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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2020** AT 6:30 P.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

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**511 TIME CERTAIN: 6:30 PM** – Declare that along with the COVID-19 pandemic that has created a public health and economic crisis, a human-made climate emergency also threatens our city, our region, our state, our nation, humanity and the natural world, and that such an emergency calls for an immediate mobilization effort initiating greater action, resources, collaboration and new approaches to restore a safe climate (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty) 2 hours requested

**Motion to accept substitute resolution:** Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

**Motion to amend the amendment to remove the words 'congestion pricing':** Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**Motion to accept amendment related to pricing agreements as amended:** Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**Motion to accept amendment related to improving access to and equity in transit service:** Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)

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As Amended**

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At 9:30 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Fritz and Hardesty, 3.

Commissioner Eudaly arrived at 9:38 a.m. and left at 11:11 a.m.

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

The meeting recessed at 9:34 a.m. and reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

<b>Motion to elect Commissioner Fritz President of the Council:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)	
<b>COMMUNICATIONS</b>	
512 Request of Ben Prock to address Council regarding homeless camp located directly across from small business (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
513 Request of Michaela Madrid to address Council regarding defunding the Portland Police Bureau (Communication)	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
<b>TIMES CERTAIN</b>	
*514 <b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Authorize a Letter of Agreement between the City of Portland and the Portland Police Association to extend the collective bargaining agreement between the parties for one year to allow public participation in the bargaining process which has been impacted by COVID-19 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested for items 514-515  (Y-4)	<b>190018</b>
*515 Ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Portland Police Association relating to the terms and conditions of employment of represented employees at the Bureau of Emergency Communications for 2019-2023 (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty)  (Y-4)	<b>190019</b>
<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>	
<b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b>	
<b>Office of Management and Finance</b>	

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<p><b>516</b> Accept bid of 2KG Contractors, Inc., for the Delta Park Urban Forestry Maintenance Facility Project for \$3,564,000 (Procurement Report - Bid No. 00001464) 10 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler.</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED PREPARE CONTRACT</b></p>
<p><b>517</b> Authorize revenue bonds in an amount sufficient to provide not more than \$11 million to finance the Integrated Tax System project (Second Reading Agenda 501)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p><b>190020</b></p>
<p><b>Portland Housing Bureau</b></p>	
<p><b>518</b> Adopt and authorize the submission of the Action Plan fiscal year 2020-21, for the Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (Second Reading Agenda 503)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p><b>190021</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</b></p>	
<p><b>Office of Community &amp; Civic Life</b></p>	
<p><b>519</b> Increase fee schedule for the Office of Community &amp; Civic Life Noise Program for noise variance applications in the amount of 5% as permitted by Code Section 18.14.020 B. (Second Reading Agenda 505)</p> <p>(Y-3)</p>	<p><b>190022</b></p>

At 11:28 a.m., Council recessed.

<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JULY 1, 2020</u></b></p> <p><b>DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO WEDNESDAY 2:00 PM MEETING</b></p> <p><b>UPDATE: The agenda item related to the Residential Infill Project has been rescheduled to July 9 at 2:00 pm time certain.</b></p>	
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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **2<sup>ND</sup> DAY OF JULY 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; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney

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- 520**    **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** – Readopt remanded ordinance for the Central City 2035 Plan and amend the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Plan Map, Transportation System Plan, Willamette Greenway Plan, Scenic Resources Protection Plan and Zoning Map, authorize adoption of administrative rules, and repeal and replace prior Central City plans and documents (Previous Agenda 411; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; readopt Ordinance No. 189000; amend Title 33) 2 hours requested
- Motion to accept substitute Exhibit A, Findings of Fact Report As Amended dated June 2020:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-3; N-1 Fritz)
- Motion to amend effective date in Section 2 to “to on and after August 10, 2020”:** Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)

**PASSED TO  
SECOND READING  
JULY 8, 2020  
AT 9:30 AM  
TIME CERTAIN  
AS AMENDED**

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At 2:21 p.m., Council adjourned.

**MARY HULL CABALLERO**  
Auditor of the City of Portland

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Clerk of the Council

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**JUNE 30, 2020      6:30 PM**

**Wheeler:** This is tuesday, june 30th, evening session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll. [ roll call ]

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

**Wheeler:** Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several avenues available to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meet suggest available to the public on the city's youtube channel -- the public can also provide written council to testimony by emailing the council clerk at cc testimony@Portland Oregon.gov. We're taking these steps because 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. We'll deal with legal counsel on rules of order in the court.

**Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Thank you, mayor. I'm having internet problems, so i'll race through this. To participate you may sign up in advance with council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony and resolutions are the first readings of ordinances. The public council agenda contains information about how and when you will sign up for testimony, while the city council's electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying please state your name for the record. Your address sent necessary. Please dispose if you're a lobbyist, if you're representing an organization please identify it. The -- individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conductor interrupting other 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. All council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** We have one item for this evening, item 511. Can you please read it.

**Item 511.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Before we begin, I have a substitute resolution that i'd like to introduce. The substitute makes a few improvements to the language of the resolution that we all agreed on, including acknowledging previous climate action plans adopted by both the city and the county and it also updates that the latest ipcc report tells us that we have fewer than 10 years to drastically reduce carbon emissions as well as outing a specific timeline for the development of a climate test. Commissioner eudaly will also introduce on behalf of the climate congestion. I withdraw my support along with my fellow city councilmembers. Odot has not met our goals. Going forward I will look forward to collaborating with transportation commissioner eudaly to prioritize for our existing freeways within Portland, ensuring that we're doing so in a way that's equitable and prioritizes low income drivers to reduce traffic and help everyone get where they need to go reliably and sustainability. Before I complete my brief introductory remarks, i'd like to hear a motion to accept the substitute and second the substitute.

