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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 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; Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Item Nos. 466, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478 and 479 were pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m. and reconvened at 10:15 a.m.

<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>		
<b>458</b>	Request of Jonathan Cruz to address Council regarding participatory budgeting and defunding the police (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>459</b>	Request of John Carter to address Council regarding public communication process (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>		
<b>*460</b>	<b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Adopt the Supplemental Budget for the FY 2019-20 Over-expenditure process and make budget adjustments in various funds (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested for 460-461 (Y-4)	<b>189998</b>

<p><b>461</b> Authorize temporary operating loans between various funds to provide interim funding to cover lags in federal, state and other grant reimbursements and other negative cash and fund balances (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>37491</b></p>
<p><b>*462</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM</b> – Approve the Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission FY 2020-21 Fund Budget (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189999</b></p>
<p><b>463</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 10:45 AM</b> – Amend Planning and Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan Map, and the Zoning Map to implement the Expanding Opportunities for Affordable Housing project (Second Reading Agenda 433; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Title 33) 5 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190000</b> <b>As Amended</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b> <b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p>	
<p><b>464</b> Proclaim measure 26-209, “Renew Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Maintenance, Safety” enacted and in effect (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler)</p>	<p><b>PLACED ON FILE</b></p>
<p><b>465</b> Reappoint Michael Harrison to the Development Review Advisory Committee for a term to expire January 5, 2022 (Report) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p><b>466</b> Reappoint Richard Helzer, Ae-young Lee and Scott Bradley to the Towing Board of Review for terms to expire June 1, 2022 (Report) <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p><b>467</b> Authorize grant agreement up to \$73,000 to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. to provide outreach, technical assistance and community involvement for watershed projects in westside sub-watersheds (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 24, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Planning &amp; Sustainability</b></p>	
<p><b>*468</b> Accept a grant in the amount of \$18,000 from Portland General Electric to support Smart City PDX Air Quality Sensor Project to improve engagement, communication and action on air quality and public health (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190009</b></p>
<p><b>*469</b> Authorize the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Director to execute application support grants for a total allocation not to exceed \$200,000 from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund to assist small non-profit organizations serving historically marginalized communities to build their capacity and prepare for grant opportunities (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190010</b></p>
<p><b>*470</b> Accept a grant in the amount of \$12,000 from the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office to support historic preservation activities (Previous Agenda 434) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189994</b></p>

<p><b>*471</b> Authorize a three year master Intergovernmental Agreement with Portland State University to partner on waste reduction and climate-related engagement research and analysis projects not to exceed \$500,000 (Previous Agenda 435) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189995</b></p>
<p><b>472</b> Amend Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to accept an additional \$80,000 and extend the expiration date for administration of the Master Recycler Program (Previous Agenda 436; amend Contract No. 30003529)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 24, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>*473</b> Pay settlement of bodily injury lawsuit of Vincenza Scarpaci in the sum of \$150,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Previous Agenda 440) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189996</b></p>
<p><b>Office for Community Technology</b></p>	
<p><b>*474</b> Amend contract with F.C. Hurdle Consulting, LLC in the amount of \$75,000 to provide additional community stakeholder engagement consulting services (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31001591)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b></p>	
<p><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>	
<p><b>*475</b> Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Connected Cully Project for an estimated \$4,721,823 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>
<p><b>*476</b> Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the Red Electric Trail project for an estimated \$4,756,291 (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>
<p><b>*477</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Prosper Portland to add a 40% surcharge to film-related permits to support the Portland Film Office (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190011</b></p>
<p><b>*478</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet for Friends of Frog Ferry funding in the amount of \$40,000 as part of local match for the State Transportation Improvement Funds discretionary grant in the amount \$200,000 to develop the Frog Ferry Operations and Finance Plan (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</b></p>
<p><b>*479</b> Authorize a Maintenance Agreement with various parties for Willamette River Sellwood Bridge – Bridge No. 06879 (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190012</b></p>
<p><b>480</b> Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Metro to support analysis and coordination as part of the Regional Congestion Pricing Study and authorize transfer of \$50,000 to support technical analysis activities (Second Reading Agenda 443) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>189997</b></p>
<p><b>City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero</b></p>	

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<p><b>481</b> Certify abstract of votes cast, candidates elected and nominated, and proclaim measure approved at the Municipal Non-Partisan Primary Election held in the City of Portland on May 19, 2020 (Report) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b> <b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b> <b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p><b>482</b> Authorize a contract with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc for the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Pipe Condition and Risk Assessment Program for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$2,500,000 (Ordinance; authorize Contract No. 30007311) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 24, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>*483</b> Pay settlement of Ryan Aasland bodily injury claim for the sum of \$85,000, resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Previous Agenda 437) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190001</b></p>
<p><b>*484</b> Pay settlement of Natasha Lester bodily injury claim for the sum of \$35,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau (Previous Agenda 438) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190002</b></p>
<p><b>*485</b> Pay property damage claim of Mark Quemada in the sum of \$7,209 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Police Bureau (Previous Agenda 439) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190003</b></p>
<p><b>486</b> Amend contract with Marsh USA Inc. for insurance brokerage services for Owner Controlled Insurance Phase VI (Second Reading Agenda 445; amend Contract No. 30004804) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190004</b></p>
<p><b>City Budget Office</b></p>	
<p><b>487</b> Adopt the annual budget of the City and establish appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 (Second Reading Agenda 452) (Y-3; N-1 Eudaly)</p>	<p><b>190005 As Amended</b></p>
<p><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p><b>*488</b> Accept and appropriate a \$20,000 grant from Oregon Department of Education Community Nutrition Program Start-up and Expansion Grant for the At-Risk Afterschool and Summer Meals Program (Previous Agenda 441) (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190006</b></p>
<p><b>489</b> Accept the 2019 Title 11 Trees Trust Funds report (Previous Agenda 446) 10 minutes requested <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>490</b> Approve the designation of thirteen trees as City of Portland Heritage Trees and remove the Heritage Tree designation from one tree (Previous Agenda 447) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 24, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b></p>	



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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020** AT 3:00 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; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney

<p><b>*492</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Approve funding recommendations made by Children’s Levy Allocation Committee for July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<p><b>190013</b></p>
<p><b>493</b> <b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:30 PM</b> – Amend Street Access Code and Transportation Administrative Rules to align with changes to the Residential Infill Project (Previous Agenda 454; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly; amend Code Section 17.88.090 and TRN-1.26) 1 hour requested</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JUNE 24, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

At 4:11 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 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; Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney

<p><b>494 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Amend the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Zoning Map, and Title 33 Planning and Zoning to revise the Single-Dwelling Residential designations and base zones (Previous Agenda 457; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; amend Code Title 33 and Portland Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Maps) 3 hours requested Written record closed as of June 18, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>TENTATIVELY CONTINUED TO JULY 9, 2020 AT 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN</b></p>
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At 3:31 p.m., Council adjourned.

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
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**JUNE 17, 2020 9:30 AM**

**Wheeler:** Before we begin, I would like to share a few remarks since I was not able to be here to honor and speak during the proclamation. In just a week, so much happened with the queer community. We had the massacre. We lost two black trans women and there was a push for a rule change that would no longer recognize gender identity protection. And amidst that pain, the supreme court affirmed that the lgbtq workers are protected by federal anti-discrimination. June pride month reminds us all of courageous leaders like marcia p. Johnson, a black transgender activist and sylvia riviera, a latin x transgender activist. They stood up for what they believed in, a society where everyone could live their authentic selves. They left a legacy that we should all strive to achieve. In the words of a human rights activist and founder of the marcia p. Johnson institute, "i don't think Amercia has left anything behind besides the permission for all of us to be free," unquote. We don't have to go back in history to look for amazing leaders who were able to create positive change. We have many of these leaders right here in the city of roses to thank, to learn from and try to do our best to emulate. Today's demonstrations are calling for many of the same expectations, that black lives matter, that black trans-lives matter. It's our responsibility that we create the positive change in our culture, in our everyday interactions, and yes, in our institutions, so that someone's race, sexual orientation or gender identity is no longer a predictor or a proxy for how long or how well someone lives their life. We have a long way to go. We must move with conviction and with a sense of urgency. We must protect one in order to move forward together, and so I want to conclude by holding a moment of silence for the estimated 15 transgender and gender and non-conforming people lost to violence in our nation and for remembering our own loss here in Portland of t.d. Gully last june. Wherever you may be watching, I would ask you for a moment of reflection, please. Thank you. Appreciate it.

**Wheeler:** Good morning, everyone, this is the wednesday, june 17, 2020 session of the Portland city council. Karla, please call the roll. [roll taken]

**Hardesty:** Here. **Eudaly:** Here. **Fritz:** Here. **Wheeler:** Here.

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**Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Good morning, mayor and commissioners. 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



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**Wheeler:** Thanks a lot, karen. Appreciate it. First up is communications.

**Item 458.**

**Wheeler:** All right, are you on? Next item, please.

**Item 459.**

**Wheeler:** John, are you on-board? John carter, are you out there? All right, maybe we can try and reschedule him, Karla. Next item is the consent agenda. Have any items been held from the consent agenda?

**Moore-Love:** Yes. We have 466, 467, 468, 469, 474, and 475, and 476, 477, 478, and 479.

**Wheeler:** Let me just review those, Karla, to make sure I have got them, 466, 467, 468, 469, and 474, and 475, and 476, and 477, and 478, and 479. Is that correct?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, that is.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. We are not at the time certain checkpoint yet, so one moment. Do we have the folks here who could do item 482?

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, do you want to do a roll call on the rest of the consent?

**Wheeler:** I am, sorry, Karla, yes. Please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. Is anyone here to present 482?

**Moore-Love:** Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Moore-Love:** I am so sorry to interrupt, john carter is, actually, connected.

**Wheeler:** Oh, he is. Okay. Good. Let's hear from mr. Carter. Mr. Carter, are you on-board? If you are on the phone, try star six on our keypad. There you are. Okay. Good. Thank you. Great. Thank you.

**John Carter:** Yeah, good morning. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak. Public process, public communication, in my view, can kind of feel like a formality without consequence. When the council decides to negotiate against the overwhelming desires of the public despite their push being the moral and just actions to take. The council has seen an astounding amount of testimony and nightly protest demanding ppb be of 50 million, while all future increases and reimagine the department from the bottom's up as a unit that serves the community interest and values black lives. Not to mention even from my limited perspective as a white person, how the ppb interfaces with the public is not positive. They are trained to fear the public, view them as a nuisance at best, and any combatant at worst. How can you have a community and they decided to do whatever they want with my money without my consent despite my pleas otherwise. We need to look at ppb from an existential lens. Why do we need them, what should the role of public safety be. Of course, we need this, but how do you prevent crime in the first place. Community investment, development and neighbors without being a doubles bargain between capital developers and the supposedly free market, education, and honest

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conversation about what reparations look like with all choices heard at the table. Thank you for the opportunity to speak, and I implore you to see the day to create a fair, just, and prosperous Portland.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, John. Appreciate it. Sorry about the confusion on the technology. Thanks for hanging with us.

**Carter:** That's okay.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. And for 482, it looks like we have Maya and Kathleen here. Why don't we jump into 482.

**Item 482.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, the Bureau of Environmental Services manages the city's stormwater and sewer infrastructure, including 99 pump stations that work together with about 2,500 miles of pipe to send sewage to the Columbia Boulevard and Tryon Creek wastewater treatment plants. This ordinance would authorize a contract with Kennedy Jenks Consultants Inc. to carry out a condition and risk assessment for process piping at the Columbia Boulevard wastewater treatment plant. The process piping is critical to the operation and treatment of the plant. However, many of the conveyance systems in the Columbia Boulevard wastewater treatment plant are original to the plant's construction and have not been inspected internally during their lifetime or assessed for current condition for the remaining useful life. In recent years the plant experienced an increase in pipe breaks, causing process areas to be taken down with costly emergency repairs posing a significant challenge for liable operations in the facility. Due to the specialized nature of the assessment programs and the inspection tools required for pipe inspections, BES proposes to partner with engineering consultants Kennedy Jenks to provide these specific services. So we have Maya from the Bureau of Environmental Services and Kathleen -- sorry, from Procurement Services are here to give a brief presentation and answer any questions, and I apologize for butchering your name.

**Kathleen Brenes-Morua, Procurement Services:** No worries, Mayor. Good morning. Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. I am Kathleen, Procurement Manager for Design and Construction Services. With me is Miya, the engineer for the condition assessment program with the Bureau of Environmental Services. We are here to recommend authorization to enter into a contract with Kennedy Jenks Consultants for engineering services for pipeline condition and risk assessment at the Columbia Boulevard wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$2,500,000. I will cover the procurement process and Miya will talk about the project scope. We issued a proposal in November of 2019 and received two proposals, an evaluation committee scored the proposals in accordance with Chapter 568 of the City Code and deemed Kennedy Jenks the most responsive and qualified proposer for this project. The City's aspirational 20% subcontracting equity goal applied, and Kennedy Jenks committed to subcontract 30%, or 750,000 to minority-owned consultants, certified by the State's Certification Office for Business Inclusion and Diversity, as identified in the ordinance before you. Kennedy Jenks is in compliance with all City contracting requirements, and I hereby recommend you authorize this contract. Unless you have any questions for me, I will hand it over to Miya for her presentation.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any questions for Kathleen? All right. Thank you, Kathleen. Miya, you are up.

**Mia Sabanovic, Bureau of Environmental Services:** Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. I am Miya, and I lead the condition assessment and planning group at the Columbia wastewater treatment plant. If you permit me, I will share the presentation with you today that will offer additional information on the project background, goals and scope. We have the presentation uploaded, correct?

**Wheeler:** It looks like it's almost -- there it is. Yep, we have got it.

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**Sabanovic:** Oh, great. Hold on just one moment. All right. I am sorry, I got a little tied up with my technology here. So we can move to the next slide, please. Columbia wastewater treatment plant -- I am sorry?

**Wheeler:** I want to show you how much joy I get from having a millennial say that they get the technology -- it makes us old folks feel really good.

**Sabanovic:** Thank you, commissioner. I believe that we are all humans and we all experience similar issues. [laughter] thank you very much. So on this slide, Columbia wastewater treatment plant is the heart of our treatment system. It serves over 600 residents, all the residents and commercial customers. Piping systems within the plant are like the veins and arteries in our heart. They enable the product to be moved from one process area to another, to ensure that when we return to the environment and to our community, it is held to the highest standards. As you can see from the blueprint, included on the slide, there are numerous pipes that run between different process areas. Next slide, please. The wastewater treatment plant was first constructed in 1952, as you can see from the photos, we have expanded tremendously, and we continue to expand to meet the needs of our community and the environment. It is the complexity and the technology availability, the majority of the pipes have not been inspected, and we do not know their condition. As for the condition information enables us to predict likelihood of failure and prioritize and optimize the placement. Unfortunately, we are experiencing an increase in the pipe breaks. They are resulting in unkindly process interruptions. Next slide, please. This project will enable us to assess likelihood of pipe failure and identify the sustainability re-investment strategies to mitigate future business exposure. We will also expand the registry and capture it in the geographical information systems. We refer to it as GIS. This will increase the transparency and the information sharing across numerous work groups within BES, and improve efficiency in our current work processes. Next slide, please. Next slide, please. Okay. We have developed a very concise project scope that includes planning, such as applicable technology and pipe access evaluation performing field inspection and reviewing inspection data, it will identify pipes in poor condition with high likelihood of failure. The consultant will also provide engineering analysis and the recommendation in regards to the tailored pipe replacement. Next slide, please. Thank you very much for your attention and allow me to share some slides -- and allowing me to share a few slides on this project. Most of the piping systems are varied, as you know, and it's really hard to assess conditions given that we do not have ground penetrating vision. But I am excited to partner with Kennedy Jenks. I look forward to the solutions that will reveal information such as these photos included on the last slide. It will enable us to sustain our piping infrastructure and conform tailored replacements. Thank you very much for your time this morning.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Miya, and by the way, I have to call out the second to the last slide. I hope everybody saw what that fellow is doing for a living. He's standing in knee deep water trying to fix that pipe. That's some hard work.

**Sabanovic:** Yes. Definitely. And that slide also is an example of an inspection technology that we hope to use during this project, and what it does, it identifies the thickness of that pipe, and based on the deterioration, we are able to project when the timely replacement of that pipe is.

**Wheeler:** Is it? So it measures the internal diameter, is that right?

**Sabanovic:** Mayor, it measures the thickness of the metal remaining, so based on the rate of deterioration, we can forecast when that pipe is unphased and has a high likelihood of failure, so we can replace it in a very kind of predictive manner instead of failing and taking out multiple systems at our plant and causing a huge expenditure for the city.

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**Wheeler:** All right. You learn something new every day. That's impressive. Thank you. Thank you very much. Commissioner Fritz has a question, and then commissioner Hardesty.

**Fritz:** I don't have a question, just a comment. It is so fantastic when staff are so enthusiastic about their jobs, explain things in a way that normal people can understand them, and just make a very interesting presentation. Thank you very much.

**Sabanovic:** Thank you very much. It's my pleasure to be here.

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

**Hardesty:** I want to reiterate what commissioner Fritz just said. Before you started talking, the smile on our face and the joy in talking about sewer pipes is awesome.

**Sabanovic:** Oh, no. [laughter]

**Hardesty:** Who knew that there was that much excitement with sewer pipes, but I have a question because you made a statement that I find provocative. Your statement was that we can, we can figure out when the pipes will need to be replaced. Right? Why did we fail in north Portland last year?

**Sabanovic:** So it's -- I can't speak on that exact case because -- so my portfolio mostly includes the plants and the pump station, it is not a collect system but I know the -- the bes has a very and I think that they are more equipped to answer that question so it could have been inspection or it could have been that there was other reasons why it was not on our radar, but I know we strive to prevent that to the -- to the best of our alb, and as the technology gets better I think our future is looking brighter.

**Hardesty:** Miya, I love you more. It's rare for people to not answer questions that they don't have the expertise to answer, when they come in front of city council, and your honesty is so refreshing.

**Sabanovic:** Thank you very much.

**Hardesty:** I don't know how long you have been here but I hope you are planning to make the city your career because you can be a

**Sabanovic:** Thank you very much. Water and environment is my passion, and ever since I was a little kid, I saw myself in a career in water because water is life. And you know, integrating equality in the water and environment is a human mission to me. So I am honored to be in such a profession.

**Hardesty:** Do you have brothers and sisters and other people that we can hire?

**Sabanovic:** Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz has her hand raised.

**Fritz:** I believe you serve on the Portland utility commission, is that correct?

**Sabanovic:** That's correct.

**Fritz:** Thank you very much for doing that. I want to call out you do volunteer service as well as what you get paid for and also to thank you for not throwing the water bureau under the bus because it was the water bureau's pipe this broke in north Portland. So I will follow commissioner Hardesty's lead and not answer the question because I don't have the technical expertise, but I can get the water bureau staff to let you know if you would like me to, commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. No, this is, this has made my day, thank you. I appreciate the work you do on our behalf.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, as well as Kathleen, thank you for a great presentation, and Karla, is there any public testimony on this item.

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we had five people sign up, and I believe that we have at least two on the line. Virginia.

**Wheeler:** Hello, Virginia, are you on?

**Virginia Ulrich:** I am. So I support everything that I just heard. I want to acknowledge that, and like most people who have probably signed up to testify today. I would encourage you

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during the three minutes that I have allotted, mr. Hear, to just look out your window and I didn't know this was happening today. I wish that I could be there to be another voice in support of just pleading with you, to please listen to what the city is saying around the police budget and take proper action today, even if it is a no-vote on the budget, although I question why it is so impossible to add amendments given what happened over the last two weeks. I appreciate commissioner hardesty, that you are definitely trying to make sure that we don't miss an opportunity, but I also believe that incremental change has failed us so much. I just wish that you would please listen to what the city is telling you, and do better today. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, virginia. And is there anybody else who would like to testify specifically on item 482, which has to do with the wastewater treatment plant? That's the item that we are discussing.

**Moore-Love:** Mateo mathias had signed up for that item.

**Wheeler:** Mateo, are you with us? I don't see him on. Do you see him on?

**Moore-Love:** Yeah, I see him there.

**Wheeler:** If you are on the phone, try star six on our keypad. Sometimes that works.

**Mateo Matias:** Can you hear me now?

**Wheeler:** Yeah, we can.

**Matias:** Great. So I am mateo, live in north Portland. Really, appreciate what miya and the other speaker said. I am on-board with

**Wheeler:** Mateo, it's hard to hear you. Can you speak right into the microphone? We are really having troubles hearing you.

**Matias:** Is that better?

**Wheeler:** Yes, try that.

**Matias:** All right. Again, I reiterate my previous speaker, we were told that there would be no room for new amendments, for procedural reasons and because of the time constraint. However, we saw you cut the violence reduction team.

**Wheeler:** Sorry, I appreciate it, this is related to item 482, folks, I am not trying to be a jerk, but we have got a lot -- we have a long agenda and, we need to get through it, and part of the council rules read up front, testimony needs to be germane to the subject that we are actually considering at the time.

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, I don't see anyone else who registered.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. All right, thank you, miya, thank you, kathleen. This is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves for second reading. And then we will go back to our first time certain item. Karla, which is item 460, the supplemental budget.

#### **Item 460.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, before us, we have the over-expenditure ordinance also known as the oeo. The oeo is narrowly focused on preventing over-expenditure at the bureau under appropriation level. As usual, there is also a companion resolution authorizing a temporary operating loan to prevent temporary negative cash balances at the end of the fiscal year, which reminds me, Karla, at the end of this I will have you read 461, as well. This morning the budget director jessica kinard will walk us through the current ordinance as well as the resolution. You will then hear the second amendments on both items. After that, we will provide an opportunity for public testimony before final deliberations and voting. I will now turn it over to director kinard to review the over-expenditure item right after Karla reads 461.

#### **Item 461.**

**Wheeler:** Director kinard.

**Jessica Kinard, Director City Budget Office:** Thank you, and good morning, mayor and members of the board of the council, jessica kinard, and also we have , the process coordinator. As the mayor mentioned before you are two items part of the final budget

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monitoring process of the year. The first is the over-expenditure ordinance, which is our last supplemental budget process of the year and focused on primarily technical adjustments to ensure that expenses do not exceed current budget appropriations. I will briefly highlight some of the changes. Please feel free to ask questions at any time. So as a summary of the over-expenditure ordinance, in total, the oe. Increases the city current appropriations by 23.1 million. This is primarily related to adjustments in the grants fund related to covid-19 federal resources and reimbursements, so we are budgeting resources in anticipation of being able to claim for reimbursement. I will highlight general fund changes. There is one small request for contingency resources, which is a \$1,000 draw on general fund and restricted contingency to protect against potential over-expenditure in the fire and police supplemental retirement fund due to timing of year end expenses. So again this is a technical adjustment, a timing issue with when payouts happen out of this fund. This is just to protect against over-expenditure and will be trued up and unspent resources will be reimbursed in the fall bump. There are two requests for program carryover. Both related to funding for council office transitions. These requests were also discussed earlier during budget processes and in previous months. This is to provide enough funding, sufficient funding for transition of various council offices, including costs for the transitional staffing, office upgrades and technology replacement for incoming commissioners. In the two known transitions that will happen this fall with the additional funds available should other transitions be decided in the november election. Any resources not spent will return to the general fund. The total amount being carried over is 382,618 from a variety of current office projected underspending. There are two other sizable technical adjustments in the general fund. The first is a 2.1 million reduction from policy set asides to reflect the budgeting transfer of the \$4 a night rental fees collected by the city, and the transfer is from the general fund to the housing investment fund. This is a technical true-up, something that's budgeted in the adopted the budget, but making this transfer will ensure that the resources are in the correct place, when we close the fiscal year and they are able to be allocated as planned in the fiscal year 2020-21 budget. There is a 1.35 million technical adjustment related again to the covid-19 incident budget. This change in appropriations, just moving the money around already approved by council to ensure it is budgeted in the correct place to reflect where the money was decided to be spent. And so there are a few notable changes to the funds outside the general fund, as well, that I will highlight, with the office of management and finance, the bureau is transferring 850,000 and the insurance claims operating fund reserves to cover an increase in the claims and insurance costs that were not foreseen during the spring budgeting monitoring process. It is less than 2% of the budget, so it's not, even though it's a large dollar value, it's not a significant portion of the budget, and it is a part of their reserves, and it's a one-time allocation based on the claims. And the bureau of technology services is adjusting inter-agency agreements to, at the request of receiver bureaus, net total increase of a little over 800,000. And some of these costs are related to adapting to the primarily remote workforce environment. The Portland bureau of transportation finally is drawing 140,053 from recreational cannabis tax opportunity contingency and allocating it to services to support the outer start capital project, which is a vision zero initiative. This is not a draw on the resource that is we've been talking about in relation to the cannabis funds, this is funding allocated for this project in a prior fiscal year. It was not the -- the project has not been completed. The funding has not been spent, but the way it is budgeted that money -- the transportation bureau lost the funding and went back to the cannabis fund so it has to be reallocated so they can complete the project. So that's what's happening there. That's my summary of the over-expenditure ordinance. You will be taking up testimony on both the over-expenditure ordinance and the companion loan resolution. The companion loan resolution is a technical resolution we bring forward every year to address the particular

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nature of the grants fund as reimbursement funds. So that fund typically ends the year with a negative balance because we must get reimbursed by the federal government, so in order to protect against that negative balance, which for the county rules were not supposed to have, we have a one-day internal loan to ensure we end the fiscal year with a positive balance in that fund, and the money is returned then to the loaning body. And so this year, that resolution has a loan of about \$17 million. A one-day loan from the transportation operating fund between June 30 and July 1. Happy to take any questions on either of the items in front of you.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, you are on mute. [laughter]

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Hardesty has a question.

**Hardesty:** I knew it was going to happen. Thank you, Director Kinard. I have two questions. One was about the cannabis tax. So is this just an administrative move on our part to ensure that we are in compliance with a contract that we have already approved?

**Kinard:** So it is a decision for council. This is part of the budget for that outer start project originally approved for council. You are making the decision to continue to adhere to the original allocation. Council could elect to not continue that allocation, but the bureau would need to find other resources in order to complete that project, so the allocation of this 140,000 is in alignment with the original allocation that council already made so it's just reinforcing a decision that council has made to support this project with cannabis fund resources. And it does not reduce the availability of the cannabis fund resources as we have discussed it throughout the budget process.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Director Kinard. My second question, what happens to the city if we don't balance our budget?

**Kinard:** Well, so -- so for the next year's budget, if council does not approve or adopt a budget, do you mean?

**Hardesty:** Well, I mean, you talk about we are going with this resolution because we are going to do a one-day loan just in case we need to balance the budget. For people who are just starting to pay attention to how the city budget process works, I thought it would be helpful for them to know what's the repercussions if we don't balance our budget?

**Kinard:** Yeah, so the repercussions can vary in significance. The lowest repercussion is that it can be a significant audit finding by our external auditors and harm the reputation and the credit of our institution and our ability to you know, to conduct business and you know, for example, our credit rating helps us to get good rates on -- when we take out the loans and take out the lines of credit. That's one item. That can range all the way up to, you know, freezing our ability to pay for our services, and pay for our people. And so depending on the sort of the infraction and the significance of, you know, of our action, the consequence can vary, and in this particular case, it's primarily a budget law and an accounting rule. So it would be more of a negative -- it would result in a negative infraction and sort of our budgeting and accounting procedures, and we would be, you know, audited -- reflect negatively in our auditing.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Director. That was very helpful. I hope for the public that's listening. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Director Kinard. Commissioner Fritz disconnected. I want to make sure that she is back -- oh, there she is. Good. Commissioner Fritz, you are with us?

**Fritz:** Yes, I am. Sorry, my phone decided to hang up, but I am back.

**Wheeler:** No worries. I just wanted to make sure you were still there. Any further questions from Director Kinard? So we will now open the floor for amendments, first, I will call for amendments to the over-expenditure ordinance. If there are amendments, we will need to move and second them and keep them on the table, and we will hold them open through public testimony. Are there any amendments to the oeo? Seeing none, are there any

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amendments to the loan resolution? I see none. Very good. We will now go to public testimony. Karla, do we have people signed up for public testimony on either the over-expenditure ordinance or the loan resolution?

**Moore-Love:** We have two people register for 460, but I see only one is on the line. Gerald mccorkel.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, gerald.

**Gerald McCorkie:** Thank you for this opportunity to speak. I am gerald mccorkel, I live in a historically underserved in northeast Portland. I've been advocating for police reform for 40 years and I raised my children to care as much about social justice as I do. My son has been arrested by the Portland police while trying to exercise his first amendment rights to free speech here, and is now volunteering on the streets of minneapolis to provide for people abandoned by their city after his neighbor, george floyd, was murdered. Just blocks from where my son lives now. Last week the city council took several small steps towards defunding the Portland police bureau, and I don't believe it was nearly enough. I respectfully ask in addition you take two more steps. First, please, begin transfer of traffic enforcement from the Portland police to the Portland bureau of transportation. Unarmed city employees can make our roads safer, without sacrificing the safety of motorists. People of color in Portland have been subject to profiling and lethal traffic stops for long enough. The Portland police bureau has demonstrated time and again that they cannot be trusted to do this job. Second, begin to demilitarize Portland's response to the mental health problems that we face. One in four Oregonians is dealing with a mental illness. We need more resources to really serve and protect this minority, too, including trained mental health workers. Portland should be using a model like the cahoots program in eugene, Oregon. As you all know, 52% of the arrests made by the Portland police are people who are unsheltered. Where there is a mental health addiction, economic or systemic racist issue that led to a person living on the streets, do any of you think that the best way to address those issues is to send someone with more training on how to shoot people than on how to help them? I stand with my neighbors today respectfully requesting a minimum of \$50 million worth of cuts to the Portland police budget. You have taken some initial steps to get there. Now please be brave. Show the city and the world that Portland can do better. Please keep coming. Take another 35 million away from the efforts to criminalize driving while black and existing without a house. Spend that money instead to serve the people that have been victims of this oppression. In conclusion, I hope that your generous granting of time to allow my fellow Portlanders and myself to speak is rewarded with an equally generous listening to our pleas for change. Now is the time to act. Decisively and wisely. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, gerald. And I want to second your comments with regard to mental health issues. That historically has not been the purview of the city of Portland but all of us on this council have put it front and center, and we're going to continue to advocate for reforms to the mental health system, both at the county and the state level. That one is personal for me, as well, and I appreciate you sharing your thoughts on it today. So colleagues, we do not have any amendments on the table. We have completed the public testimony, and is there any further discussion on the ordinance for 460, the oeo? I don't see any further discussion. Karla, please call the roll on 460.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 461, please, the resolution, any further discussion? Seeing none. Karla, please call the roll on the resolution.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The resolution is adopted. We will take a one-minute break until time certain, 10:15. We are in recess for one minute. [recess taken]

**Wheeler:** Karla, please read item 462.



**Item 462.**

**Wheeler:** We are here to approve the mt. Hood cable regulatory commission fiscal year 2020-21 fund budget. The city's allocation from the general fund for the mhcr operations budget is nearly \$294,500. It is actually \$294,418 to be specific and the amount is included in the city's approved fiscal year 2020-21 special appropriations. Speaking is lee hanson, the commissioner chair, and corey murphy, both of whom are Portland employees to the commission. Careen, the chair of the board of directors, for open signal will speak briefly about the funding open signal receives from the mt. Hood cable regulatory commission and from the city of Portland. Careen is the appointment to the open signal board. director elizabeth perez and program -- and kimberly are here to answer any questions you have. Thank you for being here. I assume that we will start with lee, is that correct? I am not sure how you guys want to organize your presentation. Leif, are you up first?

