so impressed with the coordinated response to make sure that not only were first responders there to help the woman who ultimately died, but also, their concern was what happens to her three daughters what are all minors. That was what they were talking to me about this morning when I talked to them. So I am constantly reminded that we have compassionate, empathetic people who will go into danger to keep the rest of us safe and help us be healthy, and I am honored to be their commissioner in charge of fire and rescue, and I thank the brave men and women who serve us every day.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Karla, is there any public testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, mayor, we have one person registered. Allen Ferschweiler.

**Wheeler:** Excellent. Alan, it's yours, are you muted? Now I can hear you. You are good to go.

**Allen Ferschweiler, President of the Portland Fire Fighters Association (PFFA):**

Okay. For the record, this is the president of the firefighters' association, local 43 of the international associate firefighters. We spent almost a year and a half negotiating this contract. Finally, we achieved an agreement in march of this year. The members of local 43 voted to accept this tentative agreement. The firefighters for the city of Portland are used to taking risk in their jobs. Medical calls, car wrecks, house fires, and even significant events like the northwest gas explosion with a fourth alarm, fire off of 82nd avenue last summer, and regardless of the risk involved. We are at the time of a pandemic. Every day the firefighters are still doing the day-to-day, 9-1-1 calls that come in, and now have the increased risk of exposure to these covid patients, hospital covid patients. I never thought in my career I would be donning a hazmat suit to enter a nursing home. Unfortunately this is the reality that we are in. Our 24-hour shifts in the firefighters station short with a significant amount of decontamination of the apparatus and fire stations. Assuming that these are contaminated, and getting them clean every day. For the first time in my 19 years with the fire bureau the last thing that I thought I would do before leaving the fire station is to decontaminate my phone, my keys, and showering and getting in my civilian clothes to come home to my wife and three children who have been self isolated for three months. It's hard to describe the feeling of knowing the most likely way my family would receive this illness is if we brought it home. We understand these are difficult times for the city of Portland and the budget. The members of local 43 care deeply for the citizens that we serve. In the last couple weeks the firefighters' union has worked hard to come to an agreement with the city, that conveys that we are committed to those citizens we serve. Although the firefighters felt that the original tentative agreement was a fair contract for all those involved, we ventured into good faith discussions to sharpen the image and assistance of Portland. These good faith discussions have resulted in a significant giveback from the firefighters over the next two years. With 4.7 million for the next two fiscal years. I want to take a moment and thank all of those we work with and the mayor, especially your chief of staff, every time I called her I felt guilty with the situation going on and her getting ready to have birth. It made me feel guilty I was calling. I want to thank the members I represent. I've been union president for eight years, vice president for seven years before that, and two years on the board. I want to say how much it means for me to be your representative. I am honored to be able to bring this contract in front of the city council. This agreement will show the firefighters that the city of Portland, the work

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that they do is important and valued by the citizens, the fire bureau, and the city council. I urge you to take this time to support the members that are on the front lines by vote anything favor of the contract before you. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, alan, and while you are on the line I was going to say this while I cast my vote but I will say it now while you are here. This was something that could not have happened without your leadership, and I want to acknowledge that you are innovative. You are creative. You are thoughtful. There is good back and forth. While kirsten is not with us today, she's off doing what she needs to do. I know that she did not, in any way, resent you calling her. She appreciated it, she appreciated your open communication and the fact that you are open to new ideas, and appreciated that you brought new proposals forth, you are an innovative they are, and you are a creative they are, and you worked hard with all of us to try to make this work. I want to thank you personally for your leadership and I just want to say that Portland is very lucky to have the fire bureau that it has and the firefighters that it has, and they are lucky to have you as their leader. So thank you for that.

**Ferschweiler:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Any further public testimony, Karla?

**Moore-Love:** No one else signed up.

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

**Hardesty:** I am grateful that we were able to get to an agreement because the men, women that work for Portland fire and rescue need to know that they have certainty about how we move forward. I am very grateful to all work that went into making this contract a reality, and something that I can probably support. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Well, I am just grateful and really happy that we have arrived at this moment. I want to thank the Portland fire and rescue and the Portland firefighters association for their hard work and sacrifices and also acknowledge the increased risk they are enduring right now. I appreciate everything that you do. Especially, your willingness to come to the table and negotiate this revised agreement. I am happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** I think the firefighters have a special affinity, and I am a dues paying member of the firefighters' association. It was hard for me to vote against the contract earlier because i've been committed to the bargaining process and the union representation. It's really, really great to be able to vote for this contract. I so appreciate the hard work that's happened over the past couple weeks. I am going to say straight up here thank you to the 50 firefighters who sent me personal messages. At this point alan, if you could pass it along, I think I play not respond to each personally, and also I think that as of yesterday 93 of your members called to my staff, so you are really good at organizing as well as really good at negotiating. In different circumstances what we would be celebrating here is the healthcare provisions in this contract and the fact that we are not needing a healthcare trust because of the changes that cathy bless has led in working and listening to the firefighters in what they need. We know that even before covid, the suicide rate amongst the firefighters is higher than the general public, and something that I know in all the years I talked with the Portland firefighters association, that it's been [inaudible] so alan, I would expect that you are really happy with the -- I would hope you are happy with the provisions. I am really happy with the provisions of the -- of what -- the healthcare that the city provides to all our members, and it makes me very much appreciate having that healthcare. I know if commissioner Fish was here, he would mention that, as well. So thank you very much to kirsten dennis, who worked really, really hard. Carly edwards was amazing in helping to find this solution. Tim, my chief of staff, actually, took over for me today because I was so busy with meetings that I am delegating responsibility to him, and thank you to the mayor for trusting tim to speak for me, which he does. I am very happy and relieved we got to get to this point. Aye.

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**Wheeler:** This reminds me that as alan was talking about the firefighters being willing to make a sacrifice, what's always impressed me about our first responders generally is they come from a culture of sacrifice. The jobs they do is inherently dangerous. They, in this case, go into burning buildings and other dangerous situations because they are willing to make those sacrifices to better serve the public. I maintain that the Portland firefighters are amongst the very best in the united states. They have demonstrated that time and time again in the field. I am just glad that we were able to get to this positive mutually agreeable resolution, again, alan, thanks to you, and thank to our bargaining team and our legal counsel, the dynamic duo, kirsten dennis and carly edwards, thank you both for your hard work and leadership, and alan, I am guessing you are looking forward to not having more late night conversations with your leadership going back and forth with what-ifs, but I want to thank you for stable at the table and working hard to see this through. I am proud to vote aye. The ordinance passes. And I see that commissioner hardesty, before we sign off would like to say something else. Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I would have -- I would have been really mad with myself if I did not stop to thank kirsten johnson of my office who did an incredible job of helping us work out the financial gives and takes of, as part of this dynamic team. We talked about the folks but not the incredible work of the financial folks who were just punching the numbers every step of the way. And I want to thank all my colleagues for supporting the Portland fire and rescue contract because it is the right thing to do and, of course, the fine men and women who are so -- who are fearless in serving our communities, so thank you all.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Commissioner hardesty, you and I are late for our call so we will get on that. Thank you, everybody, for your hard work and the long day today. Karla, thanks to you and your team, as well. Without further adieu, we are adjourned.

**Hardesty:** Here, here.

**Council adjourned at 6:07 p.m.**