**Hardesty:** So move.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commission hardesty moves the substitute. Commissioner eudaly substitutes. Any further discussion on the substitute? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll on the substitute. [ roll call vote ]

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

**Wheeler:** The substitute's on the table. In 2018 the governmental panel on climate change warned that we need to limit global climate warming to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels to avoid devastating and irreversible impacts on the environment and human civilization. We're already experiencing the impacts of climate change right here in Portland, including warmer winters, hotter summers, and heavier storms that have real consequences to the public health, our economy and for our planet. The science is crystal clear that we're facing a human made climate emergency in the time to act is now and with urgency. Today we're now facing multiple crises. The climate emergency is the backdrop to a global pandemic, economic recession, and a national reckoning that police brutality and systematic anti-black racism. All of these crises have several things in common. One is they don't impact all of us equally. Black indigenous and other people of color, people with low incomes, houseless community members are being disproportionately impacted by covid-19 and the pandemic's economic consequences. These are the same people who are on the front lines of the climate emergency experiencing the impacts of climate change. First and worst. A second common thread is that addressing these crises requires collective action. We were able to flatten the curve on the pandemic in Oregon by moving swiftly and by acting together. Bending the curve on carbon emissions will also take collective action from governments, businesses, academia, nonprofits and residents. We must all do more to address climate change as the emergency that is before us. Finally, overcoming these crises requires transformative systemic change. We need to address the root causes of any impacts which is systematic racism. This means we must put equity and justice at the center of our responses and adopt new approaches to change the status quo. We're already taking significant action to address climate change, but we need to do more and we need to do things differently. The climate emergency declaration outlines the new approach that the city of Portland will take to address climate action and an approach that's focused on climate justice and centers on the leadership and priorities of communities for the most impacted. This includes youth, whose futures will be affected by the decisions we make today and have been leading calls for us to declare a climate emergency and take bold actions to impress climate change. At this moment, we're envisioning a better future. We are re-envisioning what public safety looks like. We're envisioning how we can build a more equitable economy and invest in a low carbon future as we recover from covid-19. We're working to build a more resilient and thriving city in which all Portlanders have clean water, clean air, access to nature, and a safe climate. With this climate emergency declaration, we are committing to reducing our carbon emissions further and faster than we ever have before to achieve net zero emissions before 2050. I know that today we'll hear calls for us to go even further and even faster than that. We know we need to act with urgency. And if we can do more, we must and we absolutely will. The goals we're setting with the climate emergency declaration are what international climate scientists are telling us are necessary in both aggressive as well as achievable. They require us all to push together in the same direction and to work together to ensure that our actions are benefiting those in our community who are most impacted first. It's worth noting in conclusion that this resolution is being put forward by all of the city commissioners together. This is us coming together and doing the work and committing to the future that we know we must all work on together. And with that, I'll turn it over to commissioner eudaly for opening remarks. Commissioner eudaly.

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**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. Good evening, everyone. I'd like to echo mayor wheeler's remarks. Our climate crisis is an emergency. And it's undeniably linked to racial justice. Suffering disproportionate harm and it's well past time to take action. When discussions began about this resolution, I was concerned it would be an empty gesture if it wasn't coupled with strong policy solutions to some of our biggest climate challenges and i'm really pleased to say that that is not the case. We've all given significant input and i'm excited to share the resolution today. And be here with all of you to take the step forward together. As mayor wheeler mentioned, today withdrew my support for the i-5 rose quarter improvement project and resign from the steering committee. This was my desire for quite some time, but I was committed to following the lead of community advocates such as albino vision trust, hoping against hope that we could still achieve some of the really valuable outcomes we were fighting for in this process. And today when they announced their decision to withdraw their support, I knew it was time to vocalize my stand as well. It's vital to listen to communities of color and allow voices to lead these conversations around restorative justice. I want to thank albino vision trust for their leadership and mayor wheeler for joining me in this action. If we care about the future of city and our climate, the choice is clear. Freeway expansions are not the path forward. I'm introducing amendment today to replace the current congestion pricing clause. We know it is a demand management tool that works but only works if it's implemented in an equitable and just way that does not further burden the very communities we are attempting to benefit. I'm committed to doing that work with the community. As transportation commissioner, safety, equity and sustainability are my top priorities. I want you to know that pdot understands our responsibility to keep Portlanders safe, to rule out inequities in transportation and to cut carbon emissions rapidly. There is so much historic inequity in our transportation system from gentrification that displaced communities of color and low income Portlanders to Portlanders being subject to discrimination, harassment and violence in our public right-of-way. We must do better to prioritize the needs of black Portlanders, indigenous communities, people of color, low income individuals, and Portlanders with disabilities. Our current transportation does not work for everyone and that is inherently unjust. We have already made some progress on this issue. The rose lane project, for example, was developed around racial justice model and our pricing options are being led by Portlanders of color and will answer the question of how do we implement equitable congestion pricing and transportation demand solutions. But the resolution we're putting forward today is a significant step towards more comprehensive justice in transportation. The transportation justice lens will allow us to evaluate our actions based on whether they advance racial equity and reduce carbon emissions which is something that pbot already does and it will shine a light on the intrinsic connections between transportation and climate how economic development, public safety, housing, and anti-displacement work and more. We cannot combat our climate crisis or systemic inequity without changing the way we live and the way we do business as a city. So i'm looking forward to hearing from all of our presenters today and community members. Thank you, everyone, for being here.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner, eudaly. Did you want to introduce the amendment?

**Eudaly:** Yes, sorry. Let me switch devices here. Here is the language. Be it resolved that since freeway expansions harm communities of color and increase carbon emissions, the city of Portland will require demand management including congestion pricing amended equitably and in close collaboration in any future freeway construction or expansion project.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty will second that. Commissioner eudaly, is it your preference that we leave this open during public testimony and come back and support it? Do you have a preference?

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**Eudaly:** I'm neutral. I'm happy to hear what people have to say. I imagine it will be supported. Whatever makes sense.