**Leif Hansen:** Good morning, mayor, actually, corey is going to get us started.

**Wheeler:** All right, thank you. Welcome, corey. Corey? There you are.

**Hansen:** Are you with us?

**Wheeler:** Corey, I think you are muted. Star six on the keypad. Or lower left-hand corner if you are on-line. Or leif will just have to wing it.

**Hansen:** I will be happy to get us started. So we are here to highlight a few of the mhcr activities. Over the past year, and to seek your approval for the fiscal year 2020-21 fund budget. I believe you got the annual report and the proposed budget in your meeting packet. As a reminder, mhcr has public benefit responsibilities for the cable services franchises within the city and county, and Portland has two cable service franchises, comcast and century link. Over the past year mhcr has provided many services to the communities and residents. The commission continues to work with public schools and districts under the text modern initiative of student success. The Portland public centennial districts have active grants serving citizens, the mhcr created the initiative in 2013 and funded the final grant this year for an investment of a little over \$16 million. Many of the grants are provided devices being leveraged during the stay-at-home order. About 268 classroom teachers and five school districts are supported by resources provided under the text smart initiative. The community technology grant annual competitive round funded seven new grants with the community organizations. These grants leveraged 613,000 in matching resources. The mhcr provides funding and franchise enforcement support to open signal and the community media. This past year the two community media organizations had 1,800 hours of original programming. They also trained 831 residents in digital and media literacy skills. And in light of the current pandemic and restricted access to their production facilities both organizations have made immediate and strategic shifts to leverage a more fully on-line environment and meet the increased communication needs of the communities. In april, the mhcr wrapped up the local data collection activities for the community technology needs study. Over 1,500 individuals participated in the surveys and in-person discussions, and the study also incorporates input from 450 businesses that responded to a survey for Multnomah county's feasibility study. The methods, universally included strategies to support participation by people of color, people living with disabilities, and seniors, and comprehensive report and findings are due out in july, but you can find some preliminary highlights on page 7 of the annual report. The community technology needs study will inform the mhcr and the member jurisdictions for franchise negotiations with comcast, whose current franchise expires december of 2020-21. Coming up in 2020-21, the mhcr is engaged in navigating and adapting the quickly changing environments, including our community's increasing reliance on the availability of broadband internet and our local community media, and to work with you and your city staff and our communities to identify needs and opportunities in the budget includes funds to says the commission in this endeavor. Now I will move into the specific funding request,

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and I will start by noting the continuing downward trend that we are seeing in cable franchise revenues that the mhcr reported last year. On page 9 of the annual report you will see a graph that shows the trend beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 declining. 2018-19, a decrease of 8%, and over the previous fiscal year, followed by 7%, decrease the year before. And currently, we are forecasting this trend to continue, perhaps, accelerate. And based on the recorders of fy 2019-2020 revenues. The mhcr has been monitoring the trend and the implications for franchise fee revenues for local governments and for revenues that support the mhcr community grants and other programs. The fiscal year 2020-21 budget reflects a projected decrease in the franchise fee and peg i-net fee revenues. The mhcr proposed the 2020-21 budget on page 5 of the budget document is on page 5. The annual budget allocation from all jurisdictions collectively funds about 40% of our total operating budget. The allocation is, as mayor wheeler mentioned 294,418, approximately 6% of the current cable franchise collected by the city. pandemic, the commission has reduced the jurisdictions amount for the operating budget by nearly 10% from the previous current service level. The mhcr opted to increase the use of the interest revenue to supplement the operating budget and fund certain one-time projects including the upcoming franchise renewal with comcast. Those negotiations, financial review of the mhcr fund, itself, and a strategic planning process with the jurisdictions to guide the possible changes to the iga. More detail on that budget is contained in appendix 1, page 9 of the proposed budget. And in closing, I would like to quickly comment on the mhcr's use of city staff, generally. I would like to encourage the city to further, as it deliberates on the structure to consider mhcr's previous feedback on that topic and also to continue to solicit our feedback going forward. Finally, I would like to also note specific staff person for recognition, julie omelchuck, who will be retiring at the end of this month. After 33 years working on behalf of the commission and it's stakeholders. Her commitment and competency in delivering the benefits of our commission and it's programs really can't be overstated. With that, thank you for your time. Before we request your approval, I would like to bring careen from open signal into the discussion providing testimony on the impact this funding has on the media centers and the people that make up the community.

**Wheeler:** Before you move to careen, commissioner hardesty had a question.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, leif. My question is around community grants. I don't see anything in the materials that you presented to us that actually lays out who the beneficiaries of those grants are and whether or not we are, actually, impacting the communities that are most at need.

**Hansen:** Yeah, so those would be on page 4 of the annual report. That talks about the 2019 community grants.

**Hardesty:** Okay. Maybe I missed -- the community technology grants. And so what communities are you prioritizing with the community grants? And how are those decisions made?

**Hansen:** Sorry, commissioner. You kind of broke up on that question. Could you repeat that?

**Hardesty:** Yes. How are you -- what communities are you prioritizing for the limited resources that you have and how are you making those decisions?

**Hansen:** Yeah, so there are several criteria that we are focused on. 70% of all the grants that we provided in 2019 did go to communities of disadvantage, and we have criteria around that. And you can see that there were several groups that we gave the money to that did benefit and deliver great support to the communities. This is, you know, perhaps a spot where the staff could jump in and help to support. We have got julie omelchuck on-line, who runs that program.

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**Hardesty:** I think the government programs, and not a whole lot of community-based programs. If I look at who was funded last year, it was primarily schools, libraries, so pretty much government entities. Not seeing a lot that actually went to the community.

**Hansen:** Yes, so about --

**Hardesty:** Am I accurate? Or am I missing something?

**Hansen:** No, you are correct. Two-thirds of the funding does go to the tech smart program, which is specifically focused on student success and focused on the school districts in the community. And that's a larger program, a multi-year program that we tried to really focused, you know, benefits on the longer term student outcomes. And a third of the grant funds go to the community competitive round, and of that, you are correct, some of those do go to the cities, library, and they also go to the media access centers who have programs that deliver benefits back to the communities. And there are several smaller nonprofit, you know, and other community groups that receive that. Generally, we founded the community grant program has been undersubscribe, so we, actually, receive less grant applications than we have money to deliver. That's something that we really have encouraged further outreach to change.

**Hardesty:** And why do you think that is?

**Hansen:** I don't know.

**Hardesty:** I have some ideas. I was hoping that you knew. Live, corey, it looks like you want to weigh in?

**Kory Murphy:** If I may, again, good morning, mayor wheeler and commissioners.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Murphy:** It is, it has been our to be here this morning. I apologize for being late. There is some things happening at the county right now that are very difficult. So please bear with us on that end. I have a couple of comments on commissioner hardesty's questions. One is that's absolutely right. Most have gone to government owned organizations. I look at this ownership, as well. None of the organizations, or very few organizations are owned by community-based or, you know, our target communities, if you will, of color. I would say even though these are well meaning organizations that receive these dollars and are doing the best that they can with those dollars, it still shows the gap, the need, not just the amount, but how we use those dollars and where those dollars go, and what they are used for. So, I guess, the only question is, and I appreciate really leading this commission, up to this point because I am learning about the commission. I am the reason why I am a part of the commission is because of the very questions that the commissioner, you asked, and the very gaps that we are all seeing because we want to be able to flip that around in this next sort of iteration. So, I just wanted to say that I acknowledge the questions. Those are questions -- those are questions that I and others are thinking about, but where this particular commission is, and you will hear more from careen, where the particular commission is, we are just at a hinge, like everywhere else, and we need to make that shift and get it over, and all the things that you are talking about are exactly what we need to be looking at, and we will be. So I appreciate your time.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, corey. I appreciate your input, and I have one last question because I know that we have a full agenda today. The community used to be able to apply for i-net grants, and some decision was made internally to not allow the community to apply for those grants moving forward. In fact, I understand that you stopped the process in the middle of the grant writing process where the community groups were writing grants, and you guys changed the rules in the middle of it. Can you explain to me why you made that decision and what's going to replace the i-net grants for grassroots community members?

**Hansen:** The decision was somewhat forced on us by rules happening at the fcc, and so we really paused because the grant, the focus of that money needs to be -- it needs to be, it needs to be direct -- it can't be directed towards things that are viewed by the cable

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company as in-kind contributions, when the i-net program was. So it's really a temporary pause. The program may come back, depends on how those rules get finished.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. Every very concerned about how we support the community for a long time. I am willing and able to actually assist you and actually in fulfilling your mission because I just don't think that we are investing where we should be investing, and I think that big people like governments and libraries, it's very easy to come to you to get money, and it's almost impossible for the community-based organizations to have the same level of access. So I am glad to see that there is some new thinking happening because we cannot continue like this, and pretend that we are investing in the communities. So thank you.

**Hansen:** No. I think that we would absolutely encourage that input. The last thing I would say on the community technology piece, too, is that there are specific restrictions around how that money can be used. It needs to be tied, you know, to the, you know, to the peg program, and the use of the cable system, so there are limits, I guess, to which community sources we can deliver funds into, but, you know, I am absolutely welcoming.

**Hardesty:** I think what we learned through the pandemic, no matter how much investments you make in a school building, if kids aren't in it, it's useless.

**Hansen:** Yeah, a fair point.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Go ahead.

**Hansen:** I was just going to turn things over to careen if he wanted to continue with his testimony.

**Wheeler:** Great. Careen.

**Karim Hassanein, Board President Open Signal:** Thank you, leif, and commissioners and mayor. Can everyone hear me all right?

**Wheeler:** Yeah. Loud and clear.

**Hassanein:** Okay. Well, I hope that if there are any questions, I can answer them after my testimony, but I am really going to be focusing on the impacts of this funding. The individuals who benefit from the infrastructure, that is supported through it. My name is , and I am the board president of open signal, which is one of the organizations that receives crucial funding support from the mhcr as leif detailed. This is the third time I have had the privilege of addressing you all to advocate on behalf of an organization whose mission and function is central to a democratic society. My belief in that mission has never waived, but a lot has shifted in the world since I was last year as this platform demonstrates by itself, and my appeal for your support must reflect those shifts. So we find ourselves in the midst of a global health crisis, whose most immediate impacts are devastating and long-term effects are subject only to speculation. The ability to earn a living and tend to our basic needs, to seek knowledge and serve our communities, to watch our children thrive, and to be a comfort to our elders in a matter of months, millions of people in this country have come to understand the fragility of our expectations. But millions more never needed a reminder and have only found their suffering compounded by a failing and neglected social infrastructure. With the cracks in our system, giving away so blatantly, we are seeing the torrential rush of righteous anger at a globalized system of white supremacy, a system that has murdered and oppressed our black and indigenous siblings with impunity for generations, a system that treats people of color as disposable, inconvenient and threatening, while simultaneously profiting from our labor, our culture and expecting us to be thankful no how good we have it compared to some other time or place. The first time I sat before you I mentioned I spent much of my life in egypt, a military dictatorship where schools crumble while state violence benefit from global investment. Recently, my father was arrested and wrongfully imprisoned over a minor issue spending nearly two weeks in a crowded holding cell with dozens of other people because cairo's government is losing revenue, and decided to make up the difference through extortion.

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Thankfully, he did not get sick. Thankfully my parents could pay to have him released. But compared to plane who shared his cell we were profoundly privileged. But for weeks I felt the terror of all whose loved ones live and die at the mercy of the justice system that knows neither mercy nor justice. And the fear doesn't go away when the ordeal ends. You live with the knowledge that it could happen again, and if you try to tell your story, you wonder if anyone will hear it. So why am I bringing this up in the context of approving the mhcrf funding request? Last week I heard this commission say that a budget is a moral document. I believe that. By supporting mhcrf's work and the work that we need to do to serve the communities that we are a part of better, including supporting open signal and other sustainers of civic life, you are choosing to invest in the infrastructure of democracy. You are putting dollars directly into the hands of folks who are committed to elevating black voices. You are investing in an information and community landscape where those who experience injustice have control over their own narratives, careers, and can actualize their visions of a just and equitable society. We have a lot of important work ahead of us to make this system work better, more equitably. The future is hard to predict. There are many critical causes in need of funding, but I hope that supporting this request is one of the easiest decisions you make today. And I thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Carren, thank you for your excellent remarks, and thank you for your service. Colleagues, any further questions before we go to public testimony on this item? Karla, do we have people signed up for public tunnel?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, we have one person

**Wheeler:** Welcome, ellen. Good morning.

**Alan Hipolito Verde:** Morning, mayor. Good morning, commissioners. My name is alan , I work for a nonprofit, in its suma program. I should mention that suma will be an independent nonprofit beginning July 1 to focus on justice issues, and I will be going with it. In the words of your friend, reyes , it's a blessing to be with you today. I appreciate the chance to offer testimony. First, I want to thank Karla and the team for giving me an opportunity to get in. I did not realize that under the new system, the signups need to happen by the evening before, so I wanted to make sure to thank them visibly. I want to echo and share some of the concerns about the end of the i-net grant program, and the restrictions prior to its end that came up. Again, this is a resource that groups like apano, boys and girls club, other front line organizations use to bring technology investments into their communities. This is distinct from the funding discussed today, which is meant to distribute the video programming on the cable system. These video grants are also important. I support them, and also echo the call to extend them deeply into front line communities. The i-net grants -- this was one of the very few significant local funding sources that we had to overcome the digital divide, hardware, software, staffing, and training. And in front line communities. These were meaningful grants, 50,000, 100,000 plus. I urge the council and the mhcrf to find new ways to provide funding to bridge the divide and make that funding directly available to front line organizations. I want to be clear about what's at stake as the prior testifier also mentioned so eloquently. It's easy to forget for those of us seamlessly surrounded by such access and technology, how indispensable it is. It's gone from something that didn't exist when many of us were young to a fundamental utility like water, electricity, heat, and low income people often make the same choices about the internet bill that they used to do about the power or the water bill. How do I pay this, put food on the table and pay rent at the same time. It's become fundamental to living, to surviving, and thriving in the pandemic. Just like food shelter, access to healthcare, is because visually an isolated person might not learn about, and therefore, might not be able to access a rent assistance program or an emergency food program. A digitally isolated person might not be able to connect to the medical care that they need when tele-health is the dominant practice. And you can see many, many front line

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organizations making tough choices, budget choices right now to support the digital divide alongside these other needs. Groups like miya, rafael house, latino network, black parent initiative, community lines, central city concern, arc of Multnomah and clackamas. These and other organizations like them are looking at their limited staff and fundraising time and saying, we need to get money to bridge the digital divide. They are looking at their limited funding, their under-restricted covid-19 response grants and saying okay, we have got 10,000. Let's put 3,000 to food boxes, and put 6,000 to -- rent support and 1,000 to devices and internet access for our community members since all these are critical and none of them can wait. So I applaud the council taking greater leadership on working with mhcr to find new ways to drive this funding deeply into our front line communities, and to bridge the digital divide. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. Any further testimony, Karla? Or was alan it?

**Moore-Love:** That was the only one.

**Wheeler:** Very good. You have the whole floor to yours, alan. Enjoy it while it lasts. Any further questions, colleagues, before we move this to a vote. Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I think that we have a fabulous opportunity to reimagine how we utilize the resources that are invested in our community to help people actually be able to create -- to use their voice to share information, etc. I am hopeful that the board, actually is, rethinking everything that they thought that they knew to be true before the pandemic hit, before the economic downturn hit, and before the revolution hit. I look forward to talking with you about what the future looks like because I have not been impressed with the past. I just want to be straightforward and honest. Where you sit, I used to sit, and that was one of my proudest volunteer jobs, but I understood that most people don't have access to those resources. You have to have a bit of expertise to even understand the resources exist, and then a bit more expertise to figure out how to use it. I will be voting yes on this budget, but know that I am voting yes because I believe that the people here today are starting the first step in making sure that when you come back next year, you won't be selling me the same song and dance, that you will have, actually, recreated opportunities and places that you never thought were possible. And so I know that all of us are going through a transformation, and I want to give you the time and the opportunity to go through that transformation. But know, my office is ready to says you in any way that we can to make sure that next year's presentation will be one that I will be providing glowing praise for the radical transformation that has begun. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** I guess I muted myself. Here we go. Thanks, everyone, for being here today.

Thank you careen, in particular, for your testimony, and thank you, alan, digital equity has been one of my top priorities since the shutdown, so I am very interested in working with you on that, and there is internal work happening at the city. I love all the work that you guys do, and I am happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** I am going to start with thanking julia. She has been an amazing career with the city of Portland she taught me a lot when I was in the cable communications and franchise management, and she has been working with the mt. Hood cable regulatory commission for a long time and does it really well so thank you, julie omelchuck, we appreciate you, and thank you to the acting director of the office of community technology, and thank you to the volunteers, , corey murphy, and all the volunteers who served so diligently on the commission. It's a really important commission that has a lot of power, and that, and all the other things that it does. It's one of the reasons that we should listen to the commission's recommendation that the office of community technology should remain a stand alone bureau, and obviously, it needs a commissioner in charge who is going to pay attention to all of these changes that need to be made. And that can't happen if it's deep within the office of management and finance or in any other bureau. It has to remain a stand alone bureau. And so I hope that we will be able to move forward with the hiring of the director

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and figuring out how are we going to work with the community because that's another difference with this commission. It is working with the community. It has -- it has been working with community, as commissioner Hardesty mentioned when she was with open signal. So the changes that commissioner Hardesty mentioned, they have been coming when commissioner Saltzman and I worked on the digital equity plan, and we have been aware of this. We are also aware of how minimal the resources are and when you have got 100 Chromebooks to hand out, and you get thousands and thousands of applications, that just shows the need. And we also know that just giving people technology doesn't necessarily mean that they have the ability to use it either with the know-how or with the ongoing services. Here I am stuck at home, and I can't have anyone tell me how to hook up a camera to my computer. So for some people, it's not the COVID that is stopping them from getting someone in. It's the fact that they cannot afford it, and even if they did, they would not be able to continue to afford to pay for this, so many, many challenges. All of which, or many of which I think that we identified, and a lot of really good people willing to work on it. Willing to put their heart and soul into it. Thank you to open signal to the changes made under the leadership of Justin, are phenomenal, and again, I just know that we have the right people in place to continue to move this work forward, and now we have a lot more recognition of how important it is. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, thank you for the presentation today. And Elizabeth, you sat there mostly quietly. I want to thank Elizabeth Perez for her extraordinary leadership during what is a transitional time. And I want to start off by just reminding everybody that the Mt. Hood cable regulatory commission is a long standing arrangement. It's a long standing governmental partnership, and it includes not only the city of Portland. It also includes Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, Wood Village, and the Multnomah County government, as well. This is, obviously, a time when we are reimagining everything, and I think that we need to reimagine what this relationship means, as well. We have a really eloquent conversation, testimony related to the importance of open signal in this democratic process. We, obviously, had some testimony in terms of how should we internally structure the office for community technology, and I think that's a really important conversation, as well. Also, I want to remind us where we started this discussion. This discussion started in the context of a \$75 million budget gap. That is how we framed the conversation we are now having today having seen the entire world shift under our feet both as a result of COVID and as a result of the murder of George Floyd and the community demands for justice. So this conversation and the structure and what we are voting on feels like it's really out of step with the moment. So I want to throw one more idea out there on the table. You heard commissioner Hardesty talk about the community partnership and investment in the community and her expectations for what this conversation might look like next year. I also want to put something on the table to make your life more complicated than they already are. This is a conversation that cannot happen in a vacuum because it's not just about the technology. It's not even just about the democracy. This is also about education and access to information. Why aren't the school districts involved in this conversation with us, and as we all learned having to figure out Zoom, some of us are still trying to figure out Zoom, thank you for that admission, and commissioner Fritz, so I am not the only one. But one thing that we learned about technology is that we are not going to go backwards in this kind of interaction, this means of gathering information, this means of obscuring ideas and thoughts and democratic -- we're not going to put it back in the can. This is only going to move in one direction, and technology will be both the backbone and the deliverer of that opportunity, or it's going to be a wall that stands in the way of people actually having access to the institutions of democracy and information and educational opportunity. So while you are hugely under-resourced, I know this because I prepared the proposed budget, and while you have excellent volunteers with great aspirations, I think that the

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conversation is going to be -- it's going to have to be larger than what we are talking about today. You know, the fact that -- and thank you no whoever raised it, that we had 100 chrome books, and we have like 10 to 20 "x" demand for those chrome books, that gap represents a loss of educational achievement in our community. That gap means that there are lots and lots of young people in this community who do not have access to information in an age where information is increasingly the most important thing that you can have access to. So I would like us to broaden this conversation, I would like to think about where this overlaps with other structures in our society like the school districts and the educational system. I was really impressed with your testimony today, leif and corey and careen. Super cool. I really appreciate it. And I am really happy for the conversation that's going to come ahead. I think it will be interesting dynamic, fun, and productive. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you all. Let's see, next item, we move to the regular -- nope, we don't. We have a time certain at 10:45, Karla. Item 463.

**Item 463.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this is the second reading, that means we already have taken testimony on this item. That means that we have heard the presentations on this item. I want to ask if there is any further questions before we call the roll. Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Excellent work. Thank you very much. I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** We are happy to support this, when I first raised the concerns about the project not requiring the affordability. It seemed like that ship had sailed and there was nothing that we could do about it so I want to thank everyone who helped us make the expanding opportunities for affordable housing project actually require affordability. Work is not done after discussion with the housing bureau and other council offices. We would like for phb to create a time line to examine all the city's housing affordability programs. I understand this will take time, and once the bureau has capacity, I would like for them to give council an update on how the bureau plans to proceed. My senior policy advisor, used his expertise in housing policy and really hustled to make this requirement happen. So thank you. And thank you to the housing coalition whose advocacy has been the heart of this project. In particular, I want to thank all of the coalition members who have called for affordability to be required throughout the project who couldn't have done this without you. I want to thank the bureau of staff who helped to make this budget a reality. And nan stark, you have been an invaluable advocate for community groups. Congratulations on your retirement at the end of the month. You will be missed. And finally, I want to thank my colleagues for your support as we worked quickly to strengthen this project for avoiding delays for projects. We have been waiting to build affordable housing, in particular I want to thank commissioner hardesty's office would helped us advance the affordability requirement in these conversations. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** This is a project that so many people can be proud of. It's a true, collective effort by the community and faith-based organizations to use their property more creatively and flexible for needed housing and now affordable housing. And I am going to start by thanking nan stark in the bureau of planning and sustainability. Thank you, nan, for your leadership on this important project and many, many years of service to the city, including most recently your work with north and northeast Portland residents as the district liaison. You have always worked hard to sense the community benefits and economic justice in your planning guidance. And I appreciate your commitment to equity and anti-displacement. This seems like an ideal final project for you at the city, and clair adams on my staff and I both thank you for all the things you taught us over many years. Among your testimony we heard last month, I specifically thanked mrs. Diane clay for sharing her family history on north mississippi avenue and for presenting council with the opportunity to provide direction on a restorative and reparative planning effort. We must continue to find



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concrete power to supporting wealth generation and economic stabilization for our black indigenous and people of color community members. It's very fitting that this should have come at a time where we are recognizing more and more that we need to do just that. So this has gone beyond the communities to looking at how -- what are the, what other good can we do and how much justice can we do today. That's a sign that I have had up in my office since the first day. Thank you to the bureau of planning and sustainability leadership, andrea durbin and eric and your staff and to clair adams on my staff, and thank you to metro for securing the planning dollars to make this possible, and the construction excise tax, which I believe is where that money comes from, so it is development serving to promote better planning and better zoning. Thank you to the stakeholder advisory committee for volunteering your time to this effort. I appreciate the community members who took time to submit the testimony last month, that helped the council make a strong project even stronger. And oh, I do love planning and zoning. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to thank all of the participants in the city's process that helped us to get to this moment today. The covid-19 emergency, obviously, threw us a curve ball, but I am grateful to everyone for successfully completing the comprehensive, legislative land use change and doing so remotely. It was longer than planned, of course, but I am glad that we were able to give everybody who wanted the opportunity to speak. That was very important to me. I believe that this is a timely project because it gives the community-based organizations more tools to help us to provide needed housing throughout the city. I appreciate that you are able to identify a follow-up process to consider some additional properties, while still getting the project to a final vote today. I also want to thank our staff at the housing bureau, the bureau of development services for working with bps on this specific amendment language, and I want to thank our community leaders who took the time, and the city bureaus and staff, and my staff, in particular. It seems volumes to how committed you are to helping the community, especially those who are facing obstacles of the housing stability. I want to also thank the speaker for bring us across the finish line as soon as possible. I hope the state can make more of these projects financially feasible and match our local efforts with the resources and tools that they have. This can be a very powerful partnership between the city of Portland and the state of Oregon so let's work in that direction. I want to give special thanks to my chief of staff, kristin dennis, who work very hard on this proposal. Thank you, of course, to eric engstrom and andrea durbin, donnie olivera and joe at bps and our city attorneys, and lauren king for their hard work to change our city code for the better. Lastly, maybe most importantly, I want to thank nan stark for her years of leadership and passion and commitment to the city of Portland and to the residents in the city of Portland. Things are moving incredibly fast, so nan, I hope you are able to take a moment to celebrate all of your accomplishments, particularly, this proposal. I am very proud to vote aye, and the ordinance is adopted. Thank you, everyone.

**Nan Stark:** Thank you very much. This project will have positive impact for many years, and I really appreciate all of the work that the communities that collaborated on this project, that will continue to have good work coming, so thank you again.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your leadership and best of luck in all the things that I know that you will be doing in the future.

**Stark:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Next up, colleagues, is item 483, 483, and just read 483, but I want to give a heads up that the next several items are negotiated settlements between plaintiffs and the city of Portland. 483 first, please, Karla.

#### **Item 483.**

**Wheeler:** On november 28, 2018, the Portland police officer mistakenly believed that their light was green and proceeded into an intersection on a red light and struck a 1995 toyota camry driven by mr. Ryan aasland as he was in the process of making a left-hand turn.

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Liability rests solely with the Portland police officer. Mr. Aasland reported injuries to his back, his neck, and his right shoulder. He was in physical therapy for several months, and he missed over five months of work. Risk management engaged in conversations, ultimately, negotiations with Mr. Aasland's attorney and CSAA, and they were able to reach an agreement of \$85,000, inclusive of medical expenses. Approval of this ordinance will now risk management to issue a check to Mr. Aasland and his attorney for \$70,000 for his wage lost, pain, and suffering. An additional check of \$15,000 will be issued to his insurer, CSAA, for his covered medical expenses and additional losses. I don't know if we have a presentation on this item? Or if we just have somebody here to answer questions. I think that we have the senior claims analyst, Jessica on the line. I see Jessica. Good morning.

**Jessica Bird, Risk Management Office of Management and Finance:** Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. My name is Jessica Byrd, and as the Mayor said, I am a senior liability claims analyst with Risk Management. I also have with me today Lieutenant Nathan Shepherd with the Professional Standards Division. If we can anticipate any particular questions, the Mayor offered the facts of the case. I would only add that we did find that the officer had a prior, preventable accident approximately one year prior, and the Bureau took corrective action after each accident. May also be helpful to know that the officer was returning home and was authorized to take this vehicle home in Oregon. The insurance follows the vehicle, or in our case, self insurance follows the vehicle in this circumstance. If there is any further questions, I am here, as well as Lieutenant Shepherd.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any further questions? Seeing none, Karla, is there any public testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** Yes, Edith Gillis requested this be pulled from last week's January along with 484 and 485.

**Wheeler:** All right -- Edith, are you on the line? I don't see her on the list, Karla, do you?

**Edith Gillis:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** There we go. Good morning.

**Gillis:** Before you start the stopwatch timer, I have two ADA accommodation requests for my testimony. Timing and procedure. I will give the rationale for that, and then would like to give my testimony. The Portland Police caused my new disabling medical condition that makes it near impossible for me to email or type or read my testimony, and it makes it harmful and physically painful for me to look at a computer screen, which is why I have a towel over it. TV, cell phone, or electric billboard or Tri-Met bus sign or digital clock or cell phone timer, which you have to help us stay on-time. The Police caused me a traumatic brain injury and harm to my body's electrical system. I am extremely weak, and I am stupid. I am not able to really speak or think or remember or focus or analyze details or make connections to bigger patterns. I cannot get distracted or overwhelmed by the pain or strange sensations. My body shakes, and so it's hard for me to write, and it's harder for me to read even if my eyes, which normally are not focusing or have blackness -- or fog coming. So it is not work to jump back and forth between translating my culture and its values, perceptions and rules of relationship and communication with your culture, and how I am supposed to act in the City Council. I am not able to speak right now. I am triggered with PTSD, and I am trying not to trigger your defensiveness. So what I am asking is that you read the agenda numbers 483, 484, and 4 -- and 485 together so I can testify once to save you time. And maybe say whatever clarity and cohesion I have so that we can get this done, and I can say what no one else is able to say that you need to hear, but I am not saying very well. And in a second, the second accommodation is that you just, just as with ALA, I mean, ASL or language interpreter, it takes extra time. Could you give me more time because I want having a hard time making my mind translate.

**Wheeler:** Edith, let me suggest an idea, I assume that you are planning on testifying on 483, 484, and 485, is that correct?

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**Gillis:** I am asking could I do that all at once?

**Wheeler:** Yes. I will make that accommodation for you.

**Gillis:** Do you need to read them all first?

**Wheeler:** No. I can't read them all together because they are separate settlements, but unless my colleagues object, I will let you do your three minutes of testify on each concurrently. So you have about, Karla, how much time would she have left? Six plus however how much of the three minutes from this testimony.

**Moore-Love:** I show 25 seconds is left.

**Wheeler:** So edith, can you do it in six minutes and 25 seconds, please? On all three.

**Gillis:** I hope. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** You are welcome.

**Gillis:** Okay. So the last nine years of me trying to testify at the city council, I see the same pattern. We are trying to vote and have testimony only on a very small, temporary, shallow, narrow thing, out of context. It's like you see this gray hummingbird type of thing moving back and forth with six-inch long black hairs, and you don't know what it is. And there is this big one, two-foot wide pile of poop that happens, and you don't know why. And you swat away the hummingbird thing with the long hair, and you try to scoop up the poop, but you don't realize that's the end of an elephant tail. An elephant is in a herd, and an elephant doesn't belong there, and you need to address the elephant herd. And I think before I say how I want you to vote on this, it's really important that we put into place a process so we don't keep having ineffective, squatting at elephant tail tips. And we stop having marauding elephant herds making a mess. So I can't see, I can't think. Let's see. I am saying require, when you have these votes, on expenditures, especially from risk management, require each girl the liability risk management team and the lawyers involved to present adequate information to each commissioner with enough time and clarity before so that you not only know how to vote on this narrow thing, but you have time to right policies. And the questions that they should answer are -- what are the names and job title of the city employee or agents who did the harm. Two, the laws, the cops, or whomever broke. The policies that violated, the orders by whom they disobeyed or obeyed, and the standard, even if it's unofficial, of practice that they were consistent or inconsistent with. And then three, the extent of the injuries and damages to the victims and the duration of what harm. They will continue to suffer, and the amount that they request versus the -- oh, I can't think. Hold on. The lowest amount the city thinks that they can get for reimbursing, and the actual cost, not only to the victim for that time period, but ongoing costs to the victim, but also the ongoing cost to the city because this effects the city legitimacy and trust, and that affects tax payments and obedience to laws and whether you have protests and etc. Have them require to show you the pattern in history, for example, of the cop recklessly speeding or tailgating or crowding, and show the -- show whether the victims within the targeted hate groups, like queer, trans, black, indigenous, poc, houseless, or someone stuck in fear or pain that we call mental illness, and what neighborhoods these seem to repeatedly happen in. Five, the location and can have a graph over time, like live stories is a business that can show you, answer any of your questions like are we seeing patterns here? We need to address. Six, the city services the crime victim needed before this happened. And after, and how that lack or injustice of city services like a safe intersection or addiction services or whatever, or housing did not contribute to the harm done. And then, the commitment and -- for improvement and action plan by that employee. It's not enough that we just keep paying for them to do wrong, but what commitment is realistic that they are going to do to not do it again with their signature and their supervisor's commitment and signature with account of accountability. And then make that information publicly available, and part of the bureau's responsibility, and then b, before the city council requires Portlanders to pay for their own harm or their neighbor's harm, by

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city employees, require Portlanders to thereby lose their needed services, as when you spend more money on one thing you have less for what we really want, have an external independent oversight with the power of, what's the word that means they are legally required with penalty of fine or jail if they don't give you the information.