**Hardesty:** I would love it if we did it after public testimony, because I do have some questions on what the wording means and how we can hold people accountable to those words.

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

**Fritz:** Thank you, mayor. This is the third mayor I've had the honor of working with on climate disruption. I recognize that we've come a long way since 2009 just as we've come a long way in understanding systemic racism and the injustices faced by many in our community. I have an amendment that would go after be it further resolved the bureau of transportation will work with metro youth leaders and community stakeholders and this is your funding for free year round access to all Portlanders age 18 and under. Let me just stop and celebrate with commissioner eudaly this is something she and I have worked on for a long time and it's really great it's in the metro measure that will go to the vote in november. I'm celebrating that that will be a supportive role. I'd like to add be it further resolved her comprehensive plan policy 9.26, transit funding, the Portland bureau of transportation will work with trimet, metro and community stakeholders to consider funding strategies and partnership opportunities that improve access to and equity in transit service such as raising metro wide funding to improve service and decrease user fees/fares.

**Eudaly:** Second.

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner Fritz, would you like me to leave this one open as well for public discussion?

**Fritz:** Yes, please. I will note the language is taken directly from the comprehensive plan and it is intended that we continue to work so that ability to pay fares is not a determining factor as to whether people ride transit. Yes, please leave it open.

**Wheeler:** Very good. We will so do. Any further amendments anybody would like to put forward at this time? Seeing none, we have city bureau director staff and community leaders with us today to walk us through the declaration. We are starting today with director durbin from the bureau of planning and sustainability, chris warner from pbot, adina long from the parks bureau and tom reinhart, our chief administrator officer. Take it away.

**Andrea Durbin, Director Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, commissioners. Thank you very much to the members of the public who have joined us for this special session this evening. I'm andrea durbin. I think you're helping with the slide. Is that right? Great. If you can go to the -- I'm sorry, go to the first slide, please. That's good. The sign says indisputable. Our climate is in crisis. We are already facing -- seeing the effects of climate change, but the truth is that -- as we've heard in the opening remarks, our front line communities including black, indigenous and communities of color are being hit first and worst by the impacts of climate crisis. Portland's youth will be facing the consequences of today's decision for the rest of their lives. Next slide, please. Before the global pandemic, we were already experiencing the climate crisis. That crisis hasn't gone away. Although we'll expect to see a dip in carbon emissions associated with the stay at home restrictions both here and around the world as well as during the recession that follows, we also expect emissions to return to pre-covid levels if not higher without significant interventions. Covid-19 is likely to change business, travel, and household activities into the future and there's an opportunity for Portlanders to adopt lower carbon lifestyles that curb climate solution. Dps will be doing more work on this area in the future. Experts agree global carbon emissions must peak in this year in 2020. The actions that we take over the coming year, the next three years, and the next 10 years are critical to our future. We must make the right decisions now to bend the curve and protect our



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communities. Reduce the climate harm for front line communities and increase the community benefits. As we begin to recover our economy and our community from the covid-19 crisis, we need to ensure that we don't exacerbate the climate crisis and that we make decisions and investments that put us on a path for climate justice. That was one of the goals for the covid-19 resiliency resolution that city council adopted recently. Next slide, please. Over the next decade, Portland must cut our community wide carbon emissions in half. This will require leadership. For comparison over the last 30 years, Portland has been addressing climate change and we have only dropped emissions by 19%, the green area shown in the chart. This is still a significant achievement when you consider our population grew during this time by 39% and our economy grew by 36% more jobs. Which is indicated by the blue lines on the chart. Those reductions aren't nearly enough and we are not currently on track with our current plans. We need to more than triple our rate of carbon cuts. Together with Multnomah county we recently released a progress report on the climate action plan which is posted on bps's website. That document contains a snapshot of the status of nearly 250 climate actions contained in the 2015 plan. It shows that we made progress in many areas and not enough in some. Next slide, please. We have 10 years to act with conviction and to make meaningful change. But the major message today is that we need to change the way that we are doing our climate work. We need to move away from these big multi-year planning processes that generate a laundry list of actions, some impactful, some less. And focus more on meaningful actions that deliver community benefits, significantly reduce emissions and transition Portland to a clean energy community. That work needs to start with front line communities and center climate justice. We have a clear target of where we need to be in the next 10 years. We need a process that assesses and reports on the progress transparently, adjusts and accelerates actions where needed and enables Portlanders to hold us accountable. Today's action is more than declaring that the climate emergency is real. Portlanders already know that. We are making a commitment to all Portlanders that we are going to lead with bold action that drives carbon emissions down and increases community benefits, especially for those most impacted by the climate crisis, our black, indigenous and people of color. The climate emergency declaration maps out principles and priorities and a new approach that will guide our work over the coming decades and sets new policy directions. Before we dive into reviewing the declaration, we've invited other bureau directors, Chris Warner, Adina Long from Parks and Recreation and Tom Reinhart from Office and Management and Finance to give an overview of the climate work underway across the city now and the work that we will be delivering on in the coming year. I'll go ahead and start with the next slide, please. Even before the climate emergency declaration, we've made shifts to some of the priorities and follow the leadership of Portland's communities that are on the front lines of climate change. In the coming year the city will deliver on community led voter approved priority by issuing the first round of grant funds from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund. Helping to make the vision of community led clean energy projects and jobs that benefit low income populations and communities of color a reality. We'll continue to support the capacity building of front line communities to fully engage in building energy in climate policy development which council heard about with a focus on reducing cost burdens and we'll be developing an energy code starting with multi-family housing first to expand access and options for communities of color and low income residents to have access to electric vehicles and reduce the cost of owning and operating fossil fuel vehicles. Next slide, please. We're also advancing efforts on expanding community ownership of renewables and driving down emissions from commercial and multi-family residential buildings. For example, the city is working to become an anchor tenant in one large community solar project and reducing the time, cost, and complexity of solar and energy efficiency permitting processes. The fund

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will begin investing millions of dollars in clean energy projects in a building sector and bureaus are working to identify and remove permitting and code barriers that will slow those projects down. Policy efforts are under way in the common year to -- and will improve comfort and utility savings for renters. And working to move away from a fossil fuel based economy in Portland both by addressing storage of fossil fuels in the community and strengthen the renewable fuel program that allows us to reduce air pollution and reduce community risks from the fossil fuels. With that I will pass to my colleague chris warner from pbot.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Director warner, you're still muted.