**Hardesty:** How does mandate fit.

**Gillis:** Subpoena. So each bureau does not have a vested interest in covering up the crimes and denying it and hiding it. And then add, address the reason for the payouts. The problems that cause the patterns. One, make the employees pay their own car insurance coverage and not be driving city cars outside of doing their job. And make high-risk jobs have mandated personal liability insurance like possible employees, doctors have to pay their own medical liability malpractice insurance and building contractors have to pay their own bonded licensed, ensured payments.

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Gillis:** Oh, please. As a private caregiver, taking care of someone at plaza, I have to take a drug test and pay \$1 million per incident --

**Wheeler:** We appreciate, we appreciate it. Thank you. Karla, is that all that signed up for public testimony? On 483?

**Moore-Love:** No, not on any more of these items.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Very good. Any further discussion on 483? Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Miss Gillis, thank you for your testimony. And I appreciate the issues you are raising. We do get more information that come to us, their attorney/client privilege protected, and they have in the past made me look at policies where it's clear that the policy needs to be changed if it should. So I appreciate the points you are bringing up, and I also appreciate that the assessment was reached in this case, aye.

**Wheeler:** Edith, I want to thank you for your testimony and I think that you made excellent points. As commissioner Fritz just indicated, this is also a assessment agreement so this is a, an agreement that was made with the individuals who were impacted by this, so this is done through a negotiated process. This allows us to write the check and move on from this episode, but I just want to be clear. This is a negotiated agreement between the plaintiff and the city of Portland, and I presume they find this to be a reasonable and fair agreement. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is 484.

**Item 484.**

**Wheeler:** Shortly from , natasha lester was struck and injured by Portland police car as she crossed northeast killingsworth in an unmarked crosswalk. A Portland police sergeant driving to an emergency call turned right on northeast killingsworth from northeast 6th avenue and did not see lester in time to avoid hitting her. The settlement was reached for a total payment of \$35,000 to cover her past and future medical bills, pain and suffering and attorney's fees. In 2018, \$5,000 was paid to help with medical expenses. This ordinance authorizes payment of an additional \$30,000. We have karen, I believe, is here to answer any questions that we have, or becky chou is with us.

**Beck Chiao, Risk Management:** Hi, I am here if you have any questions, commissioner and mayor.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any further questions on this item in and Karla, we heard testimony from edith. Is there any other testimony on this particular item?

**Moore-Love:** No one else requested to speak.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is 485.

**Item 485.**

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**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this is a settlement of property damage filed by mr. Quemada's auto insurance on July 10, 2019, mr. Quemada was driving his vehicle through an intersection on a green traffic signal, and he was struck by a Portland police vehicle traveling through the intersection on a red traffic signal. His vehicle was damaged. His auto insurance can pay for the repairs. The ordinance is to settle the property damage in the total amount of \$7,209.48. And it looks like we have Karen is here with us. Karen Bond, good morning. Karen.

**Karren Bond, Risk Management:** Good morning, Mayor. Council members. If you have questions I am certainly here to answer them.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, any questions? Of Karen Bond? I am not seeing any. Thank you, Karen, for being here this morning. Is there any public testimony on this item?

**Moore-Love:** I don't see anyone else.

**Wheeler:** Very good, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I want to appreciate Risk Management doing an excellent job of actually preparing us before these items are on the agenda. I am grateful that we have enough, an opportunity in advance to ask the questions that are necessary. For me, personally, to feel comfortable in voting in favor of these settlements. I just want to say for the record, people know that if I had questions, I would be all over the individuals that were testifying today. I am confident that we are making the right choices with these settlements. So I vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Yes, thank you to Risk Management and also note we have in the past been asked not to put these on consent. These, we are talking about individuals who have come to settlements, and to a certain extent it's -- it's up to them to decide if they want public review. There is public review because it is on our agenda, but as Commissioner Hardesty said, if they were not satisfied that they could also pull it. It is a settlement, so they can. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item please is 486, this is a second reading.

**Item 486.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, just a reminder, this ordinance amends a contract the city has with Marsh USA for owner controlled insurance program brokerage insurance and administrative services for the Bureau of Environmental Services Capital Projects. This is a second reading. We have heard a presentation and public testimony. Is there further business on this item? As we -- it does not look like this. Andre did you -- no, it just flashed to you. Very good. Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** This is a -- I am so pleased to support this. I am pleased with the staff who actually did their due diligence to ensure that they were able to identify a minority owned firm. I am hoping to see many more proposals like this come in front of the city council. And I am very happy to vote aye.

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

**Wheeler:** Well done to everybody who work on this. Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, 487, please.

**Item 487.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this is a second reading. We have had extensive presentations, hearings and public testimony on this item. Before we move to the vote, I would like the director to be able to have the floor. Director Kinard.

**Jessica Kinard, Director City Budget Office:** Thank you, Mayor for the opportunity. I wanted to be sure to just have a moment to acknowledge a number of people that have worked extremely hard to meet the demands over the last several months. As you all know it has been a budget year unlike any other, so I appreciate a couple moments from you. I acknowledge the work of several people. First and foremost I want to extend my gratitude

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and admiration for my phenomenal staff for their unmatched dedication and professionalism through this time of immense change, anxiety and diversity. I want to acknowledge and appreciate each member of my staff for working tirelessly through many nights and weekends to meet budgetary informational needs that at times were changing by the hour. I am blessed to get to work with these individuals in each person, went above and beyond their aptitude and skills these last months. I am humbled and honored to get to lead this office. I also want to recognize the construction of the budget is the result of a citywide effort in partnership of great staff from all across the city, to our excellent budget and financial staff across any bureaus, to Keelen and Karla and Robert Taylor, to Cathy Bless and her stellar H.R. Team, to Tom Reinhardt, Michelle Kirby, and her wonderful team and many others across the city that have responded to the call for urgent assistance on numerous occasions to get this work done. I extend my sincere appreciation. Finally, I want to thank the Mayor and each office and your many fantastic staff for your hard work through this process, and above all, for your faith in and support of our office's ability to shepherd you through these tumultuous times. While I want to acknowledge this is an important milestone we know that the real work has just begun. Our office looks forward to continuing to support you in the hard work to come over the next several months. I will turn it back to you, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Very good, thank you. So thank you, Director Kinard. We appreciate it, and the incredible work you and your team have put into this process. Literally over the last year, and the rapidly changing circumstances. With that, any further business before we call the roll? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Director Kinard, I just cannot appreciate you and your staff more. As you said, as you alluded to, this is the most insane budget process that the city of Portland has ever experienced. And in the midst of that, your calm, your clarity, and your ability to actually give us vital information for us to make the critical decisions that we needed to make, I mean, when I first got here, I thought your team was just phenomenal. And then last year I thought your team was phenomenal. And in these last months, your team has surpassed "phenomenal" in so many ways. I just want to appreciate you greatly because I know that we have added to your workload in ways that you hadn't imagined when we started this budget process. I don't think the public understands that the budget that we are about to affirm today is a budget that's, actually, the third budget that we, at the city of Portland, started with. I remember in March that we had what we thought was a budget that we were moving forward. Then the pandemic hit. And then we had to do quick revisions because of the \$75 million deficit. And so in the midst of two crises, the pandemic and the economic collapse in our community, a revolution started. The revolution actually brought to the forefront work that myself and many, many, many other community members have done over the years to get us to a place where we could really start looking at our whole system and say whether or not the systems that are supposed to serve everyone truly serves them. And what we know and what I have known forever, but now what more people appear to know is that our systems do not serve everyone equally. You know, the budget - I am so thrilled to have the kind of expertise here at the city that helps us to unpack really complicated issues and to be able to do it in a way that actually is helping all of us be better. Better elected officials. Better directors, and better community members. So my appreciation knows no bounds for Director Kinard and her staff. Let me be clear about where we are with this budget, though. The fact that we received over 67,000 emails, which is more than I received in my entire career here at the city council, has just warmed my heart and my spirit and my soul. The fact that we have thousands of young people every night taking to the street and non-violent protests to point out the inequities in the system also warms my heart. The fact that we have people who have just awakened to the notion that our systems are not equitable and not fair and that people have been calling for

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the kind of changes that we are hearing on the street every night for decades, at least the three decades that I've been working on it. I am sure that Haynes and many other civil rights leaders in our community have been doing it so, so, so much longer. I want to speak directly to the people outraged that we didn't have the audacity to cut \$50 million out of the police budget. I want to be clear that the 50 million number was based on nothing. There was no analysis done, and had there been, I would have been the first one to have actually reviewed the analysis and made a determination about whether the analysis would hold up. As someone who sees themselves as a community organizer, I want to be really clear with our community, you have won significant, significant changes in the police bureau budget, starting with a \$27 million reduction from the 5.6 million that the mayor had required across the board for all city bureaus, and going back and looking at what are the most racially, unjust programs within the police bureau, and what do we need to do as a council to ensure that we are not just gutting the police bureau, but that we have a vision about where we are moving. I am so pleased that the majority of my colleagues understand the moment that we are in, and the majority of my colleagues understood that we had to be bold. I have got to tell you never in my life would I have imagined that we, any government, would be able to cut that much significant resources out of the police budget because what has driven the conversation around the community safety has been the police. What has driven the conversation around who are the criminals, who are the people that need to be arrested and prosecuted have been the police. And because they have people who all day, every day, send press releases out to paint a picture of the crime and paint a picture of what it looks like, and in what community it happens, the community as well as elected leaders, have been followers in determining whether or not we were creating a safe community. Elected leaders are no longer going to be followers. What we are going to do is lead. What we are going to do is actually recreate a system that will allow for all community members regardless of their skin color, regardless of the language that they speak, and regardless of the country that they were born in, regardless of the disabilities that they live with, we are going to take -- to create a community safety plan that will ensure that you won't have to worry about who shows up when you call 9-1-1. Will all this happen overnight? Absolutely not. But what I know for sure is that the majority of my colleagues are committed to the hard work that happens the moment that we pass this budget. That hard work is going to be intense, and it's necessary, and the next 90 days are going to give you the confidence that not only has this city council heard you, we did not stop at the police budget. We are looking at how do we hold the police accountable, which what we have ipr not work, and it never has, and it's probably designed not to work. We are going to be looking at that. We are going to be looking at who will we recruit to be a member of our community police force? We are going to look at how we train people who will become community police officers in our community. Never again will we allow the police to be the only people training police to be community police officers. This council has taken on a mandate, and I am really, really proud that my colleagues -- and let me just say to Mayor Wheeler, Mayor Wheeler, it has been a pleasure to go through this process with you because I know that when you were just a month ago, I know how committed you were to the path that we were on. The mark of a true leader is one that when they get new information, they change, and that's exactly what I have seen you do over this last three weeks. It has been a pleasure to watch the growth, the new understanding, and the new dedication to making sure that when we leave office, the city will be a whole lot better off. I am so proud to be a colleague of yours, Mayor Wheeler. Commissioner Fritz, I want to say to you, I know that this was a hard place for you to get to. I am so appreciative that you were open to hear from community. That you were open to those late night phone calls with me. And that we were able to, as the leadership of this city, to take advantage of this moment to make sure that we were putting the right pieces in place so that we can start

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the community healing and the reimagining community safety. I also want to say that the hard work is really just beginning. What I know is that there are a lot of people who are taking to the street every night who have not had a government 101 training class. Have not before this month actually understood all the work that the community and government has done to lead us to this point. Let me be clear and say that the \$50 million number was not based on any rationale analysis of what we do in the police bureau and where we are headed in the future. And I would hope that the community members would take a moment to celebrate this incredible moment that we are in. The \$50 million number came because in los angeles, there was a -- an action by the council to cut 150 million out of the police budget. Let me just say if you have a billion plus police budget, cutting 150 million is like cutting out your petty cash. That's not transformation. Let me also say when people say just, like close the police bureau and start over. I will bet you a dollar that in minneapolis they will be in litigation for many years because the union will not go away without a fight, and that fight will be fought in court. And while that court fight is taking place, the city of Portland will be fundamentally changing how community safety happens, who shows up, and who we hold responsible for their activity, and how we make sure that we have a -- accountability built into the new system that we are building. I want to take a moment to say that to chief lovell, you are stepping into your role as Portland police bureau at a time that I would not want my worst enemy to step into that job, but I want you to know and the public to know that I have confidence that you are the right leader and in the right position at the right time. And it will be my honor to work with you to right this ship to ensure that we have a police department that understands that they are our community service, that they are public servants, and they must be partners with the community to solve crimes. Police cannot be effective if the community does not trust them and does not believe they are working on their behalf. So what a whirlwind the last couple weeks have been. Thank you to the 700 people who testified -- and I want to say, and I am sorry I am taking so long, but i've been holding this stuff in for a while. I have to say for all the new young, white people who all of a sudden are demanding equality for black folks in the community, where were you when kendra james was shot and killed. Where were you when keaton otis was shot and killed because he thought that the -- the police thought that -- the Portland gang enforcement unit thought that he looked like he might be a gang member. Where were you when aaron campbell was killed? I could go through the entire list, and I can tell you, you are not with me reading police reports. You were not with me advocating the city council for changes. You were not with me demanding the department of justice come and fix our broken police system. You were not present. And I am -- and I want you to know that it is not appropriate for you to say to me that I have not gone far enough. You don't know the shoes I have walked in over the 30 years that I lived in Portland. And I am honored to have a seat on the city council in this time where we are making transformational changes. There is nowhere else in the world that I would want to be. But I am going to lose patience with people that tell me that I don't know what I am doing, and I have not done enough for police accountability in this community. If you think that you can match your resume to mine, contact my office and we will talk. After having said that, I am proud and honored to support this budget that starts the process of us collectively reimagining what our police force looks like. I am proud to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** I want to start by thanking director kinard. As I said before, every year's budget has come with a unique set of challenges and this was no exception. I can only imagine what your workload has been like over the last few weeks, and I want to thank you for helping us navigate this moment. Last week I voted no on the amended budget. Not because I didn't support the amendments. I voted yes on all of them, but because I agree with the more than 72,000 constituents that e-mailed my office, the tens of thousands of protesters on the streets, and hundreds of community members who testified on the



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budget we need to do more. It took a principled stand after being frozen out of the final decision by my colleagues to give voice to the community knowing that my no vote would make no functional difference. The budget would pass with or without me and take effect on July 1. That's precisely what will happen today. My primary concern was that although we were cutting specialty units, position authority, and scope of work, because there are over 60 long time vacancies and 40 retirements, it was not reducing the number of sworn officers employed by the bureau. The community's demand for \$50 million in cuts, roughly correlates to police budget increases over the past few years. My amendment to cut 50 vacant positions would have cut an additional 4.7 million from the budget. So nowhere near the \$50 million target, but another step toward it. I am looking forward to a much more transparent police budget to allow us to make precise and well informed cuts to the bureau in the future. I want to acknowledge the work required to coordinate and collaborate with other offices and legislation is challenging under normal circumstances, and it's been especially difficult during the shutdown. Ordinance Thursday it has come to my attention that there was a lapse in communication between our offices. I take responsibility and apologize for any shortcomings on the part of myself or my office. That's all in the past. What's important now is the work to come. These amendments are just the beginning of transforming law enforcement and re-envisioning the community safety. I am looking forward to working with my colleagues, community organizations, and advocates to ensure that we put new, safe, and equitable systems and supports in their place. I hope to participate in the conversation with TriMet about a community-based solution to transit safety. Pbot will be convening a committee to investigate the possibilities for equitable and safe traffic enforcement. And civic life will continue the transformation of the community safety program to help foster more connected, safe, and resilient communities. To the tens of thousands of people who have contacted my office, marched in the streets, or testified at city council, please do not be discouraged. We couldn't have done this without you. And what happened today is big. It's not everything you wanted. But it is not incremental. The amendments from the mayor, commissioner Hardesty and my office total an additional \$15 million in cuts, for a grand total of \$27 million. We have eliminated some of the most problematic units in the bureau. Please take a moment to celebrate this victory and let it fuel your fire because we are not done. We still need you to bring pressure to bear on our elected Republicans at every level of government and continue doing the important work in our community. The next opportunity to revisit the police budget position authority and programming is the fall bump in September. We will renegotiate the police contract early next year, which believe it or not is when the next budget process will be underway again. This is a historic moment in our country and in our city, and in my 30 years of activism, I have never seen anything like this. Together we have accomplished more in three weeks than we have in three decades. Proving when we -- when we fight, we win. Keep loving. Keep fighting, and be safe out there. While I do support these amendments, and thank my colleagues for this work, I vote no in solidarity with the community.

**Fritz:** For the third time today I am going to start with honoring a long time leader, and that is commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty. Mayor, I have a request that you would post a transcript of her comments on the front page of the Portland.gov website and also a link to the video of her making them. Commissioner Hardesty, I am moved beyond, almost beyond ability to speak, but I am a politician so I will continue speaking as best that I can. Commissioner Hardesty, you have for so many decades been part of the community work pushing for change with the Albina Ministerial Alliance for Justice, and I was just thinking last night about how wondering how this vote would go. I was thinking about Dr. Leroy Haynes and Dr. Bethel and all of the community leaders whose victory was this today, and I thank you for being part of that. Thank you for your leadership of the end of in Portland and your continued partnership. Thank you for working with the Oregon Action, the Oregon

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legislature, and it's exciting that the previous two people that I said thank you to and were going off to happy retirement, I am going off to the happy retirement, and you are just starting your career as a leader on the Portland city council. It has been an absolute honor to serve with you, and I will continue to do so. I am in awe of the work you have done. You said it was a hard place for me to get to. Actually, my thinking has been, if ever there was a time for white people to be quiet and let other people have the floor and tell us what they want, this was it. And in addition to your persuasiveness, the discussions with the mayor, who I know that I appreciate you are, your partnership with him, meeting with the Portland african-american leadership foundation, and the forum and the unite Oregon leaders, those are the voices that brought it home to me, and I am so impressed with the care in which you have approached this. It has been not just accepting that \$50 million is a good, round number. It was looking at what should be cut in the police and what should not be cut. And I also appreciate and share your support of chief lovell, and that this budget and the level of cuts, the careful cuts will allow him to lead the bureau in a new direction to the place that we want, and it will allow the more diverse offices, the younger offices who recently have been hired to be able to continue changing the force while some of the retirements can happen. So thank you for your measured approach, and just as I say, it's an absolute honor working for you. And with you. [laughter] sometimes I feel I am working for you. I want to mention that I would be honored to do so, but I am looking for a job in retirement. I want to mention this is the first budget that I can remember where the office of equity's director, dr. Smith, started off the procedure as again, was so long ago that we started this. And also the bureau of managers also took the floor, and there's been so many changes in this budget supporting the office of equity and human rights and the equity managers and although there is new urgency because of the black lives matter movement and the murder of george floyd, it's good to know that the city has been making changes that prepared us to now move really swiftly, which we've been able to do in the resolutions that we've been passing and the work that's now ahead. So I am interested, and as we look at how to allocate the savings that come from this cutting the police bureau, that's certainly -- there is more work to be done with the city's efforts, and so that's for another -- that's for another conversation. I apologize for talking so long, commissioner hardesty, but as I want to go and listen to your speech again, and thank you, mayor, for being such a good partner and recognizing it does take many voices, many community voices. You have listened, and responded and again, it's an honor to work with you. I am sorry -- oh, and thank you to all my staff and everybody who has been a part of this. The city budget is a document. It's also a document that comes from everybody in the city worrying about their jobs and worrying about how they can do their jobs better and wanting to be public servants who serve our communities, all our communities as well as we possibly can, so thank you to the employees at the city of Portland and in particular, my staff. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Well, thank you, colleagues, and I appreciate the comments that everybody has made. I want to take this into the way-back machine for just a minute. I want to remind people where we started this budget process nearly a year ago. The major issues facing us at that point were the passing of our friend and colleague, commissioner Fish, who had started the really hard work around stabilizing, planning long-term sustainability for the parks budget. That was the main issue that was being discussed at that particular time. We had a lot of people working very, very hard on that question. We had also -- I proposed we would have no cuts on budget based on the work that we had done the previous year to make sure that we had adequate reserves, that we had been smart about our fiscal management. Basically, the stuff that I believe at the time that people elected me to do. We went in with a couple of basic values. First of all, we wanted to make sure that we retained core services for the public. We wanted to make sure that we did what we

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believed the public wanted based on the values that we had all discussed. We talked about inclusion. Being first and foremost in that budget. We talked about equity being first and foremost in that budget, and we talked about climate resiliency and environmental action as being important to the budget process. That's where we had agreed. Then as my colleagues had indicated, the bottom fell out of everything. First, as I mentioned, the death of our colleague, commissioner Fish. That left some work that we needed to pull together and continue on behalf of him and his team and the great work that they had all done. Second of all, we have the covid crisis, which required us to change not only the way that we were doing the budget process, but it also changed the fundamental nature of the budget. We went from an excess budget to an approximately \$75 million shortfall. And that required some very uncomfortable conversations. I made a decision early on that we were not going to sacrifice the values of equity of inclusion, of making sure that we address our climate action goals. I put new values on the table that I wanted to make sure that we were able to continue to provide core services to the community come hell or high water, and I wanted to make sure that as much as possible we were able to preserve jobs for our fellow employees at the city of Portland. I want to acknowledge the sacrifices that were then made by our front line employees, both represented and non-represented. They took haircuts on their wages and in some cases, other aspects of their job so that they could preserve those core services so that they could help ensure that as few of their colleagues as possible ended up losing their jobs as a result of the economic impact of the covid crisis. And, what we saw subsequent to that was the murder of George Floyd and the community and, indeed, the entire nation, rising up and demanding changes, not only in the structure of how we police the community, how we keep the public safe, but very specifically, with regard to line item issues in the budget process. I read with interest today very thoughtful article in the Willamette Week. I would encourage people to read it, and it talks about the power dynamic as they describe it in city hall, and they leave unanswered a question that the article raises, which is why am I deferring to commissioner Hardesty during a time of crisis on police accountability, particularly, given I am the police commissioner. I want to answer that question directly. First of all, I want to second what commissioner Hardesty said. She said that she has enjoyed the partnership that she has had with me. Commissioner Hardesty, I have, obviously, enjoyed the partnership that I have with you. It actually has been a phenomenal partnership, and it's one for the ages. It's one that I really respect and appreciate. But there is a reason why I think that it is important to listen to commissioner Hardesty, in particular, during this time of transition around our definition of making the community safe for everyone. Number one, I am not to state the obvious, but she is the only person of color elected at present to our city council. Not only that, she serves with lived experience as a black woman and as somebody who has spent three decades dissecting, thinking about, being introspective about, asking lots of questions and being in contact with members of the community around policing and public safety, specifically. So I see my best role during this question of how we keep the public safe to be to listen to the community in what the community is saying, to understand what the people are saying, and not only in terms of what's happening on the streets right now, but listening to what has historically happened, listening to the conversations about historic racism and how that has implications for the way we structure government and other community institutions today. And yes, a vote. I really believe that one of the highest orders of leadership is when you listen and when you understand and when you hear facts that are contrary to what you believe. If you come to the honest conclusion that those facts dictate that you change your policies, your procedures, maybe even fundamentally change the way that you are thinking about broader systems, you, as a leader, have a duty to evolve. And that is exactly what I have done. You are right. There are items in this budget, which I have strongly supported and which I will push for that I would not have pushed for

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even six months ago. And frankly, some of the changes that we are making to the police bureau, they are clearly what the community is asking for, but we don't know yet where the landing pad is for a lot of these reforms. We are moving from a structure that the community is overwhelmingly telling me is structurally racist. Inherently unjust. And therefore, we do have a duty and obligation to move away from it, but we don't know yet exactly what we are going to be replacing it with. I really believe the only way that we, as a community, are going to come to go and work to go is by elevating voices in the community that have been disproportionately impacted by the structure that we have had in place since time and memorial here at the city of Portland. While I sit here before you as a middle aged, white guy who is fortunate in so many ways, I do believe that I have an important role to play in this transitional period. The only way that I can be effective at it is if I am listening to my colleagues, particularly those who have different lived experiences than I do. That's what this moment in history means to me in terms of really creating a city of Portland where everyone who lives here, feels that they have an equal stake in the future of this community. That starts with the fundamental belief on the part of everybody who lives here that they are safe in this community. Whether we like to hear it or not, regardless of what personal views that we may hold today, the reality is very clear, it's in our face. It's unmistakable that many, many people in this community who are residents in this community, are our neighbors, our co-workers, our friends, they do not feel safe in the city of Portland. That requires me, as the leader of this city, to fundamentally rethink what safety means in this community. I am going to say this, I not only support the reforms that we put on the table. I would argue this is the beginning. I believe we are biting off a lot right now because keep in mind, once we vote for the budget, we still have to implement all of these changes. As you know, I proposed the most significant overhaul of oversight and accountability to policing probably this century. There was a really good piece that was in the news a couple of days ago that talked about how difficult that list is going to be. It requires not only bargaining with our collective bargaining units. It also will require legislative changes, and it will require the city council to make some difficult choices, as well. I am 100% committed to it. It would be a fundamental restructuring of accountable in our system, and that is what the community is asking me to do no matter how hard it is, that is what I am committed to working with my colleagues to do. Next of all, while I take full responsibility for continuing to work with my colleagues on police accountability and police reform, this conversation cannot end there. We will not have an inclusive welcoming city or a just city if we can say we love the way that our public safety system is organized. That's not sufficient. That's not going to do it. We still have other institutions we need to talk about here in the city of Portland. We need to talk about educational outcomes for our youth, particularly, our youth of color, particularly, for black youth in this community am we need to talk about healthcare outcomes. Back in the day when I was the Multnomah county chair we piloted something called the health equity initiative, and still today, as then back in 2017, 2008, you can take a push pen and shove it into a map of the city of Portland, and you can pretty much predict somebody's health outcomes 40 years from now based on where that push pen was stuck into the map. That is not equity. That is systemic injustice. It is a form of racism. We need to address that. Then there is the question of the private sector. My friends in the private sector, banking institutions, lending institutions, whether we acknowledge it or not, the fact of the fact is you can just look at all the data you want, and what you can see is entrepreneurs and business owners of color, and people who are seeking to buy homes, and finance homes, we are disproportionately denied access to the resources that they need by institutions that are set up to create those opportunities in the first place. We need to talk about that. Then there is the systems of care, and somebody earlier today, I think it was edith talked about the mental health system. Well, here in the city of Portland we don't do mental health per se. But we cannot

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talk about a just future in this community if we don't also talk about what's happening on our streets, if we don't talk about people who are being forced on the streets, in many cases because they have substance abuse or mental health disorders. We, as a state, are not well organized to address those basic safety net issues. I am 100% committed to working with not only my colleagues here, but working with our good colleagues over at Multnomah county and pushing our colleagues at the state legislature to once and for all take substance abuse and mental health issues seriously. I could go on and on. My point here is simply we are starting here today. But we're going somewhere much bigger. And for the first time in a long time, I want you to know this -- I feel optimistic. I feel energized. The i, actually, believe that we are finally having the right conversations about the right things at the right time to truly move our society forward in a way we are all going to look back on it, and we are going to say, I was there, either in a small way or in a large way or I was there on the streets demanding change or I was there working within an institution of power and authority and privilege in this community, and I helped to shift both the discussion and ultimately, the outcomes. To you who are out there, and I know as I speak, there are hundreds of you out in front of my apartment building, and please be really nice to the lady who works there. She's a very sweet person. I hear you. I see you. I am with you on this challenging path ahead. It's not going to be easy. There won't and starts, there will be mistakes made, but I am with you. This budget is just one step towards that long march to justice in this community. I am going to be with you all the way. I vote aye. Before I do it, there is some thank you's that I also want to put out there. First of all, thank you to Jessica Kinard. I know nobody likes to spend hundreds of hours with me. I can't blame you. But from my perspective, it was time well spent. I want to thank my team who worked very hard on this, Kirsten Dennis before she went out on maternity leave, worked really hard on this. My other staff members, my two deputy chiefs, Jamal and Sonia worked really hard on the budget. A lot of other people. The bureau directors who gave us innovative, creative, thoughtful ideas on how we could hold this budget together during very, very challenging circumstances. You guys were fantastic. I really appreciate it. I want to thank my colleagues. This is an extraordinary group of people. I don't say that lightly. I really mean that. We don't always agree on everything. He certainly come from different backgrounds, different lived experiences, and we come to different conclusions, which is fine. This is a fine group of people, and I am really honored to serve alongside of them as a fellow member of the Portland city council. And last but certainly not least, I want to thank our city employees. You guys do not get the credit you deserve for the hard work you do on behalf of the community, for the long hours you put in. It's tough work. You do us proud as a community. You do us proud. I want to thank you, last but not least. Thank you all. The budget is passed. Item 487, the ordinance is adopted. Thank you. 488 will be somewhat anti-climactic. Please read 488, Karla.

**Item 488.**

**Wheeler:** So colleagues, this one is really important, and I am afraid it's going to get lost in the news of the day, in the bigger shuffle. As I was going through my long list of inequities, the lack of shared economic prosperity in this community rings large with me. That's why the work we've been doing through Prosper Portland, the housing bureau and elsewhere is really elevated this question of equity, and this is one important way that the parks bureau is doing their part. This is to accept some funding from the state department of education, and it's going to help expand what I think is a really good, important program in the Portland parks bureau called "the lunch and play" program. As you know, parks and rec is unable to present the summer free for all this year because of the covid, so obviously, we can't do that. There is the need to keep up physical distancing. We have seen the widespread layoffs and economic dislocation created by the covid crisis has made hunger and food security a critical I know this summer. This grant is going to help to supplement

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some of the existing bureau funding, emergency covid response funding, and support from private and philanthropic partners to help with the kids. I just want to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Oregon department of education for supporting is the Portland parks and recreation bureau in this important effort. I want to thank all of the folks there who are working with all our folks here to make this a possibility. I will now turn this over to -- who am I turning this over to? It looks like -- I cannot see on my screen because I am not smart enough to make it work. Who is doing the presentation on this item?

**Kellie Torres, Portland Park and Recreation:** Hi, mr. Mayor, this is kelly torrez from parks and recreation. Hi.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon. It's good to see you.

**Torres:** Good to see you. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. The Oregon department of education has been a consistent and generous contributor to the Portland parks and recreation lunch and play program for many years. Approval will provide necessary funding to bridge a summer meal accessibility gap and insuring children and youth have local options to receive police while schools are closed, parks and recreation annual free lunch and play program begins on monday. This monday, june 22nd, 2020. It is important to note that this year's program is significantly different. Lunch and play is part of an expanded emergency response effort by the city of Portland and the area school districts to provide food security in the wake of covid-19. I am honored to be a part of the ecc food security team. My colleague, charity montez and I had the chance to brief commissioner hardesty yesterday on this important work. Data from our school district partners who have been serving meals at select sites since march predict we will be needing five times greater than seen before. The parks bureau has prioritized the capacity and resources to meet this need. We are here for it. Lunch and play meal service will be held at lunchtime, or early afternoon at 26 sites all summer long, including 16 parks and 10 mobile sites citywide. The lunch and play schedule is at [Portlandoregon.gov](http://Portlandoregon.gov) at the parks page. Any questions?

**Hardesty:** Mayor, if I may.

**Wheeler:** Yes, I was trying to get unmuted.

**Hardesty:** I was trying to be patient. I knew you would find it.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate that.

**Hardesty:** I want to appreciate the team that is addressing our food and security needs in Portland. Kelly, and her partner are doing phenomenal work, and I want to uplift the fact that they are really branching out and working with folk who the city of Portland has never worked with before. I just want to say how frustrated I get when we are actually funding the same people over and over again, and that list that kelly and her team have developed is pretty phenomenal. I also -- I also want to say that I don't want anyone to think that \$20,000 is going to fund our entire summer food program, so we appreciate the donation from the Oregon department of education. But it's going to cost us significantly more, and let me say that the ecc is committed to prioritizing food and secure households, at least through the end of the year because that's the only money that we know that we have at the moment. But great work. Thank you very much. And I am just so proud of the people at the city of Portland that normally we don't have an opportunity to engage with, and so we don't know how phenomenal they are until a crisis hits. Then they rise in ways that are heartwarming. So thank you for the good work you are doing, and you will continue to do, and please don't hesitate to reach out if there is some barriers that me and my colleagues can remove for the incredible work you are doing. Thank you.

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

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor, and thank you, kelly, for your presentation. I may have missed it, but commissioner hardesty once again gets me thinking. Are any of the summer free for all sponsors that normally would be helping with the free lunch program, are they going to be donating this year?

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**Torres:** Yes, thank you for asking. That's my typical day job at parks is to secure sponsorships for this program, and we are being supported by Nike as the title sponsor this year and Bank of America is the title sponsor of the mobile lunch and play program, due to their contribution, has significantly expanded that program. We will be at ten mobile sites this summer, and in addition we have a long list of partners who are returning. I don't have them all in front of me, but the ones that are familiar, Comcast, Kaiser, OHSU, most all the healthcare providers, and the list goes on. We are very excited that they are returning and they are also here for it. They want to meet the needs of the community, and understand that it is going to be significantly higher this summer.

**Fritz:** That makes me happy to hear, and in particular, the Bank of America folks have done many kick-offs with them, and Comcast and others, of course, so it does not surprise me to hear that even though they were not, they won't get -- they will not get as much advertising with folks going to the summer concerts and et cetera, I am very pleased that they are continuing to donate and I welcome Nike coming in, as well, so thank you for letting us know about that.

**Torres:** You are welcome.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Does that complete your presentation?

**Torres:** Yes, it does. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Karla, is there public testimony on this item?

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

**Wheeler:** Okay. Very good. And for all items going forward because we have a very tight agenda, and we have a 2:00 p.m. session, we are going to limit public testimony to two minutes each, please. Colleagues, I am going to go to the next item, but I want you to think about this given that we have still a report, and then 4 -- we have 490, 491, and ten pulled items, so one option I would put out on the table is that we continue to go through this and through the morning as quickly as possible, and then at the end see how much time we have if any prior to 2:00 p.m., and then take a look at least a half-hour break between the morning and afternoon session. If that will work for people. So just think on it now. You don't have to respond, and after this next item, once you thought about it or spoken with your staff, let me know whether that is acceptable or whether you would have a counter proposal. Next up is.

**Moore-Love:** We have to vote on 488.

**Wheeler:** I was trying to remember. Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Thanks for the presentation. And for all the hard work the city staff is doing. I am happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** It's been quite the morning, Mayor, so I think it's quite okay if we mess up occasionally, and I am happy to continue working. Mayor Wheeler mentioned Commissioner Fish a couple times in his budget comments, and I cannot vote on this, perhaps, it will be my last summer free for all, and free lunch program without noting how very dedicated Commissioner Fish was to this program. Commissioner Saltzman, also, insisted on it being funded. So I am very happy to know that we are prioritizing getting meals for hungry kids. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Yeah. This is great. Thanks again to our state partners. Thanks to all the good people in parks and recreation making this work, and you are right, Commissioner Fritz, Nick is looking down on us, and he is smiling broadly. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is 49 -- I am sorry, it's 489, a report.

**Item 489.**

**Wheeler:** Portland Parks and Recreation you are began Forestry Division has two special trust funds that help to fund our work to protect and expand Portland's beloved tree

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canopy. Here to share this report on revenue, expenditures and uses of those funds is urban forestry division manager and city forester, jen . Good afternoon, jen.

**Jenn Cairo, Portland Parks and Recreation:** Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners. As the commissioner said, I am jen cairo with parks and recreation. I am presenting two items today. The trust funds report and also a heritage tree designation item for you.

**Wheeler:** Jen, can you -- I am sorry, I didn't see these needed to be read together. Can you read 490, as well, please. Sorry, jen, go ahead.

**Item 490.**

**Cairo:** No worries, thank you. First the title of trust funds report for fiscal year 2019. Title 11, the tree code, established two funds to support the urban forest. The tree planting and preservation fund, and the urban forestry fund. Covid requires we report annually on the use of the funds, and I am happy to do so today. So this presentation is a high level summary of the full written report, which you also have. Karla, do you have the slides?

**Moore-Love:** Keelen, I believe, is getting those.

**Cairo:** Thank you. If you can go to slide two, please. That's it. Two more back. There it is. That one. Thank you. So you see here, the two, title 11 trust funds in the two rows on this table, revenue, tree planting and preservation fund, the first of the two, primarily comes from the mitigation payments paid for trees removed by permits, and the tree planting and preservation fund can be used to plant and establish trees in the city as well as to purchase property or conservation easements for the purpose of preserving the trees. Establishment care consists of watering, mulching, and other basic needs for a young urban tree, to get it off to a good start, and that is provided for up to five years for each tree. This fund is the sole dedicated source for tree planting. As a trust fund it allows for management across fiscal years, the fund is relatively new. First established in 2015, and significant use of the fund first began in 2017 while completing the city's first tree planting strategy. That strategy was undertaken specifically to inform how best to use this fund. Revenue into the urban forestry fund, the second of the two, is from enforcement decisions involving city or street trees, which have been damaged or removed without permits. The purposes of the fund are primarily to enhance the urban forest through the planting of street trees or city trees. And to increase the public awareness of trees, tree care, and the values of the urban forest and the services trees provide to all residents. So I want to note in that fund you will see an asterisk in the revenue column. 750,000 of the little bit more than 980,000 in revenue is a one-time transfer from a pre-tree code mitigation fund. Those funds were transferred into this, in order to increase the reporting transparency.

**Wheeler:** Jen. I am sorry to interrupt, but I am thinking, commissioner hardesty would wait but I am concerned that she might want to ask about something that you have already previously discussed. Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I just wanted jen to know that there was a number missing in the beginning balance, and if this is going to become permanent we might want to fix that. Can you see where the beginning balance for tree planting and preservation fund, there is a digit missing. Between the 2,77 -- and something.

**Cairo:** Oh, yes, thank you, thank you, commissioner. I did not notice that. We will have to correct that. Yes. Thank you for bringing that up.

**Hardesty:** You are welcome.

**Cairo:** The urban forestry from the second of the two, again, in general, that fund receivers less than 100,000 a year. Go to the next slide, please. Tree services in Portland are equitable. Coverage on the left side of the willamette is 53% on average compared to 21% on the east side of the river, which is on par with los angeles. We procedure ties address thinking inequity and how the funds are used, and you will see outcomes of that in a moment. Urban forestry tree planted is guided by the city's tree planting strategy, growing



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a more equitable forest, and which was presented and accepted by council in 2018. In 2019, we used the tree planting and preservation fund to plant nearly 5,000 trees across several planting programs, and that included 4,000 in natural areas in the city, and 500 trees through our yard tree giveaway program, and nearly 100 trees in partnership with the public schools. Next slide. Since 2018, we have given a little over 1,000 yard trees to Portlanders through the yard tree giveaway program. This program is funded by the tree planting and preservation fund. While the trees are available to anyone living in Portland, urban forestry's program focused on low canopy and low income areas, and many of which are in east Portland. The result is greater planting concentrations in these higher priority areas, yellow areas mean a graphic here on the slide indicate the highest concentration of yard trees given away to date, and showing we're on track with that goal. The vast majority of trees given away are medium or large form, native trees. These types provide the most and generally the longer lasting services per tree. This winter we'll be adding street tree planting and expanding the yard tree giveaways, further increasing use of the fund, and growing the city's forests. Next slide. So continuing now to the second of the two funds, the urban forestry fund. This resource supports the tree inventory project. The tree inventory project has two goals. Providing data to support more informed management of city property trees, and educating residents about the value and wonder of the public assets. To go urban forestry staff have inventoried 25,000 park trees in 2019. To date, more than 1,600 volunteers have given over 20,000 hours to the tree inventory project. This is equivalent to ten staff, which is remarkable given that urban forestry has 45 full-time staff total. I would like to thank parks and recreation, angie desalvo and brian lando on the use, tracking and reporting of the funds for you. I would be happy to answer any questions. I request council accept the fiscal year 2019 urban forestry trust fund report.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. And does that complete your testimony today?

**Cairo:** Mayor, I have two more slides in regards to the heritage trees.

**Wheeler:** Why don't you go ahead and do that, unless there is any other questions on the report from my colleagues at this particular moment. Very good. Why don't you go ahead and do the part related to 490, the heritage trees.

**Cairo:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Cairo:** Next slide, please. Heritage trees are of special importance to the city because of their age, size, type, historical association, or horticultural value. The trees are also community attractions and standard urban forest and tree services for all residents. These trees may be nominated by anyone, however, property owner consent is required for a tree to be considered for heritage tree designation. This past year in 2019, 52 trees were submitted by the community for consideration of heritage trees. Urban forestry staff, urban forestry commissioners, and the other volunteer members of the commission's heritage tree committee review every submission and conduct site visits to says the health and significance of the tree before submitting the nominations to the whole urban forestry commission. According to title 11, the tree code, the urban forestry commission recommends trees to city council for you to designate as heritage trees. Today in addition to requesting the city council designate 13 new heritage trees, the commission also requests that the city council remove the heritage tree status for tree number 308, a sycamore maple. That's the species of the tree, which was removed this past year due to failing health. Go to the next slide. Thank you, the last slight. While I am presenting a brief overview for you, you also have more detailed information for the agenda item, including some really nice pictures of all the trees and more specific information about their location and size and thing like that. Thank you, mayor wheeler, to our staff, janet, and the committee chair, volunteer, greg everhart for preparing that packet. And for our other

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forestry staff, the forestry admission and other community volunteers who work on the heritage tree program. Of these 13 trees, five are publicly owned park trees. Four private. Four in the right-of-way. The trees are represented on this map with pink dots. These are the 13 that are in front of you for nomination. Four of the trees are east of i-205, including three at leach botanical garden, and this is notable because to date only seven of the 300 heritage trees are located east of 205. This consistent with the inequity of overall tree services in the city and addressing it is a priority for urban forestry and parks, also the urban forestry commission and the heritage tree program. On behalf of the forestry commission, I request you designate 13 new heritage trees and remove heritage tree status for a number 308, the maple. Happy to take the questions, thank you so much for your time.

**Karla:** you're on mute, mayor.

**Wheeler:** You're too much fun.

**Hardesty:** I know.

**Wheeler:** Any further requests at this point on either of the report or before staff before we turn this over to public testimony? Seeing none, thank you, jen, that was very helpful.

**Eudaly:** can you tell us where the failing tree lives, or is that not something you can share?

**Cairo:** I can, I can look at that.

**Eudaly:** What number was it?

**Cairo:** that tree is no. 308. And it is, in fact, already removed because it was in such condition that for some reason it needed to be removed. Let me look right here. In your packets, this is the third page of the pour point, power point presentation, a street tree at 2607 northeast wasco street.

**Eudaly:** Thank you.

**Cairo:** you're welcome.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Karla, any testimony on the ordinance item 490?

**Karla:** let's see, I believe edith gillis had signed up, but she is no longer online.

**Wheeler:** I'll entertain a motion to accept the title 11 trees trust fund report.

**Hardesty:** so moved.

**Fritz:** second

**Wheeler:** we have a motion from commissioner harsh des tee and a second from commissioner Fritz. Any discussion. Please call the roll on the report. [ roll call vote ]

**Haresty:** Aye. **Eudaly:** Aye.

**Fritz:** I love this program and the report, thank you for your work and thank the commission for their work too.

**Wheeler:** The report is accepted.

**Item 490.**

**Wheeler:** before I move on, anybody have anything they want to add to 490? It moves to second reading. Thank you all. Next up -- sorry.

**Cairo:** I just said thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, jen, thanks for your work on this, really appreciate it. 491 is the last item on the regular agenda, Karla, can you please read it.

**Item 491.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** The northwest cornell tunnel will help decrease accidents in the tunnel and increase safety for pedestrians, crossing nearby. Here to give more detail and answer questions is p bought staff -- pbot staff, garen shencar, I hope.

**Geran Shankar, Bureau of Transportation:** yes, I am here.

**Eudaly:** Good morning, welcome.

**Shankar:** good morning, all. Yes, before I started, I wanted to -- appreciate commissioner harsh des tee's words this morning, I was moved and touched by that and thank you. I see

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you around town, probably don't know, I run up and hug you and I appreciate your words. Thank you. I can share my screen, if -- let's see, seeing that? Yes? No?

**Wheeler:** Yeah, we can see it, looks good.

**Shankar:** okay. So -- well, I had it, now I can't maneuver it. This is the structural upgrade to the northwest cornell tunnels, tunnel 1 and 2. Basically we have inspected visual cracks and we need new lining on both tunnels, basically consist of existing lining removal, that's hydrodemolition. We'll install welded wire fabric and new shock crete and also lighting upgrades on tunnel 1 is 4 rot feet. Tunnel 2, 122 feet, the two tunnels again, we estimate the construction fall of 2020 and the source of funding, we have 9.3 million assigned from the general fund and 880,000 from the and we have a lot of this money for fiscal year 2021. Not sure why it's not showing up in the presentation there. And that is it.

**Wheeler:** Is there a question.

**Hardesty:** I do have a question, mayor. My question was only did I hear you say, you -- I first thank you for your kind words, I really appreciate those. But my question was did you say you already have the funding for this, this has been already budgeted?

**Shankar:** correct. I just need permission to move forward with the process.

**Hardesty:** And you have a low level of confidence in the estimate at the moment?

**Shankar:** I would say medium to high.

**Hardesty:** That makes female better, thank you. I like medium to high as compared to low. Thank you.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor, no more questions.

**Wheeler:** Does that complete your testimony or do you have more?

**Shankar:** that is it. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate that. Karla -- first of all, any questions from my call leagues before we move to public testimony? Seeing none, Karla, any public testimony on item 491. no one requested to speak to this item.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Wheeler:** Appreciate the -- that was a great power point and I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next we move to the four-fifth agenda, 491-1, please.

#### **Item 491-1.**

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, we are in a moment of reckoning, obviously. For years, Portland's lacked communities of color have demanded justice and since the death of george floyd, countless others have joined the call as well, reaching out to my office demanding both accountability and change. Today's ordinance and resolution or a direct result of our commitment to listen and respond to our community. This is not performative. This is our reality, and it's our responsibility to resolve the brutality of the past. Brutality diminished the voices of black people, and perpetrated antiblackness. Despite the oppression, the black community here in Portland remains incredibly resilient. However, what we know and what we are hearing loud and clare is that we cannot continue the status quo, and we won't. The city of Portland is committed to being an antiracist institution. We are confronted antiblackness and celebrating black resilience within the work force and across the city. Working to a day of moving past the history of antiblackness and racism in Portland, Oregon. A day of moving past systems of privilege and entitlement, that have negatively impacted the black community and the experience of being black in our community. Oregon was built, based on antiblackness, and white supremacy. That is a fact. The past have not been fully acknowledged or addressed. In order to move forward to create a better future as a truly equitable and antiracist community, we must acknowledge the past. We are doing so today. This ordinance in the values of the resolution or a collaborative effort between the elected offices, equity manager, equity and human rights and the bureau of human resources. Together, today's ordinance and the values resolution will create an environment where there is zero tolerance for racist behaviors. This ordinance

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and the values resolution will serve to ensure that those who benefited from systems of privilege and white supremacy now must hold each other accountable to the eradicate antiblackness and racist behavior. Portland, Oregon, must lead by example, and demonstrate to cities across the nation that municipal government can and must do more to support and advocate for a black communities. As I said, over the past week, my colleagues and I have thoughtfully considered an intentional way of honor juneteenth. We'll formally recognize the significance of juneteenth and obit as a day of remembrance. June 19, 1865, was the today union soldiers landed in galveston, texas, with news that the civil war had ended, and slaves were free. This was 2 1/2 years after the emancipation proclamation. The modern day bear legal is while we have declared slavery as an atrocity of the past, slavery in different shapes continues today. Modern day slavery continues through the systems and structures that continue to divide black and white american, and perpetrate racism, oppression and the status quo. The time has arrived for the city of Portland, one of the whitest cities in america, to demonstrate to leaders across this nation that change has come. Although this ordinance designates juneteenth a paid holiday, all city employees are encouraged to use the day to engage in learning and reflection as a prelude to action. As an employer, our bureau directors and equity managers will lead the charge with developing destructed institutional and systematic racism through policies and systems. Moving forward, we must all be true allies. Allyship extends beyond social media post and expressions of white guilt and fragility. We must take action to demonstrate our resolve, to never return to the status quo at the expense of black people. We must support black-owned businesses and community organizations. The wealth gap between african-americans and white people is day to over 400 years of unequitable treatment. We recognize there's still much work to do, to build trust and work towards a more just future. We'll commit to charge all employees, community and city leaders to exemplify the core values of antiracism, equity, transparency, communication. Collaboration, fiscal responsibility, we can wait another moment to act, think, or govern differently. We must act with urgency. I'd like to start by introducing an amendment -- commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor, the ordinance, as read was not the same as the one that's attached to the item on the council's agenda. So I move that we add the office of equity and human rights in addition to the bureau of human resources, as the title sponsors to this resolution. So the resolution title now says adopt antiracism, equity, transparency, communication, collaboration and fiscal responsibility as the core values of the city of Portland as recommended by the bureau of human resources and office of equity and human rights to inform a unified workplace and city culture, systems, policies, practices and procedures.

**Hardesty:** I second that, mayor.

**Wheeler:** A motion and a second. Commissioner Fritz, do you have other amendments?

**Fritz:** Yes, corresponding amendment to add another whereas, under equity. That's the final whereas that he says the office of equity and human rights was established in 2011 and charged with setting the foundation and accountability mechanisms for the city's equity work.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Motion and second. Commissioner Fritz, do you have a third amendment?

**Fritz:** Yes, in the last sentence, there was a typo, we need to say be it further resolved it is binding city policy.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** A motion and a second on all three commissioner Fritz's amendments. Were there other amendments people would like to put on the table? Very good. Before I turn it over to the bureau of human resources and the office of equity and human rights, i'd like to

introduce a technical amendment, item 491-2. Karla, could you read it first, I should have put that into the record.

**Item 491-2.**

**Wheeler:** So this is a technical amendment. The amendment would change item 16 on page 2 to read as follows. Quote, the juneteenth holiday will be recognized as a city holiday and will be applied in accordance with the parameters and procedures defined under hr8.602 and as provided for in the city's collective bargaining agreements, governing holiday pay for represented personnel. This is to align how the city administers all other city holidays. Could I get a second.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Very good. It is on the table.

**Hardesty:** Commissioner Fritz, you're about ten seconds behind me.

**Fritz:** One second, but thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz gets the second. I would like to introduce human resources director kathy bless in the office of equity rights, dr. Keisha smith, who will introduce the resolution and the juneteenth ordinance. Good afternoon.

**Cathy Bless, Chief HR Officer BHR:** good afternoon. Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners, I am kathy bless, chief human resource office. Values and intention matter and when it comes to antiblackness and racism within the city of Portland what we do now and moving forward is critical. I thank you all for taking these actions today recognizing juneteenth as a holiday is a significant and essential step. As is the adoption of meaningful values that will help shape how we all move forward in thought, word and deed. Equity, collaboration, antiracism, financial responsibility, communication and transparency are the foundational core values you all are adopting today to set our path. The values were not created through quicks action, but were developed as a result of qualitative research conducted by dr. Allison at the direction of human resources. Dr. Presod was instrumental in developing the core competency and ideal candidate profiles for the executive recruitment project in 2018-19. In support of this project and other key recruitments, over 300 internal and external stakeholders were engaged, stakeholders included community organizations, public and private sector industry representatives, members of the city's affinity groups, leadership and individuals from a mixture of positions within the city to ensure a robust analysis. The research garnered themes that informed the values resolution before you today. I want to thank dr. Presod for her contributions to the outcome today. I also want to express my sincere appreciation for the work of dr. Smith, the equity managers across the city for their collaboration on the juneteenth resolution and I would like to thank marlon marion and becky who worked specifically with police, fire in coordination on the time of silence. I will now turn it over to dr. Smith. Thank you.

**Dr. Markisha Smith, Director Office of Equity and Human Rights:** good afternoon, mayor, commissioners, call leagues and community. For the record, i'm markeisha smith, director of the office and equity and human rights, the past few weeks have been fraught we motions, I have stepped into my full self and exercised the responsibility and raw self that the value of black lives is questionable in this country. The significance of juneteenth this year, resonates loudly. Not only because it is the 155th anniversary but because for the first time, there's a widespread understanding of the history and importance of it in this country. I am pleased that our city is recognizing the pain and trauma black employees have faced and continued to face, i'm encouraged by the partnership between the office of equity and human rights and the bureau of human resources, thank you, kathy, and I want to also give a special thank you to ashley Grundy and michelle cole for the transparent and real dialogue we have had recently about where we have been, where we are now and where we're going. I believe this partnership, unlike any other in the city, will be instrumental in acknowledging and adding the needs of black, indigenous and people of

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color city employees. With continued solidarity, I am hopeful that we not only communicate that black employees are valuable to our city, but that we also demonstrate that this is important in our policies, practices and procedures. As we collectively continue to implement incremental changes, I want us to center the voices of black employees as we discuss and make decisions that directly impact services and supports. I'm excited -- about the juneteenth ordinance and core values resolution, thank you so much for your support.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, dr. Smith. Next up, we have some invited testimony. Seven individuals, first up, is allison williams, the deputy director of the Portland bureau of transportation. Welcome.

**Millicent Williams, Deputy Director Bureau of Transportation:** thank you very much. Good afternoon. My name is allison williams, and i, as has been stated the deputy director for the Portland because row of transportation. I'd like to thank you, mayor wheeler, commissioners Fritz, eudaly and harsh des tee, for a chance to speak, I work in spaces where my presence, voice, experience and expertise is unexpected. I worked across the full spectrum of public service and now I work in transportation. A discipline that has, for many, represented a sense of freedom, but for black people has been a source of pain. The black man, garrett morgan created the three position traffic signal. At black man automated the car cover and another black man, cartographer was able to redesign Washington, d.c., with its six circles to fix the design. Even though these black men were planners, engineers and innovators, these inventions changed the world as we know it, they were yet not able to ride in a shared coach, hail a car or get a seat on a train. My mother, who grew up in rural north carolina told me of an incident that occurred when she was a young girl walking down the dirt road returning to her family's home from the general store. As she walked, she cooled hear the roar of a large tractor coming from behind, she kept inching away from the edge of the road. The driver kept getting closer, so close that the tire eclipsed her shoulder, throwing her to the ground. She remembers telling me grandparents about the incident and the anger and fear my grandfather felt because he knew that if he said anything, the outcome for his family would have been disastrous, remembered and was taught that sometimes silence meant safety. I think about how black people -- you think about how a black person was supposed to avert their eyes and step aside when shea saw a white person on the sidewalk because silence meant safety. Redlining in cities across america and resultant forced silence which for some, if you weren't subject to those things, meant safety. Today I think about those examples and so many other things as we engage to identify solutions for communities across the stu in managing the right-of-way and building infrastructure. As transportation professionals, there's time for us to think differently about the industry, what it represents and how we can influence the future. At this juncture, either we will all be comfortable or we'll all be uncomfortable. The Portland bureau of transportation recognizes that it can and should do more to address the long-standing transportation related disparities found in the black community under the leadership of our director, chris warner and in cooperation with the because row's equity manager, irene marion and transportation justice committee, we will be an engaging with intention around four areas of emphasis, for support and accountability, which includes the recruitment, hiring, development and promotion of black talent, transportation and policy intervention, supporting and empowering black Portland and reimagining the right-of-way using a racial equity frame. And so on behalf of the black girls, boys, men and women of Portland, what have suffered pain, loss, violence and dispossession on city streets and sidewalks, on behalf of the little girl who was attacked on the road and persevered to become an educator, author, historian, who taught about the fight for freedom that took place on the underground railroad, which should be considered one of the most comprehensive and sophisticated intrastate transportation systems this world has ever known and who always taught us, her children to revere the legacy and

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celebrate the importance of June 19, I, we, say thank you. And now the hard work of change begins. Harris thank you very much, appreciate your testimony. **Wheeler:** Next up, Kim McCarthy from the Portland Housing Bureau, welcome, Kim.

**Kim McCarty, Rental Services Manager:** Good afternoon, Mayor, Commissioners, colleagues and community. I'm Kim McCarthy. I work as the Rental Services Manager at the Portland Housing Bureau. Today I'm here to represent the leadership team of the African-American Network known as Kiem. The leadership team led by extraordinary leaders here in the city and community at large, and for their help in creating our comments today, Marvin Green, Breena Wilson, Lorraine Wilson, David Grahmfield, Bentley and many other contributors throughout the city. Like the Black community, we seek to serve as diverse. We seek to build a common bond of fellowship among Black community -- among Black employees who honorably serve the City of Portland, can advocate for fair employment and equal promotional opportunities for Black people. To positive relationships with the city and community leaders who value and embrace diversity beyond just awareness. This year we started a campaign to recognize the historic and current attempts to disenfranchise the Black community and not exercising their right to vote. The rest was focused on how Black staff could assist the Black community in using their voice through voting. And general, our approach is about empowering our colleagues to better engage the Black community and fully enjoy the resources of this city and remove barriers present due to systemic racism. When we all first faced the public health emergency of COVID-19, it became clear to us that Black staff and the Black community are experiencing more negative economic and health impacts than the general public. We are hearing about lack of support, isolation and disparities in expectation and stories of transformation, adaptation and resilience, in response we will be drafting a survey to Black employees to listen more with the goal of amplifying the voices of our Black colleagues and friends. We plan to come back to City Council to share what we hear, to offer policy changes, to address the concerns of Black employees. In regards to the city's acknowledgment of Juneteenth, we are honored to be a part of this historic event and to mark the 155th Juneteenth as the ordinance states, it's a significant opportunity to establish a commitment towards healing and dismantling anti-Black racism within the work force and community. And realizing the newly adopted city values, anti-racism, equity, transparency, communication, collaboration and fiscal responsibility. In past years, Kiem has taken a lead in the drafting the proclamation, of course, there have been many leaders in this city who have been leaders in the events. And we appreciate the opportunity to educate our peers in hopes it would lead to meaningful anti-racist attitudes and action. Truthfully, Black staff, taking time each year to educate mostly white staff about American history, we all should know, did not feel effective. We want more accountability and more action. We want effective long-standing change, the city must not only rely on our Black staff and people of color to carry the weight of educating the city, as we are not always supported or placed in positions to make policy change. We ask the city to take -- to make more investments in citywide equity education, to support strategies to undue disparities in service and outcomes for our Black community members and we ask individuals to take the time to educate themselves in preparation for their role in building an anti-racism city. We must say, it's bittersweet this gesture is done in response to the widespread racial awareness that began after the murder of George Floyd. When there have been countless other names of Black bodies murdered prior. Some of which were taken by Portland's own police force. As Portland employees, we must all acknowledge the responsibility for violence against the Black community is shared with the police because all of our institutions are embedded with systemic racism. Black people are overpoliced in employment, in housing, in our hospitals, schools, our parks and all institutions. So while we are happy to see this holiday celebrating freedom become a recognized city holiday, it must be stated freedom will continue

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to be impartial and incomplete until justice is served equally for all black lives. I want to conclude with comments from my colleague marvin kevin. He said -- if I would have had the opportunity to share with the city council, I would share my thoughts about what the use of this holiday time could be used for. For example, I would strongly urge people to not make this holiday one that has lost its meaning no matter what laws or legislation is created, we as a people must change our behaviors. No amount of laws will change what people think and say behind closed doors. When coworkers or other nonblack people ask me what can I do to help? I tell them to make this cause personal. It's not what can I do to help you, it's what can you do to help us, all of us. What can you do to undo racism. We all have to live with each other, no one is born racist. These behaviors and traits are learned and passed down through ignorance, let's use juneteenth to not only reflect, but to educate ourselves and one another. To share each other, have compassion for one another and to support one another. In closing, after sharing my thoughts, from marvin, I want to thank again for this opportunity to support Portland in the adoption of the core values and antiracism, equity, transparency, communication, collaboration and fiscal responsibility. We are all born into a racist world. It is the responsibility of everyone to do the antiracism work and to remake our world. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much. Lorraine wilson from civic life. Good afternoon, lorraine.  
**Lorraine Wilson, Civic Life:** good afternoon, mayor, commissioner harsh des tee, Fritz and eudaly, i'm the citywide public involvement and equity management analyst in civic life. I am the daughter of granddaughter of gregory, and justine and john and alice ashby. I'm an immigrant and a citizen of the united states of america. I moved to this country just about 20 years ago from day one, I have been asked where are you from? But more significantly, why I came. Acknowledging my privilege as an afro caribbean woman, whose ancestors were brought over on ships to be enslaved on plantations, but millions of african bodies lie at the bottom of the atlantic ocean by american people. This is where my history differs from african-americans. Afro caribbean transitioned from enslavement was not without its own challenges and by no means perfect. I have spent time learning african-american history, which include juneteenth, jim crow, civil rights, lynching and the systemic racism which is the fabric of this country. When I present, i'm seen as a black woman first. When I suspect, I am perceived as not being from here. My accent is assumed to be from jamaica. A fun fact, there are islands indicated in the caribbean called the west indies. A day I learned about participated in and have become a part of my new life. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share what this means to me. It means the beginning of a whole number of things that the city of Portland needs to do. It means that it is the removal of racist and white supremacist practices and policies. The global pandemic, default is that black staff is unduly scrutinized and checked on by their supervisors and managers to ensure that they're doing their jobs and not slacking off. When black supervisors and managers are disrespected and sidelined and not supported because of anti--- because of racist and antiblack sentiments by their staff, leadership and their managers. It means that no longer will the bureau director be able to fire a black employee by phone because of his unacknowledged racism, because he thought that they are not worth the time to be treated with respect. It means no more when a black person attends a ziggy marley concert at the Oregon zoo and decides to stand up to dance, that the Portland police department is called but the white security officer on them and the only reason that the police pause and did not act was because I made it office I was recording them on my cell phone. Dancing while black. It means no more that black employees are overrepresented in the pool of employees who are camped on a temporary status longer than any other demographic at the city of Portland. It means that no longer black employees need to speak up for more than three years about the overt racist behaviors of their fellow employees with nothing being done, threatened, it means no longer will city hire and retain staff who feels



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comfortable calling their fellow employees nigger and other intimidating behaviors, it means no longer is the recruitment process and interview process put an undue burden on black candidates when they are either the preferred candidate or the position is seen to be a black position with additional rungs of straws or assignments to prove they are fully qualified. We are no longer black candidates have to prove that you are qualified for a position by showing they have experience and qualification while white candidates with no experience or qualification are seen as having potential. It is about economic justice. I can go on, but i'm tired, i'm tired for having to fight this fight. I am tired because it's -- in fighting this fight, i'm seen and spoken of as disruptive and blocked from opportunities. I'm tired that because I bring my whole self to work and in every space I show up, penalize me for it. However, as I mentioned about, I come from a -- individuals who have taught me I have no choice but to stand up and step out when I see injustice, brutality and racism. I was taught to push forward regardless of consequences, because at the end of the day I have to live with myself, and I have to love and like what I see in the mirror. I'm tired. I hope that the city of Portland is finally committed to acknowledging its wrongs and move forward with systemic changes that center black employees and stand against racist and antiblack practices by actions, not gestures. I want to end with a quote. Because making other people uncomfortable is thoughtless racism. Thank you for this opportunity.