**Chris Warner, Director Bureau of Transportation:** There we go. Thank you. For the record, chris warner. Director of the Portland bureau of transportation. Thanks for having us here tonight. This is an exciting night. We are advancing transportation justice which means we ask ourselves a number of questions about each project and the policies and they will release carbon emissions while advancing racial equity. Transportation counts for about 40% of our carbon emissions. We need to help owners drive less and choose more low carbon modes of transportation whenever possible. Including transit, biking, walking, car pooling, telecommuting or electric vehicles. But the reality is today not everyone can make those choices because our transportation system is inequitable. Black Portlanders, indigenous communities, people of color, low income individuals and people with disabilities have less access to safe, convenient, affordable and high quality transportation options. And beyond access, we know that many do not feel welcome in our streets or safe from discrimination, threats and violence. We have serious work to do. By centering Portland's -- by centering pbo it's work around transportation justice, it will require us to think about our mobility system. There are no solutions we can accomplish our climate and equity goals. Instead we're moving forward with multi-faceted strategy that includes allocating more space in our roads for transit, bicycles and pedestrians through initiatives like the rose lane project or our safe streets covid response so those become more reliable. Making our streets safer which involve reducing crash risks but also means thinking beyond traffic safety and ensuring that hate has no place in our right-of-way. We will also work to expand mobility services and options that provide good alternatives to driving including supporting community led efforts to secure free youth pass transit for all and making it easier and more affordable to install ev charging infrastructure. Encouraging more sustainable behavior through programming and incentives like the transportation law. We're also looking at engaging the pricing options for the community task force to explore if and how new transportation pricing strategies can help improve congestion, reduce climate impacts and improve equity across our system. That's my contribution tonight.

**Wheeler:** My understanding is our parks director adina long is next.

**Adena Long, Portland Parks and Recreation Director:** Hi. I'm director of Portland parks and recreation. I've only been on eight calls today. You think i'd know where the mute button was. We're building our community resilience to the impacts of climate change such as flooding, landslides, heat waves, and wildfire smoke so that we can better on a good day and rebound faster on a bad day. Here is our assessing and making investments to reduce the risk to critical built infrastructure, natural systems, and outdoor workforces to episodes of extreme heat and flooding. Infrastructure bureaus continue to collaborate to develop a citywide resilience and recovery strategy and govern instructors to establish investment priorities and enable faster recovery after a natural hazard event. This includes advancing a pilot project concept to create an island of resilience centered around the east Portland community center which will enable -- to test out new ways to collaborate and make targeted investments that build resilience. The covid-19 crisis has shown us all how critical facilities are in disaster response. And there are countless opportunities to improve the resilience of those facilities so they're available and functioning when we need them in

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the crisis. Next slide. We're also taking actions to protect, restore, and manage our urban natural resources to sequester carbon and build resilience to the impacts of climate change. Portland's natural systems provide important services to human physical and mental health. We must protect the value of natural ecosystems and biodiversity. In the coming year, the city will continue to prioritize tree protection, tree planting, and forest and natural area restoration and expansion. Portland parks and recreation manages 1.4 million park and street trees. Trees that can both mitigate the impacts of climate change and reverse them. Long term, as part of its efforts to build a sustainable future for our parks and recreation system, the city must aggressively care for and build its tree canopy. Bureaus are also working to increase natural flood storage on Portland's rivers and streams, including the willamette and columbia rivers within the city limits. Bureaus will continue to take steps to protect threatened species such as salmon, chinook salmon and steelhead trout.

**Wheeler:** Mr. Tom reinhart, take it away.

**Tom Rinehart, Office of Management and Finance:** Good evening council, colleagues, community members. My name is tom reinhart for the record. I'm the city's chief administrative officer. To achieve the aggressive climate goals we are talking about we need to walk the talk to make investments such as city-owned buildings, fleet and operations become carbon neutral in the coming decade. Our bureaus are advances policy. For example, we are adopting a suite of policies requiring bureaus to buy electric vehicles instead of gas or diesel powered vehicles whenever possible and requiring carbon offsets be purchased for city air travel. We will be -- we are developing a strategy to accelerate the greening of the city's fleet which will include powering some of our trucks with the renewable natural gas that will be produced from sewage. We will design a test to guide our decision makers towards lower carbon choices like purchasing more bio fuels instead of fossil fuels. We will continue to purchase 100% renewable energy for city operations and seek opportunities to expand the installation of solar panels. We will begin implementing an energy action plan for our buildings and continue improving the efficiency of operations and pumps and other infrastructure systems. With that I believe I pass it back over to director durbin.

**Durbin:** Thank you, directors. The climate emergency declaration you are considering today builds on important climate work over the past 25 plus years but makes an intentional pivot towards not just measuring our success by how many tons of carbon we reduce but moves us closer to a vision where success is also measured by how we are making people's lives better today and those that have been denied our programs and policies. I'd like to introduce now amanda watson, senior policy advisory with mayor wheeler's office and lisa king. They will be sharing more of the details on the climate emergency declaration before you today.

**Wheeler:** Director durbin. Before we hear the staff presentation, we're a little bit behind schedule. I know she has a busy evening. We'll have him go before the staff presentation. Thanks for being with us this evening. We appreciate it.

**Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Chair:** Thank you, mayor wheeler and thank you for everyone who's on the call tonight. My son just started playing the piano, so I apologize if you hear some scales in the background. Thank you again. I am debra. I'm a Multnomah county chair. I'm here tonight because Multnomah county and the city of Portland have stood shoulder to shoulder for decades calling for the world to take the climate crisis seriously. And beyond these calls, we have taken meaningful action. At Multnomah county carbon emissions from our operations have decreased 64% during my time as chair and our electricity now comes from wind and solar resources. We threw our support behind a remarkable group of young people suing the state of Oregon for a chance at a livable climate making Multnomah county one of the first governments in the country to publicly

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support their cause. We joined with the city of Portland to declare our intention to move to 100% clean energy community wide by 2050 and helped push pge to embrace a future without fossil fuels. Carbon emissions across -- we know this has not been enough because our community wide emissions reductions have gun to plateau. We know because global emissions continue to rise and we know because our forests are burning threatening homes and blanketing our region and choking smoke. We know because our oceans -- and our summers are hotter and dryer and we know because communities of color continue to be much likelier to live in hotter areas and breathe in more polluted area. Climate change is one of the biggest and most consequential crisis we must deal with, but we can't understand any crisis without first understanding its root cause. And a look for the root of nearly any crisis in america and you'll find a system of racist practices and policies that ultimately lead to disproportionate harm to communities of color. That's true for how historic and structural inequities place people of color at greater risk for the most serious effects of our current covid-19 crisis and it's also true for the climate crisis. If we're going to solve any of these complex multi dimensional problems, we must come to the table with comprehensive multi dimensional solutions. We can no longer hope that solutions aimed at reducing carbon emissions will solve this climate crisis without also addressing the underlying injustices in our community. To para phrase audrey lord, we don't have single issue moments because we don't lead single issue lives. There is no climate justice without racial justice, so as long as our systems fail to recognize and protect the full humanity of people of color, we will fall short of doing what needs to be done in order to protect the future liveability of our planet. Our 2015 climate action plan broke important ground by focusing intentionally on equity. But we still have much more to do. Front line community members and organizations are already leading the way and it would be wise for both the county and the city to learn from their efforts and to follow their leads through collaborative partnership. And while we recognize the need to reorient and commit even deeper to this work, I am proud of some of the important actions we have taken and the progress that we need to make. Air quality and climate change are linked closely, particularly when we talk about the impact on our communities. And covid-19 has added another painful dimension to the risks that our community, particularly communities face from chronic respiratory disease. Our work with the city of Portland and our other partners address dirty diesel engines locally and at the state level will make a real difference in the lives and well-being of our community, particularly black and latinx people or disproportionately impacted on based on where they live. Having healthy people is the most critical factor of a climate resilient community. The county's racial and ethnic approaches is addressing chronic diseases in the black and african-american immigrant communities by addressing access to healthy foods and a just and more accessible transportation system. Starting with the energy justice summit, we began important work with front line community partners to ensure that our transition to a society powered by renewables moves forward in a way that is both led by and benefits vulnerable communities. I want to thank the city of Portland and the number of partners here today for your tireless efforts and advocacy. Our next chapter of climate action must harness the urgency of the moment, embrace this multi dimensional understanding of the climate crisis and center racial justice in our work to achieve climate justice. The scope and scale of the challenges we're trying to address require deep collaboration and I am grateful that the county and the city are like minded in our approach and our commitment to saving our future. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thanks. We appreciate it. As always, we appreciate the partnership with Multnomah county. Thank you for being here this evening.

**Kafoury:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Now we'll hear our staff presentation from amanda watson and lisa king.

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**Amanda Watson, Senior Policy Advisor Wheeler:** I want to begin with a huge thank you to the community based organizations and community leaders, especially our youth activists and organizations that are working to advance climate action social justice who called for the city to declare a climate emergency declaration and he worked with us over the past year to draft this resolution. It's because of your leadership activism, sustained engagement that we are here today with a climate emergency declaration that's focused on justice and that charts a new course for climate action in Portland. We'll hear from some of you this evening and I want to thank all of you and also thanks to those who weren't able to join us. So we're a little bit behind so I want to make sure we do have time to hear from our community speakers so I'll keep this brief but give a big overview of the development of the climate emergency declaration and turn it over to lisa king to take us through the details of the declaration. The city of Portland began drafting a climate emergency declaration last summer. After hearing from stakeholders that the first declaration wasn't strong enough, mayor wheeler directed staff to take additional time to engage with community members in the fall and winter of 2019 and to gather more feedback of what it should look like. They spoke and met with close to 50 organizations and individuals. They prioritized outreach to youth led organizations and used the feedback and recommendations from the conversations and meetings to repair a new draft declaration which we released for public comment in february. We received close to 300 comments and it's in the final version that city council is considering. To date over 1,700 other jurisdictions have declared a climate emergency. Portland's climate emergency declaration is different. We heard clearly that our climate emergency declaration needed to not only focus on updating our emission reduction targets and identifying additional action the city would take but also to focus clearly on justice. As you've heard from speakers, the climate emergency declaration outlines what the city's new approach to climate action will look like including our guiding values, priorities and processes that we will follow to take bold collective action to reduce carbon emissions and to build resilience to climate impacts using a climate justice approach. So I'll turn it over now to lisa who will take us through some of the details of the resolution before we hear from our testimony.