**Wheeler:** Lorraine, as mayor, and as a resident of this community, I want to thank you for the testimony you just provided. I want to acknowledge the hurt that you're expressing, and the injustice that you've struggled with here at the city of Portland and I thank you for sharing it. I thank you for taking that burden on, and now we have heard you and the responsibility is ours to address it. Thank you for being here and thank you for what I thought was incredibly powerful testimony. Thank you for sharing that with us. I see commissioner harsh des tee has her hand raised.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I was actually going to wait until all the testimony was done before I weighed in. But error rain, I cannot let your testimony go unrecognized and unappreciated. And let me just say that what I know to be true is that there's not a black person in america has not had your lived experience. I want to appreciate your honesty in speaking truth to power today. It's absolutely necessary if we're ever going to get to the other side. I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. All the testimony so far has been powerful. But you cut rate to the chase. For that, I am very grateful. I was raised with parents like yours, right? You stand up for what's right regardless of the consequences, and you have done us proud today, as well as your parents, thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, we are proud to have you've as part of the city team. Next up is sholonda simp simpson from the bureau of human resources, good afternoon.

**Shelonda Simpson, Senior Human Resources Analyst:** good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. I'm sholonda simpson, i'm the senior hr analyst for the because rows of transportation and development services. I am a little emotional because lorraine, I say you and I hear you, and I appreciate your testimony today. I was born a Portland native, but raised abroad, so my perspective of the city here is very differently from a lot of my colleagues who were either born and raised here or who have been flatout called gentrifiers by Portland natives. For what -- whatever reason these divisions happen within our city. My family roots are based in Portland, my maternal great grandparents migrated here from waco, texas. And my paternal great grandparents migrated here from beaumont, my legacy comes from stories of resiliency. The impact of the floods on my ancestors caused them to break new territory by being some of the first black americans to move to the housing project in vancouver, Washington. The naacp of vancouver has actually documented history of my family's migration as some of the first citizens to break the color barriers there. My grandmother was a nurse in the state of texas and when she moved here, it took the Washington department of health almost three years to verify her

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certification and her training. So when we speak about systemic oppression and the history of it, there's an example, she was forced to work as a welder in the shipyards, but her training was maternity, labor and delivery. My paternal great grandparents have property taken through eminent domain in the development of the memorial coliseum, they used their resiliency to pull together money and purchase a home and use that distress to funnel family members and friends from beaumont, texas to the city of Portland, and help them with their connections in securing livable wage jobs through the kaiser shipyards, best kaiser hospital and the union pacific railroads. My paternal grandparents survived the gentrification of the boise neighborhood and our family history is actually documented on an opd documentary that's currently housed in the Oregon historical society museum. My discovery of the said documentary was recent, in the last six years and causes me great grief because my great grandmother was killed by a drunk driver before I turned 2. In discovery this documentary, it was the first time that I heard her speak. My most recent footprint and contribution to the black Portland legacy continues, as my cousin designed the artwork for the murals on the black alberta project and the mural that hangs in the Portland buildings, lilly weeks' room. In 2018, my mother and I took my daughter on a girls trip to the national memorial for peace and justice, to pass on the heritage of resiliency to her. I say all this to give you insight as to who I am and how I have taught my children that their voice matters and it's important for them to speak back. I -- a frame reference to, i'm reminded daily of the resiliency of Portland each time I navigate my community, my family has always celebrated juneteenth because we come from texas and my ancestors were those slaves who were freed by union soldiers two years after the emancipation proclamation. I returned to Portland in 2004, three days before james jahar perez was murdered by the police within 24 seconds of being pulled over. At the time my son was ten years old. My cry at that time was what have a done to my child by relocating to a city that I love dearly because of my ties to family and am I exposing him to brutality. Am I putting his life in jeopardy at a higher rate, and I say this having lived in cities such as chicago, atlanta. Boston. Where racial tragedies against african-americans and citizens in general run rampant. I was concerned about bringing my son to a community that would allow him to be judged within a half a minute of his life I suspect on the shoulders of my children because they are wonderful, brilliant, smart, bright, curious and funny and happy children, but the legacy they wear on their shoulders is the color of their skin. That is what is used to determine the value of their life when people who don't know them see them. I wondered if I stepped back in time to a place where an emboldened racist america had placed a commodity on the lives and value of my children and myself. I mean, this was 2004 for goodness sake, I was outdone. I was raised abroad, as I mentioned, and I prided myself on being well educated on the cultures of some of my friends, from filipino, italian, french, german and after row caribbean, I was -- asr afro caribbean. I was proud to celebrate the differences and appreciate the difference lenses I could view the world and form an opinion, I wondered have we traveled back the 13 years since I left for germany and returned to the united states. And in the years that followed since that first murder that I experienced in the city of Portland, i've experienced micro and macro-aggressions, as well as blatant racism from some of Oregon and Portland's citizens. The subtle and more passive aggressive racism from unaware allies and well-meaning accomplices and those whose ambiguous on my livelihood of which their position can change with the wind flow is just damaging. Many times those slights sting a little bit more from those well educated because their assumed position should be they're better informed. Having people in positions of power that can and do use those positions to maintain the status quo has cost this region of the country gifted and bright black professionals. They come, we recruit them, we give them everything that we have given everyone else and they leave in droves. They don't stay here, they don't plant roots. When we ask why, it's because of the blatant

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racism that they experienced in other parts of the country is a little more palpable for them. It's easier to handle what you know to be true than to deal with the passive aggressive Portland niceness and Oregon niceness racism that prevails in this community. It can come across sometimes at cultural appropriation, mimicry, and worse yet, disregard. Accomplices and allies that co-opt black intellectual capital and thought with or without proper reference to the originator of thought is the most accepted form of colonization in 2020, and this is what runs rampant in the community of Portland. The city's recognition of this holiday shows a willingness to hear these communities, it shows a willingness to learn and grow from those community's collective experiences and it shows the city's zaire to move the needle forward in a spirit of truly overcoming the many years of oppression that we face every day. As black people in Portland. The reimaged core values are timely manner, necessary and welcomed. I want to thank you for hearing my testimony and the testimony of my colleagues and for applying your actions to your walk. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, appreciate it. Next up, leslie goodlow, the Portland housing bureau's equity manager. Good afternoon, leslie.

**Leslie Goodlow, Portland Housing Bureau:** good afternoon, mayor wheeler, and commissioners and actually i'm the equity and operations manager, so i'm here today to speak in support of the ordinance. To make juneteenth a city holiday. Not because I need another day off, because i've got just about six weeks of vacation that I haven't used, but because this represents a giant step forward for the city of Portland. I have spent a great deal of time learning about how I could say or what I could say not knowing how others were going to approach this. I decided to tell you how the short dates correlate with my life and with my family and how those dates and things impact me as a black person. Last week was the 53rd anniversary of the loving case, which struck down the misegination laws across the country. I was born to an interracial couple in 1965. Two years before it was legal in many states for my parents to be together. Due to them being together, my mother's children from her first marriage, three blond haired blue eyed children, were removed from her custody because a judge said it was inappropriate for a black man to raise three white children when he was not caring for his own jigaboos. She was the first to integrate an all white high school -- elementary school in 1960 is only ten years older than me, it's not that far away. And in 1971, when we moved to Portland, from a small town in illinois, the language was still in the state constitution prohibiting black people from living in the state, and it was not removed until 2000. In 1907. The first rose festival was held, I think everybody knows i've been part of the rose festival for a long time. In 2007 I was honored to be the first black president of the Portland rose festival foundation. Not lost on me that black people weren't even able to participate or attend in 1907. And the fact that I was now the president. Unfortunately, three incidents occurred that put -- cast a shadow on my presidency. At all three parades, I was refused admittance to the parade route, to the staging area by Portland police. I was driving a rose festival car, I had on my badge, I had a parking permit that would allow me into the staging area and I was not allowed in. Car full of people, my daughters were both small. Not supposed to be in the parades and they would not let me through. Finally, after several phone calls, someone got through and said to let me in, and I arrived at the junior parade just before they started the parade. Why do I bring this up? Because no other president before me or since has had issues with the police allowing them into the parades. I was embarrassed, I was hurt, I was troubled, that even as the head of the organization, putting on the parade, I was stopped by the police. All they saw was a car full of brown people, which leads me back to juneteenth. I hear all the time, why is slavery still an issue? That was a long time ago. No one alive had slaves, or was a slave. It's an issue because the benefits of it are still felt today. All of the privilege, as well as the racist discriminatory and disparate actions and treatment that all stem from that peculiar institution. There's much more that I could talk about today, or this history, the

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lash laws, redlining. But I won't, because this is not supposed to be a history lesson, but instead, advocacy for council to support the ordinance. I support this ordinance because I believe it is a step forward, and I pray that other cities and jurisdictions in Oregon follow suit. I want to particularly thank my fellow granton chair, chair kafoury for making juneteenth a holiday for county employees. This is important, it is critical that change is not just words, not just written on paper, but it is real, it is actionable, and it's accountable. To quote maya angelou, do the best you can do until you know better, but when you know better, you should do better. And we know better. Excuse me, thank you for giving me this opportunity.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, leslie, we appreciate your leadership, thank you for sharing your perspective as well. And our last invited testimony this morning is alexander from the mayor's office, cupid, good afternoon.

**Cupid Alexander, Office of Mayor Wheeler:** good afternoon, mayor, commissioners, hardesty, Fritz and eudaly, I wanted to give some space so we can let those who spoke before me have their message absorbed. For the record, i'm cupid alexanders and along with having the privilege of working with many of you on behalf of the mayor in many capacities, I am a generational life long Portlanders, I come from generations of people who helped us. All of us get to this point. I'm also here to represent so many young black Portlanders whose voices are not centered in the actions concerning their future. When my testimony, i'll spare you the value of the moment. Instead, I will use my time to acknowledge the many before us, the many after us and this work just beginning. The famed attorney, bryan stevenson said, and I quote, when the ideals of your mind are fueled by the convictions of your heart, then you become part of something that can endure. It's that sentiment that I recognize the actions of our values statement, the actions of our juneteenth celebration, carry the blood, sweat and tears of so many african-american and black individuals. The actions of changing both the narrative and the narrator, of fringe hiding the disenfranchised of our efforts to truly begin this work. I'm fully aware of the trees that have been planted by members of generations past who knew they would not get the chance to enjoy it. They planted it for me, for all of us. Our aunts, our uncles, our cousins, our grand mores and grandfathers, our big daddies and big mamas, come on, y'all, those whose idea of Portland was visionary and whose presence is empowered by knowing we are here today. And yet we know this is the means and not the end. Council, i'm glad for your conviction by the sacrifices of my mother, by the commitment of my grandmother, by the fortitude of my great grandfather, who took his young and expansive family and migrated from the southern united states to the pacific northwest. It's that fortitude and that recognition of our efforts, of all of our efforts to make sure our black community feels franchised and safe that is captured in the spirit of all of our val statement and our celebration of juneteenth and this work that moves our path. Council, I thank you for taking up this work. And thank you for sparing a few minutes and invited me to testifying. In closing, I leave you with a quote by dr. Carter g woodson, which states, the real servant of the people must live among them, paint with them, feel for them and die for them. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, cupid, appreciate your remarks. So colleagues, that concludes invited testimony before we go to public testimony, I believe commissioner Fritz had another amendment that she would like to add to the ordinance and i'll move to commissioner hardesty who has had her hand raised for quite some time. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** I have an amendment to the juneteenth ordinance which was not introduced before. I'm pretty sure the commissioner hardesty will want to second this, although I haven't talked to her about I know how much she is committed to actions as well as to values. The amendment is to no. 11 in the juneteenth ordinance, which currently says the city of

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Portland is committed to deconstructing institutional and systemic racism and directs all city bureau directors to participate in the apartment blackness task forces in collaboration with black community members, leaders and voices internally and externally focused on workplace culture, public safety, mental health, housing, income inequality and economic development and prosperity. My amendment would add the sentence, bureaus must submit quarterly reports on work done on these measures to the office of equity and how many rights, the office of equity and human rights will include a summary in the annual report to council required in resolution 374-8587 which as you remember was the one about covid and our values in that.

**Hardesty:** I second.

**Wheeler:** A motion from commissioner Fritz and a second from commissioner Hardesty. It's now on the table. How many individuals do we have signed up for -- I'm sorry, you had more you wanted to add at this point, I'm sorry.

**Hardesty:** I think my head was just left out. I'm very happy to wait until after public testimony to weigh in.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Karla, how many people do we have signed up for public testimony, please.

**Karla:** I'm not showing anyone had time to sign up for this one, mayor.

**Wheeler:** With that, commissioner Hardesty, I hope you've had plenty of time to prepare.

**Hardesty:** First, I want to really appreciate cupid, leslie, milicent, kim, shalonda and for their real testimony, it is refreshing to be on the city council and hear people come and tell the truth about their lived experience as employees of the city of Portland, as people who have had experiences with our police department, as people who are maneuvering in an environment that clearly has been antiblack for quite some time. So I just want to honor the incredible courage it takes for you to be here today, to be on the public record, to actually speak your truth. I want you to know how much I greatly appreciate that. I also want to say that it occurs to me, as we are having this conversation today, the incredible burden that we are going to place on black employees because I don't know about you, but I am getting a lot of calls from people who consider themselves white allies that are taxing, and they are exhausting, because it is a way for people to try to deal with their personal guilt by reaching out to a black person and acting like they are going to do something different. And so what I'm hoping with this resolution is that we have some clarity about not putting this weight on the shoulders of black employees at the city of Portland. I mean, I would prefer that we have a space where we invite black employees in, and I would be happy to facilitate that, and come back with some specific recommendations that the rest of my colleagues can entertain. Mayor, I just want to say that nothing is worse than being the only black person in an environment and having every white person come to you and say, what can I do? What can I do? Right? I don't want to set our employees up for that. So though I am in absolute support of the resolution and the Juneteenth holiday, we need to do some more work to ensure the burden does not fall overwhelmingly on the backs of our black employees, and I am happy to have that conversation offline, but if I am feeling this, I know every single black employee at the city of Portland is feeling do I really have to participate in the another conversation to get white people to understand the lived experience of black folks. You know, I have videos I'd love to be able to tell city employees -- white stay employees how to educate themselves so that they can prepare for a conversation that's inclusive of black folks. I think we have some more work to do to ensure that the burden is equally shared. Honestly, I think it should be shared by our white employees because they have some education and learning they need to do before they are equipped to have a deeper conversation with their black employees, when I listened to leslie talk about her experience with the rose festival and then I see how the city of Portland has the rose festival as our official celebration for the city, I think it's time for us to

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reexamine that and figure out whether or not the rose festival can change to be a festival that actually embraces all of Portland or, if not, maybe there's an opportunity to create something that's more in line with who we are. The history of the rose festival is problematic, and I mentioned it before, and didn't know where to bring it, in this conversation today, if we are being intentional about how do we -- how do we address the antiblackness that is really within not just the city of Portland, but at the counties, at the state, it's in every governmental institution that we have, if we are going to be a model, I hope the city of Portland is a model that does it in a way that actually models the behavior we are lag for, that our white folks will take the leap, educate themselves and actually learn something about what role they have played in keeping this racially inequitable system functioning and working for them, I wanted to say i'm happy to vote for the resolution and what we are doing today, but I don't want to leave this conversation and have that burden on the shoulders of black employees who already have an enormous burden just getting through the day-to-day life as a black person experiencing all that's happened in our world right now.

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

**Fritz:** I'm not going to put leslie goodlaw on the spot again, I really appreciated her comments, I note it was the police who were abusive to her, it was not the rose festival. So I would encourage you to have a conversation with her because she remains one of the biggest champions for the rose festival.

**Hardesty:** I'm not saying anything bad about the rose festival, but it was created during a time where black and brown people could not participate, right? And no matter how you make a bad system better, I think that it's always -- this is a great opportunity for us to actually reflect on all the things that have been systemically put in place for people that didn't look like me, right? And now people that look like me are supposed to fit into a system that was never designed for us. So no -- I love the children's parade, big fan, but if we are talking about systems and we are talking about actually supporting systems that were not put in place for people that look like me, I think all of them must be reexamined and we need to ensure that they are going to be equitable if the city is going to invest resources it has to reflect the values that the city of Portland is putting on the table today.

**Wheeler:** Very good, thank you, colleagues, it's now pri privilege to read a proclamation for the city council, I want to be very clear, this is a proclamation not written by my office. It has come from the community, this has been brought forward by the juneteenth Oregon folks. And so without further ado, i'll read this on behalf of all of us. Whereas independence day movement initiated by the declaration of independence on july 4, 1776, did not include the enslaved descendants of africans or recognized as fully human beings under the declaration of independence, and whereas our country is made up of people from every nation on earth, who are declared equal, not only in freedom, but also in justicer, both of which are essential, by healthy human civilization and whereas president abraham lincoln signed an executive order known as the emancipation proclamation providing that all persons held as slaves within any state or designated part of the state, quote, shall be then forward and forever free, unquote. On new year's day, january 1, 1863. And whereas, hearing the proclamation, many slaves escaped to union lives, as the army units moved south, and whereas slave owners and the confederate states continued to enslave people in defiance of the emancipation proclamation. And whereas after the civil war ended on april 9, 1865, the union army was dispatched to the confederate states to restore order and to ensure that the emancipation proclamation was enforced and whereas on june 19, 1865, almost two and a half years later, major general gordon granger arrived in galveston, texas and announced the end of both the civil war and slavery, with this announcement, quote, the people of texas are informed that in accordance with the proclamation from the executive of the united states, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of

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personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves and the connection hereto temperatures gone existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor, the freed men are advised to remain until work for wages. They are informed they will not be allowed to collect military posts, and they will not be supported in idleness, either there or elsewhere, unquote. And whereas June 19 is the oldest and most widely known celebration of African-American emancipation and a time for revival meetings, family reunions and celebrations of freedom, including pilgrimages by slaves and descendants of slaves to Galveston and whereas, June 19 is the freedom forerunner to the 13th amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted freedom to all slaves, born in the United States and the date is pivotal in our nation's independence day movement, and whereas in 1945, then Port Resident Clara Peebles the mother of Juneteenth, unquote, brought the tradition from Oklahoma to the Kaiser Shipyard in Oregon, celebrated Juneteenth for the first time here in the state of Oregon. This celebration continues, Juneteenth, Oregon, traditionally kicks off with the Clara Peebles Free Dome Trail Parade followed by community festival. This is a time to celebrate and honor African-American's freedom with an emphasis on the education and achievement. Whereas in 1997 the 105th United States Congress passed Senate Joint Resolution 11 and House Joint Resolution 56 officially recognizing Juneteenth Independence Day and whereas in 2001, Juneteenth became a statewide holiday where in the state of Oregon in 2001, when Clara Peebles worked with Senator to have Juneteenth recognized in Oregon as a statewide day of observance and declaration, Juneteenth is to be a day for celebration, statewide of the dignity, worth and freedom of all citizens. Members of the 71st Oregon Legislative Assembly passed a resolution that proclaims June is the month of each year as Juneteenth, Independence Day. Whereas a formal apology for slavery, House Concurrent Resolution 356 was sponsored in the United States Congress by Representative Tony Hall of Ohio, that the first annual Washington Juneteenth 2000 National Haul Day Observance and now there for, with the City of Portland do hereby proclaim June 19, 200 Virginia Juneteenth in Portland, Oregon. Due to the pandemic of 2020, Juneteenth, Oregon, will be untraditional with a virtual celebration streamed online for everyone to celebrate. And here is the official copy of the proclamation. And I want to extend my personal thanks for all of our city employees who gave their testimony today on a very powerful, powerful commemoration. Thank you all. So with that, we have both the resolution and the ordinance, first on the resolution, we'll vote on the three amendments brought forward. Karla, can you please call the roll, if it's okay, I will package the three amendments. If there is any objection to that, let me know right now. I don't see it, so Karla, the package of amendments 1-3 offered by Commissioner Fritz, can you please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Fritz:** Thank you for the partnership, the people, the office of equity and human rights. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendments are adopted: The main motion, the resolution, as amended, Karla, please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Eudaly:** I want to thank Allison from a Sod for her invaluable contributions to the city, adopting equity, racism, communication, fiscal responsibility as core values, anchors our intentions, I appreciate all the hard work that was done with community members to get to this point and explicit direction that dismantling institutional and systemic racism will be the responsibility of every city employee and Portland resident, I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, Kathy Black in addition for your leadership and partnership, it's greatly appreciated, thank you, Mayor Wheeler for your leadership. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. The resolution is adopted. As amended, thank you, everyone. Now to the ordinance, first of all, we'll take a vote on the technical ordinance amendment that I put forth. Karla, please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

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**Wheeler:** Amendment carries, next was commissioner Fritz's amendment to item no. 11. Any further discussion. Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll. Precinct roll call vote.

**Fritz:** I appreciate all of my call leagues being building to give authority to the office of human rights and acknowledge its role in an accountability from all of our bureaus, aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment is adopted. Now to the main motion, the ordinance as amended. Please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Eudaly:** I want to thank and apologize to deputy director milicent williams, who helped prepare some really wonderful remarks for me on this item. In the moment, I didn't feel like reading a long prepared statement. I needed to take a beat and keep absorbing what our city employees were sharing with us. So I will share that online. I don't want your work to go to waste. I also want to congratulate you on your promotion in february to deputy director, we never got to celebrate because of the shutdown. And I want to thank you for your outstanding work. I also want to highlight the amazing work of our equity and inclusion manager, irene marion. And thank the members of our transportation justice steering committee for their service to our bureau. And to our city. I feel really lucky to get to work with all of you, and to have inherited a bureau that was really poised to do this work. It's an honor. I also want to thank lorain wilson, our citywide public involvement and equity management analyst. It's a mouthful. She works for civic life, she does vital work on adapted impact and the public involvement advisory committee and we are really lucky to have her at the bureau. Finally, I just want to thank all of the city employees who gave testimony today. It was powerful, and moving. You know, most of us only know each other in this very formal, I think, unnatural professional environment, and while it pains me to hear your stories, and I regret that you feel compelled to share them, they're powerful and meaningful and I just want to appreciate your bravery and thank you for your testimony today. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** I feel that my role here is to amplify your voices, so I have a second request in addition to putting a link and a video to commissioner hardesty's testimony on the budget on the front page of the website, that you also put the video of this presentation because the words of our colleagues were very powerful. I thank each one you are bravery, courage and sticktoitiveness, thank you so much, aye.

**Wheeler:** We'll take care of that, commissioner Fritz, thank you for the recommendation. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you, everybody, and thank you especially to our city employee what is gave testimony today. It's powerful. Well received, thank you so much.

**Hardesty:** looks like we have 7 minutes for lunch, huh.

**Wheeler:** Not done yet.

**Fritz:** I just want to say thank you to bryson, very well behaved in that. Good job, bryson.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, here's what we'll do, blow through the consent items, commissioner eudaly will withdraw a couple to her office. At the end, let's see what time it is and then we will delay convening is afternoon session, I know we have had a long morning and all of us are probably ravenous, commissioner Fritz, you have your hand up. And you're muted.

**Fritz:** Thank you, we have only have 6 here, it could be that the people who pulled the items are no longer here and we can vote on them anyway.

**Wheeler:** That's my thought. Karla, 466, please.

**Item 466.**

**Wheeler:** I'll turn it over to patrick kramer. Patrick.

**Mark Williams:** can you hear me okay?

**Wheeler:** Yeah. I apologize, I thought it was patrick, thank you.

**Mark Williams:** his name was on it. So good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners, i'm mark williams. Regulatory division, i'm the division manager, with me today is towing coordinator patrick kramer. Before you today is a recommendation to



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reappoint three current public members of the tow board. The current board and charter driven by Portland city code, 3.98 towing board and review. 16 contracts between the city or agencies under the contractors. The existence of the board in its current form is necessary for the continuation of those contracts and the program. We currently in the process of drafting an rfq which will result in new agreements with our tow partners. The new agreements will also reflect the updated city call for committees and advisory bodies pursuant this council's direction to the office of community and city life outlined in resolution 37328, and adopted by council in november, 2017. When the r2 is final, we will return to this council with a recommendation to repeal the existing code, dissolving the board and replace it with an advisory committee. Until that time, we are asking that the existing public members continue to temporary role while we work through this work. Immediately following the change to the body, upon -- we will conduct a citywide recruitment effort, we'll work with him grant communities and communities of color to encourage participation. So in summary, this reappointment allows the current board to continue this work with us uninterrupted to implement these new agreements. That concludes my presentation. Patrick and i, are here to answer any questions.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor and thank you mark and patrick for being here. My question, which change in towing since the last time you were in front of the Portland city council, and what's the new rfq going to provide that can currently don't have.

**Williams:** currently we have. particularly in the c class territory, these are the big rigs that are used to the large vehicles. But also change power, if you will, of the board, this board has a lot of power, this current system has been in place, I believe, as long as -- since 1974. This board has been established in most advisory bodies don't have the ability to approve city contracts and the ability to -- this rfq must be approved by the board, we want to change that and then make the necessary changes to the -- to reflect the market as it is today.

**Hardesty:** i'm very interested in what the racially disparate data is about who gets their auto towed, who loses their auto because they can't afford to actually get a ride to go out to the boon docks to pick their car up, et cetera, et cetera. And in all the years i've been following Portland towing, it is the most racist, classless department we have at the city of Portland, and we have absolutely no data and no accountability built into that system. We have made millionaires out of people who have gotten contracts behind closed doors, and there is no accountability. I want to assure you that will never, ever happen again, not as long as I am at the city of Portland. And I need you when you cam back not just to bring an rfq, I need data. I need the demographic data, I ahead to know what these contractors are making at the expense of four people and how you going to fundamentally change how towing happens in the city of Portland. This is not acceptable to me, and this has been issue for as long as I lived in the city of Portland, this thing has been around since the early 60s, really not surprised. And I will tell you that it is absolutely been benefiting from the most low income people in our community, and i'm absolutely appalled that the city of Portland has its name attached to this towing industry. So when's it changes, how soon can we expect the change? Because people have been waiting for this change for decades and how will we know it's changed and how will you be more transparent? Your ability to be transparent doesn't exist currently. Those are my questions. Sorry it took so long to get to them. We don't have a lot of time to answer it, but this is something that actually does not represent the values that the city of Portland has articulated and passed resolutions around.

**Patrick Kramer:** If I may interject, I really appreciate your thoughts and your comments. One point of clarification is the towing program, we have contracts with the towers who tow at the request of different agencies. So those different agencies have different policies on

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who they tow. One thing I can share, our towers are located throughout the city and those tows are assigned to towers who are in the vicinity of where the tow occurred, so then the citizen doesn't have to travel as far to pick up their vehicle.

**Wheeler:** Patrick, if somebody is playing the drums or something, it's --

**Kramer:** I don't know, sorry.

**Hardesty:** Every time Patrick talks there's a drum beat behind him.

**Wheeler:** It's actually sort of mesmerizing. It's very dramatic while he's answering questions.

**Kramer:** Did you catch my comment, though?

**Hardesty:** I did catch your comment, and I don't know whether I agree with your comment. But here's what I would like to do, I would like you to reach out to my office for us to have a deeper conversation about where you are today, and where you hope to go in the future. And I think quite frankly there are some predatory towers that should never get another contract from the city of Portland. And if you don't know who they are, that will be problematic. Thank you very much, appreciate you being here today.

**Williams:** Thank you so much. I think -- thank you, commissioner Hardesty, I think our timing is well right now, because we can have this conversation and we can make sure we incorporate that language that allows us that control in those contracts.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Thank you. Commissioner Eudaly had a question, but before I get to you, I just want to check something here with Karla. Karla, it's now past 2:00 p.m. Are people -- are people joining now in anticipation of the 2:00 p.m. session?

**Moore:** That is a possibility.

**Wheeler:** I just want to put the word out for those of you who are joining us for the 2:00 p.m. session, we have not finished the 9:30 session. And what we will be doing before we get to the 2:00 p.m. session is finish the 9:30 session, and then we're going to take at least a half hour break, because that's necessary. I don't know how else to put it. So I just want people to be aware of that.

**Eudaly:** I share many of commissioner Hardesty's concerns about towing. And it is important to remember that different bureaus have different policies. With Pbot, one of the things we did early on was change our policies around towing so-called abandoned or derelict vehicles when it was clear that people were actually living in them. I -- when the story came out about the towing company that was involved in wrongful persecution and accusations against a Portland resident, I immediately severed that contract. One of my bones to pick with towing is that we have rampant car theft in Portland, it's a problem. A lot of crime has gone down in virtually every arena, but we have a lot of car theft. People who are the victims of car theft are given a very short window of time by the police bureau to come retrieve their car before it's towed and they have to, like commissioner Hardesty said, they have to travel who knows how far without a vehicle, mind you, to go pay hundreds of dollars to get their car out of the lot, when through no fault of their own it was towed. So I'd love to have those conversations as well. Thank you.

**Williams:** Thank you. We'll make sure we keep in touch with both offices going forward.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, this is a report, I'll entertain a motion.

**Eudaly:** So moved.

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Moore:** Moved and seconds, any further discussion on this item? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I know the conversation today was about reappointing individuals to this board, but as always, I take the opportunity when people come in front of us to talk about issues that my constituents continue to bring to my attention, and is a big concern of theirs. And so I appreciate your answers, I look forward to working with you both. And let me say, let

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me just ask this question, if I vote yes and you find out you can change this structure sooner, does that mean that we're stuck with this former structure for two more years?

**Williams:** No.

**Hardesty:** In that case I vote aye. Thank you.

**Eudaly:** I want to thank the appointees, or reappointees for their service to our city, and I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Yes, I want to thank richard helser and scott bradley for being willing to step up. I vote aye, the report is accepted. 467, please.

**Item 467.**

**Wheeler:** This was pulled by it looks like jackie, are you with us?

**Moore:** I'm not seeing her.

**Wheeler:** Going once, going twice. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance, it moves to second reading. Item 468, please.

**Item 468.**

**Moore:** Accept a grant in the amount of \$18,000 from Portland general electric to support smart city pdx air quality sensor project to improve engagement, communication, and action on air quality and public health.