**Alisa Kane, Climate Action Manager Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Good evening mayor and commissioners. I am lisa king. I use she her pronounces. We are at a pivot juncture. We know that the climate crisis may be visible but as we understand is no less than. The climate emergency declaration is our moment to acknowledge that now is the time to do things differently. Our engagement with community, we heard a lot of concern about the climate impacts we are already seeing in Portland. For some it's the unbearable summer heat or dangerous air quality from fossil fuels or wildfires. For others they spend an amount of income on energy bills. We also know that there are people in Portland's neighborhoods that are without safe connections to mass transit or that there's no mass transit service at all. For some Portlanders, the people they love in their home land, be it near or far, are being forced to leave because a sea level rise, catastrophic wildfires or because the unsustainable extraction of natural resources leaves them with no viable livelihood. The climate emergency declaration that we're considering today is our attempt to recognize that climate change is not just a story of numbers and targets, but a story about people. It's Portland's first step to deeply consider the impacts of climate change on front line communities and youth. We recognize front line communities are back indigenous people, communities of color, immigrants, refugees, low income individuals, laborers and workers, people living with disabilities and experienced houselessness. We recognize that these front line communities are often communities least responsible for contributing to climate change and have also benefited the least from mitigation and adaptation investments. The climate emergency declaration also acknowledges that native nations prioritize the balance between a sustainable environment and well bringing of

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people as they have done for this land and will do so in perpetuity to preserve their culture and protect traditional life ways. This recognition recognizes that as we move away from an economy built off slavery, the people from front line communities must be the ones that benefit first from the transition to a clean energy economy and be able to lead the planning and implementation efforts to adjust climate change. In that spirit, the climate emergency declaration also acknowledges the importance of community led climate action and the resiliency of communities already impacted by climate change. The passage of the Portland's clean energy benefits fund and community led work of zero cities demonstrates that the community has the knowledge, technical expertise, and lived experience to lead climate action in Portland along with other community partners in government agencies. The climate declaration makes the connection between climate and social, racial and environmental justice initiatives. For example, we understand that climate action is linked to issues that we are addressing throughout the city, including housing affordability, air quality, equitable transportation and mobility, racial justice, and police profiling. As director Warner mentioned, not everyone is safe on Portland streets. Portland's walking while black study highlights black Portlanders are more likely to be stopped by police when walking on the streets. This means the climate action strategies that suggest people walk to do their errands we are not considering we may be putting black people in potentially dangerous situation due to racism and police violence. This is our opportunity for climate action to look upstream at the systems and investments that prevent us from making meaningful progress in our climate goals. The climate emergency also recognizes leaders as advocates of climate justice and the needs for transition. So with that in mind, the climate emergency declaration commits the city to important work ahead. To start we will be setting up a new climate justice initiative with Multnomah county. For the 2015 climate action plan, we've developed our climate action by working with community members as advisers. Often the city and county will identify a potential climate action and then ask the community for input on how we can make it more equitable. This model was an important shift in our work to the state and got us this far. Moving forward, we want to send our front line communities as equal partners to drive our work to produce equitable benefits for front line communities that dramatically reduce carbon emissions. We also want to expand the table to include new voices, ones that represent front line community, specifically black and indigenous communities that haven't been at the table in the past. We will work with our partners to find funding to research participation by these communities starting with a grant bps received from the bullet foundation. We will also coordinate with staff from anti-displacement plan team to make sure we're expanding the table of engagement but not burdening our community partners. The city and county are just starting to reach out to the community and we're beginning to launch initiatives sometime this fall. The climate emergency declaration also commits us to new carbon emission targets. The recently completed analysis of 2018 carbon emission shows us that Portland's emissions are plateauing. We recognize the urgency of avoiding the catastrophic effects of climate change and we are adopting a new target of achieving at least 50% reduction in carbon emissions from 1990 levels by 2030 and net zero carbon emissions before 2050. We got a lot of feedback that people wanted the city to adopt interim targets to get us to our goals faster and we want to be responsive to this request and ensure our targets are based on the best available data. So over the summer bps will be completing an analysis of decarbonization sector by sector and we plan to share in public workshops. This information we will create additional interim targets to be adopted and returned to city council with policies related to the mayor's climate commitment for government operations. The climate emergency declaration also commits to supporting youth and youth led climate action. We've already heard about the city's commitments to work to find resources to fund a year round transit pass for Portland youth and we will support the leadership of youth

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and youth serving organizations including Portland public schools to host a youth climate summit which will take place virtually this fall. Tonight we heard from directors about the city's commitment to continue collaboration on numerous fronts including increasing tree infrastructure, protecting floodplain and supporting recovery of threatened and endangers species. In addition, the city commits to developing a citywide natural disaster resilience and recovery strategy that prioritizes front line communities. Finally the city will adopt new policies that -- and quicken the transition to clean renewable fuel options that are also good for air quality. Finally, the climate emergency declaration makes clear that we expect our utility partners to decarbonize their energy systems. We've gone over a lot of information this evening, but this won't be the only time you'll hear from staff about this declaration. We plan to return to city council with an update in early 2021 to share our progress on these commitments. So to close, I want to acknowledge and thank the people who are part of tonight's panel. Up next you'll hear from some of our community partners in climate justice leaders who dedicated time and energy to providing input and feedback on the declaration. I want to personally thank them for their leadership and wisdom as we work through the various drafts of the declaration. As i've laid out, as we've laid out, we have a lot of work to do and our time is running out. This is a critical day for climate action in Portland. When we look back 27 years we will see we made an important decision. And that is to center the voices of people impacted the most and to creating equitable community benefits that deliver dramatic carbon emission reduction. This work won't be easy and as we understand, asking critical questions about how we do this work may reveal injustices and a history that we'd rather forget. But if the past few months have shown us anything, Portland and the people who live here are resilient and we're working together, we can do hard things. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Lisa, we appreciate your presentation. Thank you amanda as well. I'll turn it over to director durbin who will introduce our invited testimony.

**Durbin:** Thank you, mayor. We'd like to begin this evening with don sampson from the affiliate tribes of the northwest indians. Welcome.