**Wheeler:** This was pulled by nathan stein, nathan, are you with us? Guessing a lot of people are probably not. Please call the roll.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 469.

**Item 469.**

**Wheeler:** And 469 was pulled by andy, are you on the line? Is there any further public testimony on this one, Karla?

**Moore:** I'm not seeing anyone else signed up for this.

**Wheeler:** Emergency ordinance, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I think this is a very responsible proposal, the Portland clean energy fund will have for the first time great opportunity for front line communities to really take control of their work around climate mitigation, and this will allow those very small organizations that's not the usual suspects to be able to apply for a grant to help them be able to develop their application. I am so happy with the work that's being done around the Portland clean energy fund initiative, and am greatly appreciative of the staff foresight to understand that many community-based organizations led by black and indigenous and other people of color just don't have the resources to even prepare for this kind of stuff. So I am very happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Just exciting to start to see items coming across our desk. I think this is a great use of our resources, and i'm happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, 474.

**Item 474.**

**Moore:** Amend contract with f c hurdle consulting llc in the amount of \$75,000 to provide additional community stakeholder engagement consulting services.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty I understand you pulled this. Did you have a specific question or did you want to hear the presentation?

**Hardesty:** I actually, because of the lateness of the hour, I don't need to hear the presentation. My concern, my specific question was around the community grants. I'm trying to figure out why we're giving out \$250 gift certificates and what doesn't -- in what doesn't appear to be a thoughtful way. I'm just wondering why we're asking for money just to turn around and give it out. When our ecc is doing the exact same thing. To the exact communities that you're reaching out to.

**Wheeler:** Director perez?

**Elisabeth Perez, Director Office of Community Technology:** I am happy to answer that. Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Really, I think between oct and hurdle, the idea around being able to provide gift cards is really compensating community members for sharing their lived experiences and giving us their time to help inform the plans that we are putting forward. So I think it was the intention of our bureau and hurdle consulting to make sure that we are compensating people for giving us the information that we need to do the work.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that, elizabeth. I appreciate that. We had a conversation earlier this year about how the city council would actually compensate people who serve on boards and commissions. And that has not come back to the city council for affirmation. I'm -- I don't want to do individual things that one bureau comes up with, and we don't have a city council policy about how we do that. During this covid time, we have been very intentional about making sure that we're putting money in the hands of very low-income people, but I see absolutely no connection between what the office of technology is doing and the need to put money in the hands of people right now who are really suffering in our community. So for me it's a disconnect, and I just would not support -- we don't have any way of knowing whether or not we're actually doubling or tripling individuals getting that \$250 card, it just seems like it's a great idea, and it's something I would support in normal times, this is not normal times, and I just don't think that's a good investment at this moment.

**Perez:** So I do have rebecca gibbons or digital equity coordinator and conrad hurdle on. I don't know if either of you want to jump in and talk a little bit more about your intentions here.

**Rebecca Gibbons, Office of Community Technology:** I would defer to conrad if he was here. Is conrad here? If not, I would just say that our -- our intention, this is rebecca gibbons, office for community technology. Was to engage with residents, residents who have lived experiences, have been digitally disconnected and on the other side of the digital divide, and that we know that we would be coming to them asking for their time and wanting to compensate them and along with that gift card would be some potential instructions on how to buy a device or where low-cost internet service would be available to them. It was a way to be less extracting from our community when we are trying to partner with them in the development of the next phase digital equity action plan.

**Perez:** I'll also say that being said, we do have the ability to, in the contract, so if that's something that council isn't interested in providing at this point, we have the ability to make that change.

**Hardesty:** When we are asked to extend a contract that started at 12,000, and the bulk of the money that you're asking to add to the contract really has nothing to do with the work that the contractor is contracted to do, that raises warning signs for me. Then when I read that it was gift cards, and we have bought thousands of gift cards that the ecc is currently giving out to the very people that you are trying to connect with, i'm just wondering why you're not putting that information inside the stuff that we're giving to very low-income families, the food boxes we're putting the \$250 gift card in, it just seems like we are not well coordinated when we talk about front line communities and we talk about people who are really living on the edge at the moment. And I would be really annoyed if I had too many city people coming to me one behind the other saying, we're here to help, so to me this does not feel that this is well thought out, and it's certainly not coordinated with the vision that the city of Portland has moving forward. So I am only one voice on this council, but I would not support a proposal like this because I don't want to create inequitable outcomes or systems within the city of Portland. And until we as a council have actually decided how we will compensate people for their engagement, I don't -- I can't support this.

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**Perez:** Conrad was supposed to be jumping on. This is, again, something that we can amend. I understand the need to have a citywide policy. My concern with waiting for a citywide policy is, again, not -- we do a lot of surveying of community, and asking for input, and you know, I have -- my concern is --

**Hardesty:** Let me -- that is low-income to be able to be compensated for providing us their lived experience. But I want to do it in a way that's transparent, and fair, and that we can track whether or not we're actually meeting the needs that we say we're trying to meet. And this proposal doesn't do that for me.

**Perez:** Okay. I'd be happy to work with your office further on this.

**Wheeler:** I think commissioner eudaly, did you have a comment or is that a residual hand raise? Commissioner Fritz, then?

**Fritz:** Thank you. I appreciate you raising these concerns, commissioner hardesty. It's a challenge we have is that they're already some community members who are getting compensated for participating in various things, and others who are not. Though we, as you say, when we have the discussion of citywide, you said we should coordinate, however, we're not saying to everybody else you need to stop paying your volunteers, or giving them a stipend or gift card. So I'm not sure what the right answer is in this particular case.

**Perez:** I'd like to also note that conrad is now on, so conrad, commissioner hardesty was asking about the gift cards to individuals and wondering if you can give a little bit of thought into that.

**Wheeler:** I'm going to say this -- save us all some time. I'm struggling wondering how this got on the consent agenda, if half of the people on the council are expressing reservations. I'm pulling it back to my office. So 475 I'm pulling back. I'm sorry, 474. I'm pulling back to my office. Commissioner eudaly, did you have a comment? I can't tell.

**Eudaly:** No.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. 475, please.

**Item 475.**

**Moore:** Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the connected cully project for an estimated \$4,721,823.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly?

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm pulling this item back to my office, and I will reschedule it at a later time.

**Wheeler:** Without objection, 476, please.

**Item 476.**

**Moore:** Authorize a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the red electric trail project for an estimated \$4,756,291.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor, once again pulling this item back to my office and it will be rescheduled at a later time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Karla, item 477.

**Item 477.**

**Wheeler:** I believe this is pulled by mr. Michael quid buy, is michael on? Going once, going twice. Three times. Karla, call the roll on 477.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Well, thank you everyone, I hope for your support. This will -- the surcharge will be applied to this year to cover costs, and better cover the full cost of our film office. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Amidst 80,000 emails over the past few weeks, there were many that said thank you for doing this and I want to thank everybody who has written in, because I can't possibly find your can emails to write back to say thank you. You're welcome, glad we're able to do this. Congratulations. Aye.

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**Wheeler:** I vote aye. Next up is 478. Sorry, the ordinance is adopted. I'm getting sloppy in my old age. 478, please.

**Item 478.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I'm pulling this item back to my office and it will be rescheduled at a later date.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Item 479, please, Karla.

**Item 479.**

**Moore:** Authorize a maintenance agreement with various parties for willamette river selwood bridge, bridge number 06879.

**Wheeler:** That was mr. Whidbey again, and I assume he is still not with us, is that correct?

**Moore:** I believe he is not.

**Wheeler:** Is there any other testimony on that item?

**Moore:** No one else requested that item.

**Wheeler:** Rule on 479.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Eudaly:** Thanks to the state of Oregon, department of transportation, Multnomah county, and pbot, I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. Guess what? We actually made it through the entire agenda. So my office is working with the folks who are testifying on both 492 and 493, we will be adjourned until 3:00 p.m. This afternoon. 3:00 p.m. We are adjourned.

**Council recessed at 2:21 p.m.**

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**JUNE 17, 2020 3:00 P.M.**

**Wheeler:** Here we are. This is the wednesday afternoon session of the Portland city council. Before I ask Karla to call the roll, thank you, everybody, for your incredible patience, we had a very, very long council session this afternoon -- this morning that actually ran until well after 2:00 p.m. And the council, myself included, needed a bit of a break before we bent into this, because we want to give you our full and divided and enthusiastic attention as opposed to nailing it on the backside of a seven-hour-long council session. So thank you for your patience. With that, Karla, please call the roll. Roll call.

**Hardesty:** Here. **Eudaly:** Here. **Fritz:** Here.

**Wheeler:** Here. The city council is holding this meeting electronically, all members are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made civil avenues available for the public to listen. The Portland -- the meeting is available to the public on the city's youtube channel, egov pdx, and of course channel 30. 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 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, thank you all for your continued patience, flexibility, and understanding. As we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business and with that, I will turn it over to our attorney to read the rules of order and decorum.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney's Office:** To participate you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city 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. 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 come when your time is up, or interrupting others' Testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, robert. We only have two items today, the first is time certain item 492. Karla, please read that for us. Karla, usual muted. -- you're muted.

**Item 492.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you. I'm very pleased to introduce the next item which comes from the Portland children's levy asking us to approve a \$68 million in new community investments over a three-year period beginning july 1st. If approved, this funding for 85 programs would reach city youth affected by generations of racial, ethnic, and economic inequity as well as go towards emergency needs during this health pandemic, especially in black, indigenous, and communities of color. As you know, the levy was created back in 2002 and it's been

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renewed three times by Portland voters to prepare children for school, to support their success inside And outside of the classroom, reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the well-being in school. Today we have levy director lisa pellegrino who will take us through the funding process and the background, provide more details, and context for the request and answer any questions anybody has about this. Welcome, lisa.

**Lisa Pellegrino:** Thank you, mayor, i'm going to go ahead and share my screen. So you all can follow the slides with me.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Pellegrino:** Good afternoon, everybody --

**Wheeler:** Is it working for anybody -- I don't see the shared screen.

**Pellegrino:** Hang on, let me get out of this.

**Hardesty:** Don't worry, we've all been there, done that.

**Pellegrino:** I thought I had it down, but I guess I did not.

**Hardesty:** We're doing absolutely fabulous with this new technology.

**Wheeler:** She's getting it. Look at that.

**Pellegrino:** Now let me see if I can get the slide show functions. Thank you for your patience, i'm a little green at this still in doing presentations online. I'm getting better slowly. Thank you for your time, good afternoon, I know it's been a marathon day for you all, so i'll do my best to move briefly. We are before you as mayor said, requesting approval of The allocation -- in the competitive funding round, allocating -- into 85 program grants. We, the pcl is governed by five-menopause committee, and those members are mayor wheeler, Multnomah county commissioner jessica veiga pederson, tracy rossi, the county member is felicia folsom and the city appointed business community representative is mitch. I'm going to take you through the funding process, the planning phase and the actual application and decision process. And then briefly overview the results and take questions. The levy as the mayor said was reviewed -- renewed by the voters in may 2018. And right after that approval we go into the planning phase. In the past levies we have done planning and the funding round in about a year's time. And after receiving feedback from the community, and also doing an equity assessment, we concluded we had to lengthen the planning phase and the funding phase to allow more time for community engagement and examination of how the process was designed. So our goal, we liken the planning phase, we took it to a two-year process instead of a one-year process total and left about a year or so for the planning phase. Our goals in the planning phase are to increase equity and transparency, in all aspects of the funding process. To increase engagement by Diversity of community members, and creating funding priorities, and the strategies. And the types of programs that we were going to eventually fund. To provide multiple ways for community members to participate. And then last, to critically assess and redesign the funding process, or the proposals through the decision making process. Those were the goals that we set out with, and began with the community engagement process. We hired equity consulting, and a team of about six people, to design and conduct that process. They created to start out two surveys, one for community members, and one for service providers. We made it clear in the beginning that our goal was to try to reach community members, because service providers are usually very interested in talking to us and community members is a whole other story. So their team worked hard to engage community members, not just service providers. And they designed two separate surveys for the different groups of people. To give you an understanding of who was in the 400 community members they reached to, i'm going to run through the data, so you can understand what their point, where they were coming from. 20% of those respondents had children with disabilities. 11% had disabilities themselves. 81% were parents or caregivers to children. 17% were youth. 24% were involved in the foster care system. 19% identified as lgbtq. 27% had experienced houselesses in. 32% were immigrants or refugees. And



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48% spoke primarily spoke languages other than english in their homes. So they did an excellent job at reaching deeply into community and getting a lot of points of view, and created a really detailed survey that gave us a lot of information about what people thought. In addition to surveys, they also conducted a focus group, with 85 community members, and those focus groups were aimed at probing deeply into particular experiences. They provided translation interpretation for anyone who needed it for focus groups, they conducted two groups in spanish particularly, two groups just for youth, one group for immigrant refugees, one group for foster impacted, so that's people who were either foster children themselves or foster parents. A parent group that was also providers in the community of some kind of service related to children or families, sometimes teachers or other service providers. And one disability impacted group. So those are parents who have a disability or child with a disability. So that, again, very successful in getting many more people who are from the community, not just service providers, to come to the table and really provide in-depth discussion with them. And lastly, they offered stipends for anyone who participated in this community engagement process in recognition of the time they were offering. In the past that's not something we have done. After they went through this process and they mined all the data and themed all of the focus groups conversations, with their team, they made a series of recommendations to the levy. And those recommendations were primarily centered around equity, and also provided information about the types of services that people wanted to prioritize and all of the different program areas we have to fund according to the ballot language. So the overall equity recommendations were to fund services that were relevant and responsive to make sure that direct service staff reflected the cultures and spoke the languages of the people being served. To make sure that people of color were in leadership positions at the o.s providing the services and at the levy, and that organizations need to include families in the planning and the evaluation of the programs and services. They also provided a wealth of information around the types of services that people wanted And how they wanted them delivered. And they also -- there were two other themes, one was around quality, and the importance of training for nonprofit staff, particularly in racial equity, and trauma-informed service delivery. And also in child and youth development. And last, the importance of transportation across all program areas, making sure we tried to find programs that provide transportation or ensure transportation to make sure there's equal access, and in hunger relief, that we consider mobile services, pantries or food service delivery of some kind. While the community engagement process was unfolding we also worked with psu to do -- center for improvement of child and family services to do a qualitative evaluation on the overall funding process. So that's the proposal, the application questions, the review process, and the decision making process that we go through once the application is published. So as I said, psu center for improvement in child and family services, the investigator is now employed at the Portland housing bureau at the equity manager, she and her team reviewed the process for 2014, looked at all the written materials associated with it, including applications, proposals, scoring criteria, funding decisions, all the feedback we gather at the end of the Funding round and they also looked at the city audit of -- of the levy. And part of their investigation. Along with all the written materials they also interviewed 59 stakeholders, and those included past applicants to the levy in both successful and unsuccessful applicants, local funders, and allocation committee members. When they were finished with all of the review and analysis, and theming all of the conversations from the interviews, they created a report and gave us 30 recommendations to prove transparency and equity. I'm not going to run through all 30, because that would be too long. But i'll give you the highlights. And for transparency, the things -- some of the things they were interested in were creating an online faq, publishing all questions and answers asked about the application so everybody's got access to it. Providing reviewer

score sheets before decision making so applicants could review that. And changing the advocacy rules to assure that there was equal access to allocation committee, to advocating for the allocation committee for anybody's applications. The recommendations to improve equity included changing application questions, the definitions, and the scoring criteria. And some examples of that were To focus on the equity practices of the organizations that were applying, the percentage of staff and board that identify as people of color, and how organizations provided services in language spoken by clients. They also recommended we change the testimony process and that we create a small grants fund stream to improve equity of access for smaller organizations that typically don't apply in these larger -- for the larger grants. Don't have the capacity to. So both rules and psu presented their recommend takingeses and reports at public meetings to the allocation committee. And then the allocation committee spent the next six months basically february through september of 2019, taking up those recommendations and operationalizing them into the process design, with the -- how it would unfold and the timeline and the steps it would include, and then what was in the applications themselves. So making sure the recommendations from the community ended up in the applications, the application questions reflected in the application questions and the priorities for funding. During that process, folks were still providing input as the committee was work withing through its decisions through either written input between allocation committee meetings or in public testimony at the public meetings. So all that culminated in the publication of six funding applications, we call them request for investment in september of 2019. That concluded the planning phase. And started us into the actual funding phase. So after publication of the applications, we received 116 applications for funding requesting \$114 million, which is about 1.7 dollars requested for every dollar available. The staff recruited and trained 63 volunteer community members to do the grant review, and score the applications. We used the process to recruit those reviewers that was recommended by psu, we had an application process, asked people to provide experience they had in the program areas that they were scoring in, and also their lived experience and knowledge on equity, devitt, and inclusion, either through their life or their work. So that was a change from how we had done review process in the past. We also offer them stipends to recognize their contributions of time, because these are long applications and it takes time and energy to do that. And we set it up so we had five reviewers score each application and averaged the scores of those five reviewers to get a final score for each application.

**Wheeler:** Before you continue, I want to make sure, commissioner hardesty may want to jump in on that slide.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, lisa. Would you go back to the last slide again, please?

**Pellegrino:** Sorry. Wrong one. I'm getting there.

**Hardesty:** So i'm interested in the 63 volunteers that worked in small groups and scored the applications. What demographic information and experience made up that group of volunteers?

**Pellegrino:** So we used civic life's application process to advertise -- we put an application up on the city website, so you could apply to be reviewer. We asked civic life to help us do outreach as well as using partners and allocation committee members to recruit people to review. So on an -- on the advice of civic life we're not allowed to ask any demographic -- we can ask demographic information but we could not use it to set up the -- to choose the reviewers. So we chose not to ask it at the front ended and instead asked people a series of questions on the reviewer application and that one of those included, what's your experience in the nonprofit or in the arena of the area in which you're interested in reviewing. So are you a child abuse prevention person, or someone who has experience in that, or whatever the program area was. And then we asked specific questions for what

their experience and knowledge was on equity, diversity, and Inclusion. And asked people to talk about their either life experience, or their professional experience. So we chose based on what people answered to try to pick people who had the most experience in the program areas and in ed, and then we tried to balance each panel to include people, two people who had specific experience in equity, diversity, and up conclusion work of some kind, or life experience, and then people who also -- pretty much everybody who applied had some program area experience. There was hardly anybody who didn't. So I think people were attracted to process through that. When we did our feedback, i'm getting to your point. Feedback survey from the reviewers, 85% of those 63 people responded to that survey and we asked demographic identity questions on there. 50% were identified as a person of color.

**Hardesty:** And do you have a further breakdown than that?

**Pellegrino:** I could get you one. I don't have it off the top of my head.

**Hardesty:** I appreciate that, because I think when you started this long process, the world was working normally, and now that we're here and we're about to deploy the grants, I think that the world has shifted radically since you started this process, and so I am very much interested in kind of the demographic Breakdown all across the board, and I really would love to understand how many nonprofit organizations get a lot of money from different pots with the children levy. It would be very helpful to know organizationally the total amount of resources that folks get, because there's some traditional organizations that get resources every year, and then we collect it together, what we find is enormous amounts of money going to one entity. And so i'm starting to look at that across the city and it would be very helpful to have that information from the children's levy as well.

**Pellegrino:** I would be happy to get that to you. It would be easy for me to do.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Pellegrino:** I will follow up with you on that, commissioner hardesty. Shoot.

**Wheeler:** If I could just add to that, commissioner hardesty's question is a great one, and that was an issue that was front and center during the allocation conversations since we had limited resources, and as we got to the end ein particular, we had to pick and choose and so the conversation around bundling or multiple different types of grants going to the same organization definitely was raised multiple times as a key issue to be evaluated.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that, mayor, because as we think about investing the cares dollars and all the other dollars that we're Sending out, it's really important that we know exactly how much money we're giving to different organizations, and some who just are the traditional ones who always get it because they are considered organizations that are culturally specific. But as we've learned through the cares act, there are hundreds of organizations that serve our community, that 97 have access to public funding.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, that's right. That's why we did this small grants program as well through the levy. Was to try to get at some of those other organizations who honestly felt there were barriers to their receiving funding, just based on the structure of the grant process previously.

**Hardesty:** Thank you.

**Pellegrino:** Absolutely true. And something we're all aware of. Okay. Just, i'll complete the overview and we'll go on if you want to ask specific questions about the recommendations. Staff also reviews all the applications and the scores, we look at past performance in case people -- in the cases as commissioner hardesty pointed out, people ask for continuing funding. And we look at organizational financial health. We made recommendations that are based on that review, and also based on balancing the investments in every program area to assure we're addressing priority populations and addressing the prioritized services that came about a community engagement in each program area. So we create our own recommendations and provide a written rationale for them, and then we provide

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all this information to the applicants and to the allocation committees at the same time. So we give those, both the committee and the applicants get a ranked list by score of all of the programs that are -- have applied for funding in that program area, and it includes all the basic information, how much they applied for, who they're serving, etc. So we provide that, we give them our recommendations and rationale, so that's a written document, we recommend this, this much money for this reason, and we give them the copies of the reviewer score sheets, so that's the score sheets that all the volunteer reviewers filled out on their application. So the committee gets it and the applicants get it. And then after that, the applicants were invited to submit testimony either written or oral testimony in support of their application. And just to be clear, there was no other advocacy permitted to allocation committee members except this testimony. This was at the advice of psu and to try to create a more equal playing field because people had -- thought other people had access or Relationships, we decided everybody would get the same opportunity. So you had written testimony and certain number of minutes of oral testimony. We had intended to do video recording in person, so the clients could come and make address that community participation side, but the covid prevented that. So we had to cancel the in-person and we did just audio recording of testimony via zoom. All the oral testimony and all the written item was then packaged and sent to the committee, as well as made available to the applicants. So all applicants could see everybody's testimony if they chose. So the committee then basically was working with the review arers' scores and information from the scoring process, the staff recommendations and then the testimony that was provided by the applicants as they came into the two public meetings in which they made the decisions that are before you today. The recommendations for funding. So the decisions were made in late april and early may, and that's what is before you today. So this slide gives you a sense for how the money is divided by program area. And we had sort of target allocations or planned allocations for each program area, and the final allocations. You can see they differ, most cases not by too much. But, for instance, those -- the differences are usually related to the type and the quality and the number of applications that are received in each program area. And here in mentoring there were greater number of high-quality applications the committee wanted to fund than the original allocation would allow for. So they decided to move money from other program areas to that program area so they could fund more applications. Just at the most macro-level for the funding decisions, you got a list of all 85 grants in your paperwork submitted to council for this, you have all the detail, I won't read all 85 grants to you. Just at the macro-level, of those 85, 22 are for new programs and so examples of some new agencies that are funded includes black parent initiative, Oregon health association. The contingent, Oregon mesa, community services and -- there were ten expansion for currently funded programs, primarily to serve priority populations or provide a service prioritized. Some examples of that, commissioner hardesty, this is to your point, four new programs, already a grantee as an agency, funded for four new programs. Two after school, one foster parent and one mentoring program. Funded for a new child abuse prevention program and poic was funded for new foster care, after school and hunger relief programming. 53 of the grants are continuing grants to maintain current services, that's service we are currently funding, some examples of expansions are erco received expansions of current grants and early childhood, child abuse, after school and mentoring to serve pacific islanders and middle eastern populations which our data show are being underserved in programs over the last several years, specifically looking to make sure that we are providing programming for those communities. Latino network all received expansion funding to provide their programming at additional sites, so these are folks offering services at schools, for expansion to provide those services at more schools. Of course, assuming we can open school in the fall. Okay, that's the end of the formal presentation, i'm happy to take any

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questions about the process or the grants themselves, mayor wheeler, feel free to jump in your perspective on the process too.

**Wheeler:** Very good. I thought you did a thorough job, commissioner hardesty, is that a residual happened raise or it's a new question.

**Hardesty:** It's a new hand raise.

**Wheeler:** You're up.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, lisa. I also believe you did a very thorough job, and I -- thorough job, and I appreciate you laying out the planning and the process in a very detailed process that was planned for before we had a pandemic, before we had an economic collapse, before we had a revolution. And my question is, after all that very detailed, thought out intentional work, are there resources now that could be utilized to address the three emergencies i've just identified, and if so, what's the process to actually be able to allocate those funds in new, creative ways?

**Pellegrino:** well, basically what we decided to do, because of the things you just noticed, this is really what the committee asked us to do, consultation with the committee, we asked them what do you want us to do, all these organizations are helping people on the front lines today, they are using our money, all of the organizations are current grantees are using Portland money right now to address the pandemic and other related issues as we speak, so we gave them flexibility to use their current funding to do -- to address the pandemic in whatever ways to help the community the most. So we basically on direction of the committee want to provide that same flexibility moving forward. So we have sort of rewritten our grant template to include a sort of noncovid pandemic situation. Here's the program that you said you wanted to deliver, and the committee said they wanted to fund. What do you plan to do for that. While the state of emergency is in effect, and physical distancing, and needs are escalating in the economic situation is deteriorating, what are you going to do in that period of time to address community needs. Write a separate set of planned activities for that time period. Or for the transition, if we have a transition or when we have a transition out of it emergency period. So that was the best way we king of to create the flexibility and the committee was very much focused on -- tracy was really an advocate when she wanted to move forward with the funding round to give people flexibility. These are the folks who will be addressing the front line needs of community in this pandemic. So that's the best way we could come up with to use the funds flexibly. Small grants fund is unrolling right now, you'll see grants come before you again that I think will be addressing the immediate needs of the community.

**Hardesty:** Thank you for that. So the question is, how are you going to track outcomes based on the shift that all the three things I just mentioned yeah, what's going to be the outcomes and how are we tracking to make sure we aren't throwing money away and investing it in maintaining people now and building for a new reality whenever that starts?

**Pellegrino:** excellent question and every contract we have has outcomes in it. I think our point was to try to be -- people have outcomes they put in the grant agreements and i'm convinced if they can -- in the grant proposals and they will be able, if they are able to deliver their program as planned, they will be able to measure those outcomes, I think some programs haven't had to adapt that much to deliver their services, they are doing it right now, delivering it virtually and they will be able to measure outcomes because they are delivering their services in similar enough manner, other folks won't -- we have to work on something new, we always measure outputs, so we'll be looking at -- for hunger relief, are you providing food and who are you providing it to, what kind are you providing, we'll always look at those things, that won't change. I just think the outcomes, the effect of the children and the families receiving the services may have to be altered and we have to negotiate with the grantees exactly what those outcomes are going to look like and how to measure them in a pandemic, we are trying to be flexible and but be accountable.

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**Hardesty:** I appreciate that. Let me just say, it's challenging for all of us at this moment, right, to be accountable for investments of public dollars at the same time providing flexibility and at the same time trying to identify new community partners who can help us provide the services. For me, I just -- I just want to make sure that we are tracking what it is that we are investing in because, like the children's levy is very separate, right? But this is a significant pot of money, \$68 million out the door, right? That is money coming from homeowners who have once again agreed that an investment in early childhood care is the right thing to do, right? And all of us are in favor of that, but as I look at collectively the money that prosper Portland puts out the door, the money the housing bureau puts out the door, the money the joint office of housing services puts out the door and when I look and I see the same organizations on all of those lists, it starts to create real concern for me, because I don't see any kind of big picture thinking about what is it we are investing in and who are we investing in? And then are we making sure that the resources are distributed broad enough to have the biggest impact, right? Because I know governments talk about front line communities and they talk about racially -- racially specific services, right? But that's not the same thing as actually having access to services you want and need in the way you need it, I live in east Portland so I don't need to go to north Portland if I have a service need, I should get it met in east Portland where I live. I don't know that our systems actually allow us to holistically look at whether or not we are making the right investments in the right places at the right time.

**Pellegrino:** I think that's an excellent question and one we don't have a great answer too. I'm not sure at the city level what would make sense to do that. That's information we could all use in trying to -- our committee could use in making the decision, if they have the whole picture, in addition to what is being presented as proposals, it would be so much more useful. I don't know what the next step to accomplish that June, it's the right thing to do.

**Hardesty:** I know we are struggling with that around the cares act dollars. For me, just the 18 month I've been here, it's really obvious we don't have a big picture perspective of how we invest our dollars. Mayor, I don't know what to do with that, but this has been a good conversation, Lisa, and I definitely appreciate the thoroughness of your presentation.

**Pellegrino:** well, thank you, commissioner, appreciate it.

**Wheeler:** Lisa, does that complete your presentation.

**Pellegrino:** that completes the presentation.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, did you have any other questions before we go to public testimony? Seeing none, Karla, do we have public testimony on this side?

**Karla:** I do not show anyone signed up for this one, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Then with that, this is an emergency ordinance, Karla, please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Hardesty:** I want to thank the members of the Portland children's levy. Mayor, I know you are an integral part of that committee, as well as commissioner Vega Pederson, I know how thoughtful both of you are around these issues, I can't say I know the other players as well. You know, these may be the perfect investments, I don't know. I will take your word that they are and I will vote in favor, but I would like to continue that conversation as we start really focusing how the city spends its dollars, how do we get to the place with we have a big picture vision of where we invest the dollars and whether we are spreading out city resources in a way that really benefits the people we continue to say we want to benefit. And so I vote aye and I look forward to continuing this conversation in another form and working with both Lisa and the committee to work out what's the best way to do that. thank you, commissioner.

**Eudaly:** I vote aye.

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**Fritz:** Well, Fritz is always, thank the taxpayers of Portland for funding these programs and for establishing it. That's one of his legacies, thank you, Lisa, for the work you're doing in a very thoughtful way. Paying attention to equity over the past several years, I'm very pleased to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** Lisa, I want to thank you for your presentation, I want to thank you for your long standing leadership and stewardship of the Portland children's levy. Yes, I doubtfully want to also acknowledge commissioner saltzman, this was part of the vision he had of taking this to the public and having the public play an active role in supporting the development of young people in our community. I remember when Nancy Pelosi came to Portland when President Barack Obama, he wasn't president yet, he was still a candidate, there was a women for Obama event held at my house. I was not the host, my then wife Katrina was the host. But Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the house, was sort of the guest of honor and she was going to come in and going to talk about why people in Portland should support Barack Obama for president. She came late because she probably had a bunch of different arrangements scheduled in advance, but she stopped as she was going up the stairs and looked at the yard sign that we had in our front yard for the Portland's children levy and she really did a second take and she said wait a minute, what is that? Right there on the stairs, we had about a ten-minute conversation about what the children's levy was, what the philosophy was behind it, how the public was engaged in this process and supporting the development of our youth, and I remember she was just really impressed with it and thought it was a great model for civic support of children in our community, it's a real honor to serve as the chair of the children's levy, I promised commissioner saltzman prior to his departing the city council I would do that because he wanted to make sure there wasn't a break or a transitional period and really privileged to serve on that committee with fantastic people, I can assure you all they work very, very hard alongside levy staff to make thoughtful disbursements with regard to which organizations got the services, how those resources were allocated and there's been a lot of thought, commissioner Hardesty, just on what you expressed earlier, is there a way to get newer organizations, smaller organizations, some of these resources, because they're now acting on issues that may be emergent issues, particularly in our communities of color that can help provide culturally specific services to help support our youth, particularly those that are struggling in our community and I'm very pleased to say that work is well under way, and it is a focus of the children's levy team, as well as the entire allocation committee. With that, I happily vote aye. Thank you, Lisa, again, for a good presentation. The ordinance is adopted. Next up is item 493. It is our last item for today, but by no means our least important item. Karla, can you read 499. Thank you, Lisa.

**Item 499.**

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Mayor. Before us today is a reading on a very straight forward and simple ordinance that will amend title 17 of our city code, the title that deals with our streets so that it will work with changes to title 33, our zoning code that are being proposed in the residential infill project. In February of this year, representatives from the Association of Neighbors, Habitat for Humanity and the Native American Youth Association reached out with concerns that a proposed infrastructure amendment to the residential infill project -- I'm glad you find this so amusing, Mayor. I reduced your screen you were distracting me, Habitat for Humanity and Native American Youth Association reached out with concerns that a proposed infrastructure amendment to the residential infill project would exclude large portions of Collie, East Portland and other pockets of the city. They raised these concerns with my staff and proposed a simple and elegant solution, allowing property owners to pay into the local transportation infrastructure charge fund if they wanted to add housing units to their property under amend -- our amended zoning code, thanks to their attention and

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advocacy and quick problem-solving, my staff was able to direct the Portland bureau of transportation to amend title 17 to allow this and assure that we are not penalizing neighborhoods where the city has historically under-invested in streets and sidewalks while building resources that would be used to construct sidewalks and streets throughout the city very often in these same neighborhoods where the charge is being collected. Christine lion, transportation development group manager and bob keller, transportation planner will quickly walk us through the code changes and are available to answer any questions. Before we take public testimony. I hope they're here, I see bob. Welcome.

**Christine Leon, Bureau of Transportation:** thank you. Thank you, mayor wheeler, commissioner eudaly and other members of council. Can I just say I commend you on your stamina. These are long days. So again, my name is christine leon, I work for the Portland bureau of transportation as a lead for the transit because row. I'm introducing to you a change then city code which allows certain types of residential development to pay the local transportation infrastructure charge. Or Itic. If approved, it will allow residential development under the infill project or rip to move through in a timely manner and predictable manner by requiring that they contribute to improving to deficient public street infrastructure through the Itic. To briefly i'll share the history of Itic and describe what it is. In 2016 council passed the Itic ordinance, prior to this, quarterback fill housing redevelopment occurring on streets without adequate surfacing, storm water, runoff systems and pedestrian areas were typically not contributing anything in the way of improvements. Nor were they financially to solving the streets infrastructure. Piecemeal infrastructure was not required by the city partially because it's really expensive for new development to provide isolated improvements on curbsless streets. It was established in 2016 to specifically address the cities deficient infrastructure problem. The Itic guarantees development contributes to payment on this local transportation infrastructure charge unless it is b built to standards, whys is it not finish an in lieu fee, not a tax, not an impact fee. The Itic is a charge paid at the time of development for developers to build on less than standard streets. So it's applied to single dwelling zones on local service streets, it's assessed based on a dollar per linear footage of local street frontage. And then following in the spring of 2018, council approved the Itic allocation methodology, how decisions will be made. The expenditures to make street improvements through the system of local streets in the city of Portland. So bob's going to describe a little bit more detail on transportation's planning analysis of the rip and how the two are joined. So take it away, bob.

**Bob Kellett, Planner Bureau of Transportation:** thank you, christine, mayor wheeler, commissioners, i'm a planner with pbot. We looked a the two things, the first is the impacts from the transportation system as a whole, what we found while the new housing from rip does change the location and patterns of some of the transportation trips, we would expect to see-over the next 20 years, the cumulative impacts are small and something our planned system can handle, the second impact we looked at was at the site development level. Where do we expect the housing to occur and do these areas have the transportation infrastructure to support it. In this analysis we saw some new housing will likely occur on currently under-improved residential streets. These are the streets identified as being eligible for payments when the program was created with one of the tools available to us to build out the supportive infrastructure over time. As christine mentioned, it is currently written, the city code allows the payment by an applicant for a new residential building permit for a project of one or two units on a property. As frontage on an under-improved local service traffic street maintained by the city. As you all are aware, after the hearings with rip, it's to expand housing types allowed on these residential streets. Title 17 code as it currently is written would not allow property owners seeking to build middle housing types, to pay into the Itic. The ordinance before you today, amends title 17 to allow for developers of these middle housing types to pay into it, just as a developer of a single



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family home or duplex would be allowed to. Rip with the title 17 code that guides Itic. It enables the city to collect the charge in locations where Itic applies and where the housing types will be allowed. So again, leaving the ordinance changes as the allowable housing types eligible to pay in, to locations where single family homes and duplexes can currently play, housing types up to six units will be able to pay to Itic to help meet the city's infrastructure needs. The rules guiding Itic will reflect these changes, so with that, we are happy to take any questions before testimony. We have morgan tracy, residential infill project manager for bps with us today if there are any questions.

**Wheeler:** You are wise to ask for rip specific questions because I was just going to ask if you have a guest room and if so, what time should I show up?

**Kellett:** any time, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, I see a commissioner Fritz and commissioner hardesty. Commissioner Fritz, you're up.

**Fritz:** Commissioner hardesty had her hand up.

**Wheeler:** I think that's residual. Or did you have a new question? Are you on mute, commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** I'm good. I had my question answered.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, you're up.

**Fritz:** So i'm the only one who was on the council in 2016 when we passed this, was that right or were others -- so could you tell us why we decided only to have it to single family or to one or two units? Why we didn't allow it to multi-family.

**Leon:** sure. So we had a code that really differentiated between three and fewer units and three and more units back prior to 2016. Essentially when there's more units, we would have really fought hard to compel the developer to make the improvements, because of the additional load on the streets. So we focused on the residential streets and single family, essentially because the higher classification streets and the multi-family density, we were compelling developers to build that. I will say, prior to 2016, we had strong practice of requiring is waivers of remonstrance with the hope that the residents that had the burden of the waiver on their property, put on by the developer, would eventually improve their streets. Comprehensively. That's not happening. So this change was put into place to allow development to continue and pay their fair share.

**Fritz:** Does this amendment apply to only middle housing or all new development including expensive new development.

**Leon:** so this change in code allows the type of development that railroad anticipated under the rip to be developed by paying an Itic charge. So there are -- in our administrative rules exemptions, and those cover affordable housing developments and edu's. So there's -- there's a laundry list of where Itic and the rip align. If you want us to go through that, we can do that, I might ask morgan to kind of run through so everybody is clear on what assessed and what isn't. Essentially there's not a threshold other than affordable housing for who would get an exemption.

**Morgan Tracy, Bureau Planning and Sustainability:** this is morgan tracy with the because row of planning and sustainability for the residential infill project. Little warmup for tomorrow. So just to answer your question, commissioner Fritz, I think you're asking whether there's a differentiation between lower priced housing and luxury housing with the Itic and the response to that is flat fee assessed at \$600 a linear foot based on frontage and doesn't differentiate between the type of housing, duplex, triplex or luxury single family home, but there are waivers for affordable housing projects.

**Fritz:** Thank you. And then where can the money be used? Why does it fund new improvements.

**Leon:** back in 2018, council approved the expenditure methodology. There was a number of criteria that were put in place as far as effectiveness, equity and efficiency, and so the

bureaus have been developing the project list to meet the city council's requirements as far as the expenditure methodology.

**Fritz:** How much is in the fund at this point?

**Leon:** since this has been adopted, there's about 4 1/2 million dollars that it's obligated to be spent on the residential street improvements per the council adopted methodology.

**Fritz:** Final question, is the property paid into the Itic, are they then -- they're not waived, they are not required to pay into a local street improvement, is that correct?

**Leon:** so far, we have not seen any lid's that are happening as a result of the Itic. That's certainly something we are going to consider when an lid is formed, has any of these properties paid the Itic, do they have a waiver or remonstrance. Great question.

**Fritz:** Did we not put into the ordinance that if you paid the Itic, you then were not required pay into an lid?

**Leon:** we don't want to double dip and charge the residents if they paid for that fee when they bought the house, yes.

**Fritz:** Is it true if you're in a development on an undeveloped street that's not a neighborhood collector or priority area, that your street is not ever going to get developed?

**Leon:** so that the allocation methodology is really focused unmaking sure that we as a city are building what the council and what the residents want. With a high equity and opportunity factors in there, where -- we are partnering with other bureaus and really folk you using on the safe routes, connections that are essential, it would be great to be able to get more money to build every deficient street, depending on where we are and how much the rip will be able to fund, we can certainly do more. I don't expect that we are going to be able to build everything, but we're using some of the 2012 council adopted standards that allow the money to go further with the improvements on the shared streets. So systemwide, things will get build on the priority, there's no guarantee any time soon a house that has paid the Itic will get the improvements in front of that house.

**Fritz:** Thank you, christine, I appreciate your long time leadership and all of the work you have done and briefing me and my staff, I appreciate your answers.

**Leon:** thanks, commissioner.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, it's funny. This morning, when I asked questions, I would make commissioner Fritz think of questions, and commissioner Fritz's questions made me think of a question. Here's my question. What document when you say affordable housing?

**Morgan:** my bad. Talking about the Portland housing bureau's standard of affordability, which is 80 percent of mfi or below.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much. I just wanted to make sure we had that on the record, we were all on the same page, 80 percent or below mfi, is that what you said?

**Morgan:** right.

**Hardesty:** Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Very good, any further questions? Is there public testimony on this item, Karla.

**Karla:** yes, mayor, we have four people signed up.

**Wheeler:** Great.

**Karla:** the first person is david sweet.

**Wheeler:** Hello, david.

**David Sweet:** hello. Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners, and thank you for hanging in there on such a long and momentum day, my name is david sweet i'm representing the cully association of neighbors and sakes other place-based community associations working to preserve our diversity and preventing the displacement of low income people. Our neighborhood is mostly zoned for single family homes and recent development has taken the form of the type of large expensive houses they're driving displacement. For

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these reasons, we stand to benefit from the residential infill project. The prospect that are our frequently large lots could be developed with three or four or even six or smaller zones -- the proposed amendment to the Itic is necessary to allow cully to benefit from the housing options available with rip. Without this amendment, the cost of street improvements will discourage the development of small implementations in favor of the expensive houses driving displacement. These would continue to be build, as they are today on curbless streets and paying, it's a smart change from the old system, which shifted the responsibility from the developer to the homeowner, and rarely resulted in any street improvements. They have many properties and never acted on, when a developer is required improve the street, it results in peace meal infrastructure disconnected from any other and largely useless. Rather than producing many 50-foot long orphaned sidewalks, they bank the money to develop whole blocks at current or alternative street standards, cully looks forward to the improvement of three blocks northeast of 66th avenue this year and next using the funds. I live on a quarter mile long block on a curbless street in cully. Two new developments under construction there are building half street improvements. That will give us a total of four orphaned sidewalks on that quarter mile and orphaned curbs, none of them connect with each other. We will all still walk on the street, cully does not need any more orphans, we need moderately priced and affordable housing and the rational street improvements that come with the Itic. We urge you to adopt this amendment. .

**Wheeler:** Thank you, dave.

**Karla:** next is ezra hammer.

**Wheeler:** Well -- welcome, ezra.

**Ezra Hammer:** it's a pleasure to be with you this afternoon, thank you for your diligent work and all of your hard work today working on such important issues. Very briefly, I just would like to echo some of the wonderful comments from david. Like many of the nonprofits that commissioner eudaly mentioned, the home builders association has been a strong supporter of this amendment, this is a wonderful opportunity to ensure that middle housing can be built throughout our entire city and that, as david mentioned, when the housing is built, funds are collected in a manner that allow for their rational and most appropriate development of sidewalks, per the city council's direction, I want to give a special thanks to christine and her team for working so diligently on this. We are really appreciative of all of her hard work and urge you to move forward with the adoption of this amendment today. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** thank you very much, ezra.

**Karla:** doug klotz.

**Wheeler:** Hello, doug.

**Doug Klotz:** hello. Mayor wheeler and commissioners. I support changes that are proposed that will allow three implementations, fourplexes and six implementations to use this option. This change will help the residential infill project reach its full potential and allow building areas with less expensive lots. Especially benefit east Portland where many streets are unimproved. And as david has pointed out, this will benefit cully and parts of southwest. Rather than the builder put willing in a short piece of street, curb and sidewalk, using it, will generate street improvements. Routes leading to transit, buildings and schools, working their way back into the neighborhood in a sequence that makes sense. So I support this.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, doug, we appreciate it. Karla, there was one more individual, is that correct.

**Karla:** yes, john gibbon.

**Wheeler:** Hello, john.

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**John Gibbon:** thank you, mayor. I really want to compliment you all on your efforts today to avoid racial occupational and tenure based disparate safety outcomes. I think that sweeney, which is one of the organizations i'm representing here today, certainly supports that. We may disagree on some of the details. We can't support the rip or -- we can't support the Itic amendment to rip at this point because we are of the opinion that there's -- we haven't seen any rip developments in southwest. We know that curbed, paved streets, are critical to -- critical to address storm water particularly where storm water is managed through control and conveyance on a paved street, and we are concerned that when rip was adopted and the fees were set, we exempted out these numbers that were going to come in to address that problem. And if staff can show that those bds numbers have come in and been built into the \$600 cost, well, then maybe would get better. Otherwise, we have areas in markham, the neighborhood I represent, and other areas in the southwest where if you don't take account of storm water costs related to this kind of program, you'll be enhancing deficits in storm water management if rip doesn't have that money to do that. I can give you some examples from south markham itself where i've got some concerns. I also would say i'm representing my homeowner's association, which is the quail park association, and we have some additional concerns related to house this Itic will operate in relation to private streets, and i'll start with that one. I discussed this before, if you look at southwest huber and southwest 28th street, we have several properties one property deep on one side. The other side are private streets, we are really concerned you can pay a fee, change your access or maybe not change your access, and use our private street to access a property like that. That's a concern, a big one. Then in other parts of markham, we have areas between 17th and west to the creek watershed branch that comes down at about 23rd. Those areas are heavily Itic streets. Some improvements have been done on a pilot program, but those streets are going to need storm water conveyance paid for in some way before they're developed to rip densities, and they're not included in the z zone, which is a great concern to us, and last, I mentioned the problem with rip, is that the z zone designation in some cases have landed on things like southwest 23rd, where it's a fully improved relatively new street that should have some adequate storm water capacity, it's right next to the creek, yet it's given a z designation because it's next to the creek and not - - it's not taking account of the fully improved street. So until we can see proof that the storm water issue is really going to be dealt with by the Itic program, and understand, we support Itic, and we understand that the equation is different in the cully neighborhood and other neighborhoods.

**Karla:** time is up.

**Gibbon:** infiltration isn't possible -- is possible, it's not in southwest. So we have to reserve our support at this time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, john, thank you for your perspective, we appreciate it. All four of you. Karla, that completes our public testimony. Is that correct.

**Karla:** that does, mayor, yes.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, before I send this on, any other questions that you want to put on the table right now? Very good. With that, then, this is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance, it moves to second reading. And we are adjourned. Thank you, everyone, thanks, Karla.

**Karla:** you're welcome.

**Council recessed at 4:11 p.m.**

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**JUNE 18, 2020      2:00 P.M.**

**Wheeler:** The meeting is available to the public on the youtube channel. [www.Portlandoregon.gov/video](http://www.Portlandoregon.gov/video) and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to council by emailing the 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 physical 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 continued patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to manage the city's business. With that we will now hear from our able attorney lauren king to tell us about the rules of order and decorum. Good afternoon, lauren.

**Lauren King, Deputy City Attorney:** Good afternoon. To participate you may sign up in advance with the clerk's office. For communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or first readings of ordinances. The published agenda at [Portlandoregon.gov/auditor](http://Portlandoregon.gov/auditor) tells you when and how to sign up. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. Please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist. If you're representing an organization, please identify it. 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 destruction may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected for the remainder of the meeting. All council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Karla, we have one item, number 494. Please read item 494. Thank you, colleagues, today we continue our work on the residential infill project. Before we begin the substantive discussion of rip I want to announce that I rent property in a residential zone, properties in all residential zones could be impacted by the infill project. I have no plans, no intent and frankly no ability to redevelop or change the use of my property. However, out of abundance of caution I have been advised to disclose this potential conflict of interest so i'm doing so. Would anybody else like to do so?

**Hardesty:** Excuse me, mayor. I would also like to declare that i'm a renter in the area that may or may not be covered by the rip but don't anticipate that there will be any perceived or otherwise conflict since I don't own any property anywhere.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** I'm a renter and I do not have any real or perceived conflicts of interest.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz?

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. I own property in the city of Portland. These changes will neither benefit or harm me to a greater or lesser extent than anybody else therefore I do not have a conflict of interest.

**Wheeler:** As a recap of where we are on the project on june 3 the bureau of planning and sustainability staff presented various concepts for amendments to the proposed draft of the residential infill project and reopened the record for public comment. I thanking everyone who testified and shared their perspectives on this significant proposal. Over 2,000 written comments have been received by our offices on this proposal and we appreciate the time and thoughtfulness that many of you have put into both your letters and your testimony.

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Members of the public who would like to submit additional written testimony may do so up to 8:00 p.m. Tonight by visiting the project website, which is [www.Portlandoregon.gov/bps-/-rip](http://www.Portlandoregon.gov/bps-/-rip). I kid you not. That is actually the url. So if you go there you will find it's easy to find, easier than me repeating what is one of the most ridiculous urls ever. We will hear more public testimony and have time to share our reflections and raise questions about the proposed amendments. We will not be voting today but instead we will be returning on July 1 at 2:00 p.m, vote later in July. Before moving on I would like to address a few questions we heard on June 3 and a few we heard since then for the record. The first relates to questions about when the residential infill project is likely to go into effect. As you know Senate Bill 534 which relates to building from platted lots is already in effect as of March 1 of this year. Several provisions within RIP that relates to compliance with state rules are slated to go into effect within 30 days of passage, the regular time frame for ordinance effective date. However, the remaining aspects of this project that address building size, increased housing options and respond to House Bill 2001 will be deferred until the project has adequate time to be acknowledged by the state and to provide ample time for the Bureau of Development Services to develop supporting materials and training to effectively implement new regulations. Therefore, the bulk of the residential infill project is not slated to go into effect until August of next year.

**Andrea Durbin, Director Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Bps is committed to tracking and evaluating effects of the residential infill project. In addition to our obligations under House Bill 2001 to track forecast changes, Bps in partnership with Development Services and Housing Bureau also tracks and will continue to track net new housing units by housing type, numbers regulated affordable unit by location, type, size and tenure, tree removal and preservation data, demolitions resulting in redevelopment as well as housing affordability by race, income, affordability and age. All track their infrastructure systems and plan to implement those on a continual basis. Our work in collaboration on the anti-displacement task force is inherently focused on tracking city policies and programs. The process and systems for those accountability systems will include our residential zones which will help inform RIP impact over time. What the city has not routinely tracked are the number of existing homes purchased and remodeled or resold at considerable markup with no added contribution to the supply of housing. This we believe is the threat of the future without this project. Maintaining the current type supply of homes available almost three-quarters of the city area means new residents will have more limited choices available for housing and are able and likely to find housing in the development of their choosing. Status quo of housing development in a residential neighborhood is not designed around inclusivity and displacement will continue to accelerate unless we create more options for housing in these areas. Residential infill project alone will not end displacement but will be part of that solution. Finally, with regard to the development of the state -- with regard to development at the state around House Bill 2001 and implementing rooms in the model code our staff continues to track and work closely with DLCD staff to make sure we remain compliant. It's true that residential infill exceeds the baseline state requirements because it's tailored to address needs and issues specific to Portland. I thank you for the opportunity to share comments and respond to questions. I'll turn it back to you, Mayor.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your attention to respond to mine and my colleagues' questions and comments. We really appreciate it very much. Karla, how many people do we believe we actually have here today for public testimony so I can determine length of testimony time?

**Karla:** Looks like we have about 20, Mayor.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, you might remember we were asked to limit it to two for sake of fairness because that's what we gave other people.

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**Wheeler:** I think that's right, commissioner. We will. Each person will have two minutes to testify. I also want to remind anyone who may be testifying today as a lobbyist, which lobby entity you are authorized to represent in accordance with title 2 of the city code, so Karla, if you could help us continue public testimony. Once that testimony ends we'll begin our council deliberations. Karla, the first individual, please.

**Karla:** First is alan kessler.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, alan.

**Alan Kessler:** Good afternoon, mayor wheeler. It's been a long week. So I am disappointed I didn't get video in here. I was going through old screen shots of things back in the 2016 time frame. [audio not understandable] first thing I came across was a redlining map which I showed juxtaposed with charlie haes trying to downzone east moreland showing exactly the same pattern, where a neighborhood green was and we'll try to downzone it to keep it like it is. This is an historic pattern. As we know [audio not understandable] one scott tice is one of the administrators there. Portland is white. It's simple. If you're talking about minorities moving into the neighborhood, why would they? They don't have any friends there and probably not welcome. Just my gut feeling. You get my drift. Looking at another person saying anything affordable is under \$1 million. Looking at one of mayor wheeler's buddy's quotes, robert mccully. I paid a premium to live in a neighborhood with trees and lawns and lots of livable features and I have interest in maintaining them. Anywhere there is an historic district seems to correlate with property values. In that time frame when I started in this I was saying this land use pattern is racist and there was a lot of pushback directly against that. People are not saying that any more. The conversation has changed and the testimony we're hearing is about -- way wonkier. But that's what racism does. It becomes unpopular in a certain form and chooses a new set of dog whistles and sets of euphemisms. I didn't support residential infill when it started. I thought it was pathetic. We have such a massive need for housing, especially in the inner core, especially in the richest neighborhoods.

**Karla:** Time is up.

**Kessler:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate your testimony. Next individual, please.

**Karla:** Ezra hammer.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, ezra.

**Ezra Hammer:** Good afternoon, honorable mayor and commissioners. Pleasure seeing all of you this fine afternoon. I'm ezra hammer with homebuilders association metropolitan Portland. We represent 800 companies who work in and around the Portland area specifically providing low scale and lower density housing including the type of housing that the residential infill project would legalize. I want to give a special thank you to andrea durbin, morgan tracy and sandra wood for their tireless work on this project. You have been considering many hours of public testimony and they have as well. Congratulations to the whole team. I would highlight the fact that since the great recession the Portland metro region has built eight homes of housing for every ten household formations, and that essentially means that households are competing for an ever scarcer housing. It will be a step toward ensuring there's more housing available at more rungs of the economic ladder and different types. In addition we also are heartened by the mayor's commitment and enthusiasm of others who gave an opportunity to create a far for fee model that would allow for dollars to be used for anti-displacement work which we understand is absolutely critical to the city moving forward. So thank you again for your diligent work on this. We look forward to seeing this project pass and to the second iteration move forward as well. Have a wonderful afternoon.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. You too.

**Karla:** Next is candace avalos.

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**Candace Avalos:** Hello. Hello, mayor, commissioners, i'm a first generation in lineal latino. I support infill project with amendments 1 through 4 and 6 without amendment. Thank you for taking time in this moment of national crisis. connected to the same issues we discussed about our history of black and brown Portlanders, systemic racism. I'm here to represent a generation I feel have been out of the conversation. I'm a renter living in constant fear of being priced out of my home. The possibility of owning a home is unattainable for the foreseeable future even though I have a job and master's degree. Addressing our housing crisis requires a dynamic response that will help keep people off the streets and in housing they can afford. I strongly support rip because it is a carefully crafted long awaited reform to ease displacement. No cost to the public. It will make housing more affordable, create neighborhoods that encourage biking and walking and discourages urban sprawl by helping us live in more compact neighborhoods. undoing patterns helps us bring back the diversity of mixed income housing and easy for an equitable policy. Thank you. These reforms are only what the city must do to address the problem. I hope you'll develop meaningful long term strategies. Thank you. I was trying to get it all in two minutes.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Avalos:** Take care.

**Karla:** Next, sarah ianarone.

**Sarah Iannarone:** Good afternoon. I'm sarah, land use transportation chair of the mt. Scott neighborhood association. We support the amendments forwarded by Portland neighbors welcome. I'm here to reiterate that it's long past time Portland reckons with racism in our city. It insidiously shapes conversations and it's the foundation on which our zoning is predicated. In case folks don't think policing, the black lives matter movement and zoning are related I wanted to share anecdotes. The protest headed into the west hills. Police arrived on scene within ten minutes, swift response, almost as if they were trained to protect that precious enclave. Just this morning the mayor was set to call in police to sweep the street in front of his residence in autonomous zones. You said I do not support the autonomous zone. I believe it's a distraction from the larger movement however journalists on the ground reported the protests were all black led. Where was the timely elsewhere in our city? Where was the outrage as neighbors fought to establish autonomous zones, these attempts at reverse redlining in the fight against affordable housing is a far greater distraction from racial justice than use of color with wooden pallets and important demands in the streets. We have taken too long to achieve too little. That's on the leadership, not the hundreds of community organizing hours that have gone into crafting this policy the last decade. Let's get this done today. Let's transform our city government to anti-displacement rather than protecting and enhancing wealthy white autonomous zones in Portland. Thank you very much.

**Karla:** Next is bandana shresla.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon.

**Bandana Shrestha:** Hello. Thank you so much, mayor wheeler and commissioners. I'm the community director for arp Oregon and it's my privilege to offer these comments on behalf of aarp. We submitted written testimony from my state director that's on file but I wanted to be here today because aarp has been tracking this issue and being an advocate on the comprehensive plan as well as the residential infill for the last five years. I don't think I need to go back and talk about how our population is aging. It's definitely happening. Oregon happens to be one of the states aging faster than many other places even in the west. The other factor is that we are also becoming a more diverse state and country and I think the interest that this particular piece of -- this residential infill project offers is a great place to have shared interests for lots of groups of people, older adults, younger adults, people of color, millennials will all benefit from this great piece of



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legislation. I particularly want to draw your attention to the five amendments that we support, one, two, three, four and six. When we started the process there was no mention of visitability and accessibility. That was something we really focused on and we're glad there's that component to it. There still needs to be more done because it's very minimal and we hope that the city will be with us when we go to the state so we can have more visitable and accessible homes. Similarly in terms of expanding housing options that's going to benefit older adults but also young people looking for homes that they can afford or rent, then the other piece of it is the affordability factor. When older adults look to downsize they are hard pressed to find smaller spaced homes and hard pressed to find affordable homes.

**Karla:** Your time is up. Okay.

**Shrestha:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Karla:** Next ernesto.

**Wheeler:** Hello, ernesto.

**Kevin Kellogg:** Greetings, this is kevin kellogg, director of affordable housing here on behalf of ernesto fonseca. He was not able to be here today. I'm sorry he's not here.

**Wheeler:** In this case i'll allow it.

**Kevin Kellogg for Ernesto Fonseca:** Hacienda strongly support the rip. It can advance our goals of diversifying and expanding the number of homes affordable to the communities we serve ensuring low income homeowners especially seniors and people of color can retain the homes they own and remain part of the community. I wish to speak to you specifically on the benefits of amendment 6 and its potential impact in the cully neighborhood where we are based. It includes one of the most diverse census tracts in Oregon. The median family income is significantly less than the city as a whole. Increased density allowed by the rip will enable homeowners and affordable housing developers to build smaller, more affordable homes on existing lots that provide much needed housing and work to ward off the effects of gentrification. Amendment 6 is particularly useful to us nonprofit organizations like hacienda because provisions of the additional far and allowance of additional units on a development site increases our ability to do more homes for people earning under 60% of median and leveraging tools that creates more units that are less expensive and more accessible to families who feel the burden of gentrification. In the next years hacienda will increase homeownership opportunities and allow development as a density that reduces costs for new homes so they are affordable for modest homebuyers. We are hopeful the anti-displacement task force can advance other rip policy recommendations offered by advocates such as increasing the local subsidy for affordable housing development. As to amendment 7, we agree with protecting historic neighborhoods. There are provisions for allowing all the density in historic neighborhoods by following the demolition review process. We hope the demolition review process does not become a tactic that is specifically used to prevent affordable housing from being added to historic neighborhoods.

**Karla:** Time is up.

**Kevin Kellogg:** Thank you.

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

**Karla:** Next is nick sobi.

**Wheeler:** Hey, nick.

**Nick Sauvie:** Good afternoon, council members. This is nick sobi, with rose community development working to improve southeast neighborhoods for three decades now. We encourage council to adopt the rip with amendments proposed by Portland neighbors welcome including the affordability bonus. I know all of you on council care about affordable housing. The status quo is unacceptable. The private market is simply not

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providing housing for the vast majority of Portlanders. All over roses area we're seeing \$300,000 houses torn down and \$700,000 houses being replaced. Added density would make it possible for nonprofits and other developers to compete for sites. By voting yes council will take an important step towards equity as far as increasing housing opportunities for Portlanders.

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

**Karla:** Diana nunez.

**Wheeler:** Hi, diana.

**Diana Nunez:** Good afternoon, mayor, city commissioners. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on the amendments to the residential infill project. I'm executive director of Oregon environmental council, a nonprofit membership based organization advancing innovative, collaborative -- supports prompt adoption to the residential infill project. The proposal is an opportunity to begin to change city policy shaping residential redevelopment over time to be more supportive of transit be biking and walking for transportation. It would allow more people the option to make homes in closer neighborhoods rich in access to jobs, schools, and other opportunities. We strongly support amendment 6 amplifying the climate and affordability benefit of the original proposal. We oppose amendment 7. It would reduce allowed density and affordability. The rip is a step toward a more equitable and sustainable city for all. We urge you to amend it with amendment 6 as soon as possible. Oec urge you to consider this a fir step toward a future Portland where people can live closer to jobs, schools, stores and community. It demands strong action. This is the beginning and the not the end. Thank you so much.

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

**Karla:** Next is jeff cole.

**Wheeler:** Hi, jeff. Can you unmute? Star 6 if you have a phone. There you are.

**Jeff Cole:** I'm jeff cole, for Portland's working class families that perform essential functions. A close in family house would be a dream come true where families hold barbecues, kids play and you can hear the rain on the roof at night. Rip is essentially more condos and apartments. Let's support community land trust and purchase outright existing single family homes making them available to families on an equity share basis well below market price. Will create jobs by upgrading these homes with energy and earthquake retrofits and more jobs with each house built in adus. They work grade for Portland because they are an addition, not subtraction. The house is for a family, the adu becomes a long-term affordable rental. That's big money. Portland traded in the mt. Hood freeway for light-rail. Now we have big ticket water works and road works that offer no housing relief. As to rip itself, the potential demolition, division, displacement might not be worth the density. Triplex, quadplex, sixplex, the subtext is code for a whole new context. It's a big risk and not every change is what we need. In the past decade americans flocked to cities in large numbers. We cannot assume this will continue on auto pilot. Our single family neighborhoods handcrafted from old growth timber, our assets of tremendous value that give Portland a long time competitive advantage, a sense of place that's irreplaceable. Offer working class families the neighborhoods they want to live in because of the way they are today. Let's invest big in community land trust. Thank you, mayor and commissioners.

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

**Karla:** Next is christopher brown.

**Christopher Browne:** Thank you, mayor. I would like to address the obvious unfairness of the deeper affordability proposal to the poorest parts of Portland. In the last four years Portland area voters have passed three measures worth over 1 billion. They help spread the cost of housing throughout the city. The deeper affordability measure will not cost the city as a whole anything. The cost is the impact on the neighbors that are closest to these

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apartments. The cost is the five extra feet in height that will allow three full stories of apartments and the ability to fill the entire lot except for five feet on the side and the back and ten feet on the front with a 35 foot tall large building. There will be also outsized stairs up to the third floor apartments. This proposal though well intentioned places the burden of housing on the poorest, least expensive, most racially diverse parts of town, not the city as a whole but just those neighbors that live in close proximity to the allowed apartment buildings. The criteria to build one is the residential neighborhood is based on the ability to buy the land and house and build six units with three of the units that rent for approximately, what, \$1300 a month. The average lot in the powell hurst gilbert sells for \$270,000. The average house in laurelhurst sells for \$780,000. An average house in the west hills sells for \$970,000. There's a 700,000 difference between the highest and the lowest. Powell hurst gilbert is the most diverse of the three neighborhoods and it is an example of where these buildings will be built. And the only places. Therefore placing the burden on the poor more diverse neighborhoods. If we're thinking about race relations in Portland why would we pass something as racist as this?