**Don Sampson, Climate Change Project Director Affiliated Tribes of NW Indians:**

Thank you, andrea. Good to see you again. So glad you're working with the city. I had the opportunity and pleasure to work with andrea on our legislation in the state of Oregon to reduce green house gas issues and change the trajectory of where we're going. I appreciate all the work that you're doing there in the city of Portland. I want to thank you, mayor wheeler, city councilmembers, and amanda watson as well as alyssa for reaching out to engage tribal people in providing input to this very important declaration. I also want to thank john, the tribal liaison, a good friend of mine. All of those folks were able to come to our climate tribal camp which was held on the indian reservation last summer. I think it's important, I grew up in Portland as a young man. I'm from the indian reservation in Oregon and mayor wheeler have met many times. We've gone to many events in support of tribal people as well as city councilwoman amanda Fritz. Thank you so much. Ati is a consortium of over 50 tribes in the northwest. We also work with many of the intertribal organizations in the Portland area. We recognize that it's important that the city acknowledge the sovereign governments who have been here since time in memorial. And as you know, the city of Portland as well as the tribes and the clean energy fund, one of 10 finalists for american climate leadership award, so congratulations, city of Portland and the tribe for leading the nation. As I read through and had an opportunity to read the resolution and declaration, I was very pleased that the city acknowledged the impacts our people have had in speaking about not only the indigenous tribes from this area, but also indigenous people who have lived in Portland. During the time when I was growing up, I was 59 years old, there was what they call the relocation plan where they moved many of our communities from the reservation into the cities to try to find jobs. This relocation effort

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displaced many of our people. But today the population of Portland and the metro area is comprised of many different tribal nations from all backgrounds across this great country. And it's very exciting to know that the city of Portland recognizes that responsibility, the respect, honors the sovereignty of these tribes and tribal people. For years we have taken care of this land, the river, the blue river. Very sacred river for our people. And now this place that we call Portland, we know it has been around thousands and thousands of generations. It has been because of our wisdom of these leaders and this traditional law, the law that our creator was given this land to recognize, to take care of. To be thinking many generations into the future for the seventh generation, that is who we are. But today we all stand together. All people of color. All people of different communities to take a stand with what is right and important. It is our spiritual and moral duty to the creator and to this law that we follow our indigenous people. To always protect and preserve this earth, our mother. And so the resolution I believe finally acknowledges the importance of all people and the importance of this land. I grew up in Columbia Villa when I was a kid. I lived on the island. I was 4. I did not understand the importance of what my father, the chief of the tribe, was teaching me. Or my grandmother, the importance of the food that we would survive on. But today this declaration will move us forward together. So I'm very honored to be able to support this. And let you know that there are tribal people working together with the city, that is the key. I know that there is a lot of talk in this resolution about the whereases. But make sure and certain that as we get to the resolves and the actions, where you call on partners and stakeholders, recognize that the nine tribes of Oregon -- that the tribal community must have an active role as front line. I know that that is your intent and we trust that you will do that as well as all of our partners in Portland. I also want to acknowledge there's an action item coming up as we work on climate, there is an opportunity here. You might have heard about this. It's the center for tribal nations. It represents a major milestone for the native community in Oregon in the larger Pacific Northwest. Before European colonization, the confluence of the rivers hosted native settlements and annual seasonal grounds for our people. And now after many years when I lived there, over 30, 40 years, we tried to build a center for our people. And now we have that opportunity. The center for tribal nations is envisioned as an integrated packages of buildings. To meaningfully restore the native community's connection to Willamette. While modeling a new relationship focused on collaboration to promote innovative solutions to share challenges of sustainability, resilience and inclusion shared by native and nonnative people alike. Mayor Wheeler, members of the city council, now is our time for action. This project, the center for tribal nations, the work with native communities and tribal governments, together we can make it happen. I appreciate all of you who are on the call today for our community of Oregonians and native people across this country, we look forward to the challenge and the hard work ahead. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate your continued partnership. Thank you for being on with us tonight.

**Durbin:** Thank you. Next we will hear from Taryn Evans from the Communities of Color. Taryn. Thank you.

**Taren Evans, Environmental Justice Director Coalition of Communities of Color:** Good evening, Mayor Wheeler, Commissioners. My name is Taryn Evans. I serve as environmental director at the Communities of Color. This declaration and this work has particular significance to me and intersect with my personal life and my career trajectory. Almost exactly seven years ago, while a graduate student in Portland State University's master of urban and regional planning program, I started interning at the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. I had the opportunity to work closely on integrating equity considerations within the climate action plan. We worked with an equity working group of six community based organizations to get feedback on proposed plan actions. In meeting



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after meeting, the group provided valuable feedback, feedback that when presented to staff called us to significantly rethink actions and modify them accordingly. The members of the equity working group were able to provide a lens in perspective that cannot be learned from course work alone but results from years of lived experience, from living and not just studying in the climate crisis. I reflect on what would have been different if we started with rather than were advised by community. Yet the work that was done was by no means insignificant and represented an important steppingstone that illuminated the vital role of community and climate action planning. Community lived experience and knowledge must never be viewed as secondary. It must be at the forefront of all of our work. Fortunately, in this city, we have a strong example of what happens when front line communities lead the way. In 2018, the Portland clean energy initiative passed. It was the first ballot initiative created for and led by communities of color to plan climate justice and jobs in the united states. Despite well resource opposition and claims of political infeasibility, the initiative overwhelmingly passed. I think that this highlights an interesting point. You don't always know what is possible. Our imaginations are constrained by the way things have always been, but we don't always know how events unfold in the world and how things will change. Years ago when working on the 2015 climate action plan, I could not have imagined the moment that we are in. In a global pandemic and a reckoning with 400 years of systemic oppression with black people in this country, circumstances have radically changed. The world is not as it was five years ago when the climate action plan was adopted. The world isn't even as it was four months ago. We must meet this moment with change and not with outcomes that pre-suppose what those solutions will be. We must try new things knowing the old way of isn't working. Taking bold action, reshifting power. We have the opportunity to lead the way right now and serve as a model for what community led change can look like. I sincerely hope we are ready to meet this moment and reimagine what climate action looks like.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, taryn. We appreciate this. Thank you.