**Karla:** Time is up.

**Browne:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate it.

**Karla:** Peggy moretti.

**Wheeler:** Hi, peggy.

**Peggy Moretti:** Good afternoon. Thank you for letting me speak here. Executive director of restore Oregon. On the proposed amendments we oppose number 6 which effectively crams a small apartment building into a single family lot and increases financial motivation to demolish existing homes and cultural heritage. We strongly support amendment 7, essential that we disincentivize demolition in historic and conservation districts which represent a mere 3% of single family housing. Rip incentivizes demolition everywhere else. This is not about limiting housing choices it's about protecting existing housing that is affordable and viable. Rather than restricting density restore Oregon urges an amendment to restrict access to the bone is based on far rather than housing types. Restore Oregon continues to be very concerned that rip is going to cost Portland dearly while having no measurable impact on what really matters, affordability, housing for families and homelessness. We support added density and conservation districts and want to make that really clear but we fear rip as presented will accelerate demolitions of existing affordable family size housing, erase cultural heritage, increase displacement, strain infrastructure and release massive amounts of carbon emissions an aspect that has not been factored into this debate. Restore Oregon is wrapping up a study on co2 impact of restoration and reuse. According to eco-northwest retention and reuse of a 1500 square foot house versus demolition and replacement by a larger structure is equivalent to taking 93 cars off the road. Multiply this city-wide and you have quite an impact. If our fears are unfounded, prove it. We can't help but compare this rush toward other urban renewal schemes of the 1960s and we hope at the least these unproven assumptions baked into rip will be piloted before being rolled out city-wide and there should be a requirement to track and report the impact of rip and that that be part of -- put in place before it's adopted. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Karla:** Next is heather chato.

**Heather Flint Chatto:** Hello, thank you very much, commissioners, mayor, i'm heather and I will be shifting my graphic presentation to you to look at at your leisure. I agree on many of these policy issues. I support missing middle housing, density and infill, legal duplexes and plexes and in principle these are a good thing. I would encourage more support for programs and financial tools that would further incentivize internal conversions

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above baked in incentives for demolition. I would absolutely agree with commissioner hardesty when you said your income should not determine your zip code. Because of past racist practices in our real estate, banking and lending industries I want to caution that we are not being additionally led at the forces of these racist institutions in the past to further gentrify our city. Having been an activist and professional planner for more than 20 years, an environmental planner, i'm deeply concerned about the carbon impacts associated with the demolitions that we are seeing and what we are seeing is not producing affordable housing. Having lived through recent development around division and really worked with communities to create more tools and bring people together around what we can do, I would just encourage that we really look at what the market is actually building. We're seeing one single family house torn down and replaced by two \$800,000 duplexes over and over and over again. Just really want to make sure that we have a package of incentives and financial tools to help further the affordability goals that we have and would encourage you to look at the recommendations with a package of financial tools and low interest loans. Adaptive reuse incentives.

**Karla:** Your time is up.

**Heather Flint Chatto:** Can I say one last thing? I think that we are a city divided by income inequity and past injustices but we're also a city of bridges and we're building something that needs more work before it has the full strength of the people to make this a stronger and more robust policy instead of a policy that will divide us even more.

**Karla:** Next is m.k. Hanson.

**MK Hanson:** I would like to ask if the court can at least enable video for me to chime in with some slides. I think it's pretty critical to this discussion. I would be able to show some things.

**Wheeler:** That is a possibility?

**Moore-Love:** Can we do that? I don't know if we offered that to the other --

**Hanson:** I integrated it as part of my zoom background to make it easier and more flexible. My testimony sort of revolves around the work that I do which is a lot of mapping and cross referencing and I keep waiting for people in the city and in the planning and sustainability commission to actually do this work to bust some of these false narratives. It hasn't happened and it's the 11th hour. I would much rather just quickly cycle through some of these maps that are graphics with affordability with also a suppressed document --

**Moore-Love:** Mayor, are we going to allow the slides if we can?

**Wheeler:** I would like to hear from legal council. Is there any objection to us seeing the slides?

**Lauren King:** Karla, can you confirm are other participants allowed to submit video in advance?

**Moore-Love:** Not that I remember but i'm not sure if anybody asked. Keelen?

**McClymont:** Right. We didn't get any requests ahead of time but we have in the past shown slides for people who have provided testimony.

**Lauren King:** That ability to do that was available. People could have requested you just didn't receive any.

**McClymont:** Right. Then what we have done in the past is we have asked to receive the slides ahead of time and then I screen. This is a little different in that the person is requesting to share the screen.

**Fritz:** I would like to request to see the slides.

**Hanson:** Technically speaking also that's the reason I actually put these slides as my zoom background so that I can switch the visual background. We don't have to hit up against any technical issues. I'm not showing a video or sharing my screen. Also as a side note this is mapping data that I use that is sourced from city data. So this is just using arc

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gis, putting those layers in and cross-reference demographics and zoning and illustrating the truth on the ground through city data rather than my own perspective or opinion.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, m.k., legal council, commissioner eudaly is requesting it. I'm not hearing you say we should not allow it. Is that correct?

**Lauren King:** If keelen is able to make that happen that's fine. I will note that in order for the testimony, those images to be included in the record they need to be submitted to the council clerk. It's not part of the record by showing. It has to be submitted.

**Hanson:** I would love to do that for posterity as well.

**Wheeler:** Okay.

**McClymont:** From a technical perspective if it is integrated with your zoom background I believe you should be able to just show that. Are you able to see it, council?

**Hanson:** No. I'm only able to join this I think you probably have to enable me to be able to join by video.

**Wheeler:** While we're on the subject i'm getting a text message from my staff saying can m.k., can all commenters please submit the slide show to the map app project, staff will read through the materials. If you can submit we can follow along through the map app.

**McClymont:** Okay. I just promoted m.k. To a panelist. You should have the ability now. Okay.

**Wheeler:** Obviously -- how do we get it on the -- to be big?

**Hanson:** Yeah, now i'm small. I need full screen.

**Lauren King:** Click speaker view in the right hand corner. It should go from gallery to speaker.

**Eudaly:** But everyone has to click, not just the presenter.

**Hanson:** Yes. All right. Let me know when you guys have that. I think that's something you have to do, not me, right?

**McClymont:** If council can hit speaker view --

**Wheeler:** Where is that?

**McClymont:** Up in the right hand corner.

**Wheeler:** It was hidden behind the participant list. I keep that up so I can see if any colleagues are raising their hands. I will hit speaker view. I see keelen's screen at the moment.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, I have a big picture of you on my screen. [speaking simultaneously]

**McClymont:** I think once m.k. Starts talking she will have the --

**Hanson:** Okay i'm talking. I know you can hear me.

**Wheeler:** I see it.

**Hanson:** It's working? You can see full screen now?

**Wheeler:** Yes.

**Hanson:** I'm just seeing a tiny screen. That's okay. So thank you for the indulgence. Again, part of the work that I do, part of the frustration in many years I have been following this is the difference between what's called reification, a marked system for [audio not understandable] mistaking the map for the territory. So the first line here basically is a narrative of the rip and the importance of it in terms of how this sort of bifurcated narrative has publicly led folks to believe that not only is zoning calling it single family zoning rather than low density zoning but everything pretty much in those zones excludes diverse multifamily housing types and predicated on this narrative that we need to upzone in order to allow folks of lower income and folks who have been historically excluded, redlined, et cetera. So first this is the actual zoning. By virtue of the comp plan. By virtue of overlays in certain zones that offer even greater density than rip. But large global private equity development does not like to have to develop according to different community plans. It likes to what I call [audio not understandable] being able -- not being beholden to the intricacies of different districts so this is what actual zoning permits. I color coded this in

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terms of density. Units per square foot and equalize and normalize it. So this represents existing multifamily housing that exists on the grounds. This is a density map of that. So using gis software and algorithm to not only plot those multifamily units but also by virtue of how many units are in those particular buildings to give us a heat map of existing density on the ground --

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Hanson:** I'm sorry? In terms of --

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

**Hanson:** All right, well, this is what will happen. This is what it looks like for medium family households and market rate. This is for single family households. Everything in red is basically priced out. This is for a family of four. That's what rip is about is redevelopment at market rate.

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

**Moore-Love:** Next we go with -- sorry. Looks like heather. She talked, I believe. Sam noble.

**Wheeler:** Hello, sam.

**Sam Noble:** Hi, can you hear me? I submitted a slide to the clerk prior to the first hearing. If she still has it there's a point in my talk I would like to ask for it. Previous got me confused about whether that's still available to me but if it's all right I would like to proceed. I'm sam noble, I live on tabor. I want to make a statement in support of the deeper affordability amendment. This is the only viable path toward opening up subsidized housing where rezoning is politically unrealistic. Please follow up with a real anti-displacement policy that don't kneecap our housing supply. Please also rezone the off-corridor close in areas of the city that can offer short commutes and access to other amenities. I would like you to reject package 7, the so-called historic resource demolition disincentive predicated on the same dubious logic which creates an extra kitchen is so incredibly valuable. Modeling says fewer fourplexes will be built in close-in neighborhoods full of single family housing. [audio not understandable] by contrast we do know there's a strong market for single family houses in the amenity rich conservation and historic districts. If you have it this is where I would like the clerk to display my slide. So in conservation districts almost anyone who wants to demolish a small house can do so. In order to build three and four unit buildings means it's less profitable than one for one replacement. Single dwelling zones, third and fourth unit are not bonuses. This explicitly provides bonus floor area to encourage extra units because the planning commission and three of you see these as a public good in and of themselves because they are smaller and more affordable than any new or newly renovated old house. Neil heller made a great illustration on the economics behind renovation and redevelopment in single dwelling zones. That's what you're looking at now. I think some of you have seen this before. Reason to reject this amendment it doesn't change the demolish-preserve decision it just eliminates the less expensive outcomes. That's my testimony. Thank you very much.

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

**Moore-Love:** Next barbara kerr.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, barbara.

**Barbara Kerr:** Good afternoon, council members. I'm barbara kerr. I have worked with united neighbors for reform but i'm speaking today as a very concerned citizen. This needs to be redirect, not amended. Not only does new construction have a greater carbon footprint can. affordability level more deeper affordability that new construction cannot offer. Houses can be divided, provide house sharing, adus, room rentals, attic studios, et cetera. For many a room to rent can be healthier and more normalizing than public housing. Fixer upper homes, existing [audio not understandable] especially for minority communities. Destroying houses displaces people even if they stay in the same

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neighborhood. Support communities are broken up and not all neighbors can afford the new units and not all can share. Not be isolated in small apartments or plexes. All existing homes have existing outdoor space for kids to play and learn and keep spirits up. It can provide solar and rainwater resources. We need a healthy mix of owner occupied and rental homes. In times of economic hardship the rich get richer at the expense of the poor. Existing houses and buildings enable startups for small business which young people and people losing their jobs really need. Racism in Portland is underpinned by housing policies like rip that promote demolition. You can achieve density by preserving intergenerational wealth. [audio not understandable] prolongs intergenerational poverty. We disrespect the struggles and accomplishments of the families in the black community by destroying housing and buildings. The built environment reminds us to learn from history. Are we not aware what's been happening to black communities in this wave of urban renewal? As the city enabled new construction to get to where minority leaders are willing to accept rip as the lesser of two evils?

**Moore-Love:** Time is up.

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

**Kerr:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next is brian hoop.

**Wheeler:** Hi, brian.

**Brian Hoop:** Good afternoon. Mayor wheeler, fellow commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm brian hoop, executive director of housing Oregon, a membership based statewide association of affordable housing, community development corporations committing to serving and supporting low income Oregonians from homeless to homeowner. I first wanted to thank you for your courageous vote on the police budget yesterday. Commissioner hardesty's leadership. Our board voted two days ago to endorse the calls for action from the coalition of communities of color and african-american leadership forum. As we testified in january housing Oregon supports deeper affordability amendments and while residential infill project over all expands the potential of developing affordable family size homes especially in the 60 to 80% area median income range the deeper affordability amendment provides a path forward to serving more households with less subsidy and are serving households at lower incomes below 60% ami. Increased densities translate to low market housing serving more households with less subsidy and households at lower incomes. This will make it feasible for nonprofit developers who spoke earlier to make such developments. While there's more to do with development or the funding of the anti-displacement measures the time has come to approve the residential infill project and deeper affordability amendments. Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love** Next is alan field.

**Wheeler:** Hi, alan. You're still muted there, alan. There you go.

**Allen Field:** Here I am. Good afternoon, this is alan field. I support the production allowing for internal conversion in line with the goal to create more but I oppose the blanket rezoning of Portland without better anti-demolition tools and public engagement. This should not be done outside the comp plan. As commissioner Fritz pointed out there's more than enough building capacity under existing zoning to absorb the expected influx over 30 years. Market forces have so far and will continue under this proposal to cause developments to be build along our neighborhood corridors for the high end market and will only increase rents. This will not address affordability and only exacerbate it. I encourage council to direct staff to decouple the very contentious rezoning provisions from the less controversial provisions allowing for internal conversions. I support amendment 7

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but there needs to be additional amendment to add incentives and tools to encourage internal conversion. Thank you for giving me this time.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, alan.

**Moore-Love:** I skipped frank demarco is next.

**Wheeler:** Hey, frank. Welcome. You're still muted.

**Frank DiMarco:** Better? Okay, thank you. Good afternoon. I'm frank demarco. Thank you, mayor, city council members, for the two minute opportunity to try to give voice to the tens of thousands of Portland residents who oppose rip but also support fair ideas for making Portland a more affordable place to live for everyone. We all know the controversial origins of racism hatched between a former mayor and the bps followed by a developer dominated committee process and now being sold like a box of laundry detergent to Portland citizens. Experts have testified that rip will have little or no effect on affordability, indeed experts have also testified that rip will displace many vulnerable citizens it's alleged to help and yet these testimonies have been ignored and the bulldozer of this well-meaning but deeply flawed measure rumbles on. Rip is a poison pill for Portland neighborhoods and far too important to be decided by a shorthanded city council in the middle of a health pandemic and unprecedented period of social reform that requires your daily attention. We all appreciate the work you have been doing. Therefore, today i'm calling on the city council to pass a measure placing rip on the november 2020 ballot and giving Portland residents the right of self-determination of both density and the destiny of their city. It's okay to park this bulldozer. If you vote on anything, vote to give all Portland citizens these rights with a ballot measure on rip this november and thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, frank. Thank you for being here.

**Moore-Noble:** Next kristen minor.

**Wheeler:** Hi, kristin.

**Kristen Minor:** Hello. Thank you. I'm speaking today on behalf of the Portland historic landmarks commission. We are in strong support of rip and also in strong support of amendment 7 which is the historic resource demolition disincentive. Because many of the previous speakers appear to be against this amendment I would like to actually address some serious misconceptions about it. First off, where does it apply? Many previous testifiers kept mentioning irvington or ladd but the amendment does not apply to historic districts. It only applies to conservation districts. All of which are located in north and northeast Portland. This area of Portland which was and maybe still is the center of the african-american community has experienced two decades of intense demolition and gentrification, but if there's ever going to be a push for right of return for people with ties to north and northeast Portland we should be supporting the history and story of this community. One example is cleo davis, who came in front of you last year to save his family's house. The mayo house and elliot conservation district. Second, to everyone calling for more density this amendment still allows for significantly more density and I might add different types of density as well on any of these properties. I know developers don't want to work around and add on to an existing structure but we can do this. It's worth it. Demolition increases displacement and moves us further from our climate goals plus if you leave it to the market the most affordable houses will continue to be torn down. Let's work on increasing density, especially in north and northeast Portland. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, kristin.

**Moore-Love:** Next is john wood.

**Wheeler:** Good afternoon, john.

**Jon Wood:** Greetings. Mayor, city commissioners, john wood. I speak in opposition to the rip. I hope it does not come to mean rest in peace Portland. I think our historic homes are much of what gives the city living in Portland desirable and I hope we can maintain as



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much of that as possible. I come as a long time affordable housing advocate. I directed projects in the '70s and headed the housing committee there. I oppose amendment 6 while supporting amendment 7. I realize the goal of making affordable housing is desirable. I don't think encouraging demolition of old homes is the way to do this. I encourage [audio not understandable] discussed before. I would prefer a true infill model with adus to existing homes. I'm not convinced that most of the demolition will occur in darlington, lents [audio not understandable] it will increase demolition elsewhere. I believe developers will continue to purchase homes in the inner ring because homes will come up for sale there and developers can make the most money. I add that my -- requesting that there's studies not only of the houses lost but large trees lost. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Moore-Love:** Next ana eaton.

**Wheeler:** Hi, ana. You're still muted.

**Ahna Eaton:** Commissioners, mayor, can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. Thank you.

**Ahna Eaton:** I was born in Portland 65 years ago. I live in my family home purchased by my grandparents in 1938 in southeast Portland. My first concern is not for the Portland is that city never held a contractors to their promise and requests by the city that built constructions in the neighborhoods of Portland. In the past ten years there's been multiple apartment buildings go up but still to this day are unoccupied, have unoccupied units because the rent are so high that the majority of people living in Portland cannot afford them. Fixing that would help immensely. My second concern is that I would like to emphasize my support for this historic demo disincentive although I do not believe it sufficiently guards historic buildings. My third concern that is I truly believe this entire project should go to a vote for the people that live and have businesses in Portland. I also believe that due to covid-19 current and upcoming elections and current demonstrations and riots this is not a good time to push forward such an important issue such as land use within the city limits with so many other stressful factors going on and not properly presenting the entire process to them and letting them vote on it. I would like to see the city be creative and encouraging developers to be creative and create another city that is new age, environmentally conscientious with all their new products that newcomers would love to live in on the outskirts of Portland, forest grove, highway 30, st. Helens, mcminnville, damascus, estacada. There's plenty of available space to make lots of housing available. I don't understand why we are tearing down buildings and making huge waste in Portland city limits. Why keep trying to overcrowd and destroy quaint Portland? There's already been too much and gone too far. We have enough units.

**Karla:** Time is up.

**Eaton:** People can afford them.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly had a question or a comment.

**Eudaly:** That was a few commenters back, mayor.

**Wheeler:** I apologize, commissioner. I didn't see it. I was on the attendee screen site. I didn't shift to the panelists.

**Eudaly:** No problem. I can follow up.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Next, please. -- linda neticoven.

**Linda Nettekoven:** Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to testify and because I have -- I want to thank you for the hard work and thoughtfulness you have extended to better align our city budget with the values we aspire to but too often fall short of meeting. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Nettekoven:** Now comments on rip, thank you also for addressing the need for evaluation and tracking measures before you implement these major code changes. Many of us have

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raised that issue. Second in regard to the potential displacement impacts please make sure there is ongoing funding perhaps not just from the city but from somewhere for the community-led anti-displacement efforts along with mitigation strategies being ready to be utilized if the need arises. Finally i'll only talk about amendment 7 in my verbal testimony. I live in an historic district and this amendment is trying to discourage demolition of historic structures in conservation districts, promoting adaptive reuse and increasing density -- external adus, those that we can change building codes and other things are going to help regular historic districts as well. Third, by advancing sustainability goals by keeping that embodied energy in houses where it belongs instead of in the landfill. This played an important role in evolution of my neighborhood over many decades. We keep adding adus and we have conversions. Some of people speaking against amendment 7 sees it as a ploy as avoiding building middle housing. If you think this amendment has a loophole then please work with the community to fix it so we can do better at achieving these goals. Perhaps fine tuning is part of the historic resources code update would be a logical approach. I want to stress what i'm really here to ask for is help with the economic segregation issue. I raise it again and again. My neighborhood we're tearing down small structures, replacing them with more expensive ones. That means new neighbors who are of a different income level than those we lost or displaced and there's no way to keep this mixed income character that is so important to the neighborhood I have come to love. I fear there will be an acceleration in this gentrification and a lot will not become available to people that have right and interest in taking advantage of these things. I'm also concerned about ownership options.

**Karla:** Time is up.

**Netteekoven:** Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Karla:** I believe that is the last person who signed up, mayor.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. So thank you to everybody who provided testimony. Again, members of the public who would like to submit additional written testimony can do so until 8:00 p.m. Tonight by visiting the project website. So colleagues, first I would like to ask if you have any questions for staff or if you would like to discuss any of the proposed amendments.

**Eudaly:** I wanted to ask kristen minor some follow-up questions but maybe commissioner Fritz can help with this. I appreciated her clarifying amendment 7. I believe this is an amendment that resulted from a conversation commissioner Fritz and I had and it was really just meant as a stopgap measure. Commissioner Fritz, could you fill in my blank spots on what we intended this to cover and confirm it was a temporary fix?

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Yes, it's certainly -- [speaking simultaneously] a no harm fix. I'm sorry?

**Eudaly:** It's been so long since we talked.

**Fritz:** No, you're right. It's a first do no harm amendment to wait until we do the historic resources update and it's also the same as what we did in better housing by design so it merely applies the same standards. The issue is that you don't have demolition review in the conservation districts and the way you do in the historic districts but I noticed kristin is back on so she may be able to amplify what I just said.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. Yes. I believe we were trying to call for if the historic resources update if we don't make this amendment and the historic resources update decides to do something different that would be something we would have to pay for. Is that correct?

**Fritz:** That's correct. You can always give but can't take away. If we move ahead without having that information then we can't go back on it.

**Eudaly:** Do we know when we expect the update to be complete? Of course the world being turned upside down it may not be on track.

**Fritz:** Let's ask kristin that question.

**Kristen Minor:** Thank you for asking, commissioner eudaly. I don't have a great answer for your question about when the historic resources code project is going to be finished. I do know that leading that project is expecting to come in front of my commission with some updates to it. I believe in just a couple of months. So it is starting again. That doesn't necessarily mean it's going to be a fast process.

**Fritz:** But it is in progress.

**Minor:** Yes.

**Fritz:** It's not years. Probably months.

**Minor:** Correct.

**Eudaly:** Thank you. I just needed to refresh my memory because that conversation happened so long ago. Our intent is not to deny benefits of rip to property owners in conservation districts, it's just to preserve our ability to implement any changes recommended by that update t. Thank you very much.

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

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I think it would be helpful since we have staff here today to review the amendments under consideration. If I remember and just like commissioner eudaly we have been doing this for a long time and so I think it would be helpful just to have a mini-review of each of the amendments that have been proposed because is it true that when we meet again we will be considering adopting those seven amendments? Is that accurate?

**Wheeler:** Yes. We will be back on July 1st and go through each separately for your consideration and vote. Just by way of sort of high level quick summary of those amendments, you may recall amendments 1 were highly technical in nature fixing clerical errors and bringing our project up to speed with other adopted changes that happened. Amendment 2.

**Hardesty:** Housing by design. Connecting those two. Got it.

**Morgan Tracy:** Number 2 had to do with senate bill 534 and changes relating to the ability of plotted lots. Number 33 was related to aligning our allowances for duplexes to align with to allow duplexes on any plot where a house was allowed. 4 was a streamlining amendment to consolidate two processes of property line adjustment and a lot consolidation into a single replat process.

**Hardesty:** If I remember they were different zoning on different sides of the property and we were trying to line it. Is that accurate?

**Tracy:** That's more of what amendment 1 was. Correcting map issues. 4 is about if you have historically narrow lots and you want to take four and make them three there's a convoluted process. This would just make that easier so we have wider lots. Simplifies that process. The first four are really technical in nature. 5 was the nonamendment that related to infrastructure. You had a conversation yesterday about changes to ltec, somewhat related to that. 6 you've heard a lot about. That's the deeper affordability bonus amendment. 50% of units affordable at 60% mfi. Two of the units required to be visitable. Amendment 7 i'm glad kristin provided a better summary of that amendment. It is pretty narrow in scope in terms of applying only in conservation districts. It's a stopgap between and the historic resources code. It aligns with better housing. Yeah.

**Hardesty:** You are wonderful. That was perfect, exactly what I needed. It all comes back to me.

**Tracy:** I do this every day. [laughter]

**Hardesty:** Mayor, I have no additional questions. I just thought it would be probably helpful for both the public and for us to just have a mini-refresher course.

**Wheeler:** That's not unwise. Morgan, I want to build on that last question that was asked. The amendment 7, we have obviously honed in on this as a critical amendment, in my

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notes my recollection was staff had indicated the passage of that amendment would in the near term make it easier for internal conversions and retrofits without wholesale demolition. Can you explain that?

**Tracy:** I would say it doesn't make it necessarily easier for internal conversions but they are still a possibility so -- existing structures into triplexes, fourplexes, add additional adus and so forth.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate that clarification. Very good. Then amendment 5 is related to the Itic conversation we had yesterday, correct?

**Tracy:** That's correct.

**Wheeler:** Okay, good. Those two dovetail well.

**Tracy:** As you may recall we had proposed early on a concept that would further limit triplexes, fourplexes, et cetera, on streets that lacked a curb. We heard a lot of concern about that approach and worked with our infrastructure partners to look at expanding Itic to address that infrastructure issue.

**Wheeler:** To focus in a more detailed manner on that with rip and then the linkage back to the Itic programs we discussed yesterday, that could in fact help us leverage private investment in public infrastructure. Could you explain that?

**Tracy:** What happens now frequently is when we have a condition where the street is under-improved and a development application comes in if the street improved requirements are disproportionate through the level of impact meaning you can't justify the cost of those improvements, then what pbot and bes and water are in the situation of waiving the improvement requirements entirely. So we don't get the improvements and we don't get any financing associated with that development. What Itic does, it provides a charge for when development occurs on those under-improved streets and remember for residential infill we're differentiating gravel streets or off the table so specific to streets that have paved surface but may lack a curb and/or sidewalk. In those conditions the applicants or developer can pay the Itic charge which goes into a fund and those funds are then committed to improvements along particular streets that are -- that follow an allocation methodology that pbot has adopted.

**Wheeler:** Good. I'm really pleased with the work that bes, bds did on this particular amendment. My staff and I have spent a considerable amount of time on this with social equity and environmental justice advocates, affordable housing developers and it looks like this Itic linkage -- I think it's a good strategic and good equitable approach so I really appreciate the work that went into this. Pbot had a key role in this as well. I just want to acknowledge and thank everybody for their partnership to make that work.

**Tracy:** It's taken me a while to get my hands around it completely but that's a really good solution.

**Fritz:** If I might, mayor, I don't agree with that. It means people living in these new homes will never have a developed street in front of their house. So it means when can it comes to visitability wheelchair visitors will likely not be able to use these streets. It will promote -- it does get money into the fund to improve other streets but the new residents then don't have any obligation to help fix their own street.

**Wheeler:** Morgan, how do you respond to that?

**Tracy:** I think there's a bigger question at play here that's beyond rip, right? It's the backlog of unimproved streets that we have inherited through annexation of properties, areas from the county so we have about 370 miles of unimproved and under-improved streets with a price tag of about \$1.5 billion. The bigger question is how do we bring those streets up to fully improved status. The challenge is by our previous attempts to do that we had local improvement districts which put the burden on adjacent property owners. We had waivers of remonstrance which were rather ineffective at getting lids formed. We can do capital projects, which is a cost to the general fund. Or the Itic is a way of collecting funds

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to incrementally improve streets along the way. It would take an absolute redevelopment of all lots on all the unimproved streets paying the Itic for all streets to be improved so commissioner Fritz's concern about some streets not be willing brought up to fully improved condition absent some other funding source or program or directive that is correct. So there's a further large outstanding issue that's sort of challenged our city since we have annexed these areas. Like other people have testified rip is a step towards the right direction. It's not the solution for everything.

**Wheeler:** I appreciate your honesty and transparency on. That commissioner Fritz then commissioner eudaly.

**Fritz:** Thank you. Let me be clear. I was part of doing the Itic in the first place. I support it. It's a strategy to help with some streets and people have done an amazing job implementing it. One of my concerns is if you are going to get developments as was mentioned in laurelhurst for somewhere else where the new homes even if there's six of them on a lot are likely to be extremely expensive. It seems to me of course laurelhurst has many finished streets. My concern is we should not be exempting developers who are going to put in high end housing from doing the street improvements. So is there a way to further encourage and incent affordable housing by linking the ability to do it only if you're going to use the affordable housing bonus?

**Tracy:** I'm not sure I follow that question.

**Fritz:** So the infrastructure amendment was a way to -- the alternative if we're putting that kind of constraint on the type of development that happens on lots it's more frequently more economically palatable to just develop larger single family homes instead. We have been struggling that this project was not intended to be directed to affordable housing. Then we made lots, the current comprehensive plan has enough housing capacity of all sides. Since we have made some I think good modifications to encourage affordable housing is there a way to link this in as well so that we don't get developers who are going to develop expensive housing getting a pass from the -- from developers from improving the street?

**Tracy:** Maybe I can add to this conversation a little bit. I don't think the choice is between a street with a full sidewalk on the whole block. What happens is if the street does not have any improvements and a fourplex would be built there and if we said that's market housing therefore they need to build improvements out in front of house, that is building improvements right in front of that site and it's a sidewalk leading to nowhere. We have seen this time and time again. Little pieces of sidewalk that is in front of one house then there isn't a sidewalk to connect to. So I don't think the choice is between a full sidewalk on one side and having no sidewalk at all. We're talking about a sidewalk in front of a fourplex that leads to nowhere. That's one option. Or paying into the Itic fund which is the city collecting funds to build sidewalks where it makes more sense and where we can collectively put the funds to be used in a place where, near a school, for example. So I just wanted to lend that perspective.

**Fritz:** As usual, sandra, you make perfect sense and I withdraw my suggestion.

**Wheeler:** Good discussion. Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I just wanted to add a little to this conversation, which is that Itic is actively developing complete streets in cully outer southeast and on the southwest corridor. We came up with a solution with community advocates in the impacted communities in particular cully who really didn't really wanted this fixed. If we don't do it, it means that the people there not only will the sidewalk not be developed but we won't get more housing. So I really support this amendment and hope that -- there's not an amendment. It's a nonamendment. Whatever. I hope we can pass it.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you. All right. Any other -- commissioner eudaly, you just had your happened up, sorry. Okay, are there any other further questions or statements from

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my colleagues? Hearing no further questions or statements, I want to thank staff, who have worked really hard to make it both easy to listen and engage in this process. I want to thank you for that you -- pdx staff, good work, I want to thank innovative thinkers in our community for working with the city staff to add a tool to the toolkit to address some of these issues, and i'll turn it over to our bps staff to talk about what the next steps are.

**Tracy:** Thank you, mayor. So as you noted at the start of this hearing, written testimony may continue to be submitted to our map app online or by e-mailing the council clerk up until 8:00 tonight. That website, ready for it. [Www.Portland.gov/bps/rip](http://www.Portland.gov/bps/rip). So we will close the record for written testimony tonight at 8:00 and council will then return on July 1 at 2:00 p.m. To vote on the amendments and we'll walk you through those one by one.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, Morgan, thank you, that concludes today's hearing, just a reminder, the record closes today at 8 p.m. Council will discuss and vote on the amendments on July 1 at 2:00 p.m. Time certain. Be there: We are adjourned. Thank you, everyone.

**Council adjourned at 3:31 p.m.**