**Durbin:** Thank you very much, taryn. Next we will hear from arianna from verde.

**Oriana Magnera, Climate and Energy Policy Director Verde:** Good evening, mayor wheel, commissioners. I am ariana. I shoes she her pronounce and I am a registered lobbyist. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Verde built a wealth for communities through organizing advocacy and social enterprise and we are testifying in favor of item 511 this evening. I'd like to begin -- the climate crisis is an emergency -- who have borne the burden of pollution, extreme weather, health and wealth disparities, racism and other -- racism is especially antihi black and -- these things have not been named as such until they affect white communities. Until latinos scientists have declared we have barely a decade to change. Suddenly the crisis has crystalized. It is in sharp relief. It is emergent. We do not need a climate emergency declaration to capture this. What is the value? Why is verde supporting this action today? We are here in support to urge that this not just action. Too often we recognize problems and we draw attention to front line and then turn our spotlight towards other fights and similarly are not new and fade into dark as we swing the lens around and around. But we must light up the whole plane of injustice and the intersections that bind them. Verde is here in support because while imperfect, the item before you for consideration is strong in its illumination and contains many elements that remember written by organizations such as mine. I would like to commend a strong work of lisa king and amanda watson to listen, to learn and to act. The city would do a disservice to them and testifying if it does not take the opportunity to do the same. More importantly this work must be resourced through city appropriations and acquisition. I would like to thank tom reinhart for speaking today and for the inclusion of the office of management and finance in this work. We see much attention paid to other bureaus, but we must also create stronger connections between organizations like verde and more

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directly to community to influence how our city does this work not just through policy and programs but through functions and operations. We must also change how decisions are made. Verde is excited about the opportunity afforded by the declaration to create a new structure -- supported by a partnership between government and foundation community. To reach emissions reduction and systemic change that we must achieve in order to repair, restore and regenerate it will require reorientation of power to those who have been most harmed and most able to offer strong solutions because they see the problems without being -- many people have named that in this moment of covid. We cannot say that we should return to normal. That this is a time for the momentous change we need to tear down and transform. I want to thank director durbin for naming the zero cities project as an example of the kind of work that can be advanced to this climate emergency declaration. This was framed towards a road map of -- the kind of community led policy making that this declaration solidifies. That space has renamed itself as build shift because the community members who are leading the work are grounded in dreaming up and then creating the future they want to see, to know and to live. The value of an emergency climate declaration is not acknowledging things front line communities see clearly, know intimately and live daily, but creates a doorway toward the future. I will end by quoting marie brown. All organizing is science fiction. We are bending the future together into something we have never experienced. A world where -- transformative justice, peace. We long for this. We believe it is possible. The value of a climate emergency declaration is not that it states what is or has been, but because it invites us to dream as possible. Thank you for this time and thank you for the support.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your work and work at verde. Appreciate it.

**Durbin:** Next we'll hear from jennifer king from 350 pdx. Welcome.

**Wheeler:** You're muted, jennifer.

**Jennifer Cho Kain, 350 PDX:** Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony today. I am jennifer and I i'm a volunteer with 350 pdx. The forces that cause climate change show up in people's lives in the form of displacement and increasingly militarized forces. With the covid-19 pandemic and protest for black lives have laid bare is how disproportionately these forces are felt by black and indigenous people of color. We are living in a lightning rod type of history which legal scholar and civil rights attorney michelle alexander describes as a deciding moment in our democracy. The effects on Portlanders at the climate crisis are shaped by systemic racism in our city. The climate emergency declaration can be a tool for the city to address the historic and current environmental racism against -- in Portland. As the climate emergency declaration rightly points out, Portland has a long history of racist practices and policies that have excluded marginalized, displaced and terrorized. And the impacts of this white supremacist system and culture continue to this day. For the past several weeks i've been researching more details about the racist and white supremacist history here in Portland to help inform my work as a climate activist in the community. The details, statistics and data I found were alarming and unfortunately not surprising. In the interest of saving time and being mindful of my other presenters, i've prepared a written testimony as an addendum to my spoken testimony that I will be submitting tomorrow focused in on the history of racism in Portland and how this impacts the work on climate emergency declaration. I will share this with you all via email tomorrow and I encourage you to see it as part of my testimony. Moving forward, the scale of change that is needed to address the climate crisis cannot be achieved unless racist policies that wage war on bodies are replaced by anti-racist policies. We see the climate emergency declaration as the opportunity for this type of policy. As long as it is indeed fully funded so that front line community members can participate. We're also encouraged by the commitments to partner with and resource front line communities and work on decarbonization research and policy that benefits that as

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mentioned in resolutions number 16 and 17. We also are encouraged to see in the final draft acknowledgement of climate change impact on worker safety, the impact of diesel emissions, support for the youth pass for all that was mentioned today, and a commitment to protecting and passing tree canopy especially in east Portland. I want to highlight the fact that funds requested by bps to hire staff member for the climate -- and for this to be reconsidered in the light of the climate emergency and considering the impact on the communities. Two, it is not enough to mitigate the harms that the city's climate actions caused Portland's people of color. Climate actions must not only result in real emissions reductions but in concrete benefits. Offsets renewable energy credits and utility companies create a mirage of climate solutions without real local investments. False solutions such as these must be discarded in favor of those that advance energy, democracy, and climate justice and we see the commitment to community based renewable energy and resolution of the 31 support staff. Lastly, there are so many things that we can put in place to expect positive change at the city level. Give access to transportation to youth and low income communities by making it free and safe, to curtail gentrification and practices, defunding police programs, funding programs and enacting policies to, help black businesses with funding and technical support. List job training programs, training in green and low carbon jobs. Workers especially that have been affected with covid have been black women and have suffered the greatest loss of jobs in the last four months. Funding schools that don't rely on property taxes to be a disadvantage of poor black and brown neighborhoods. Provide scholarships for low income people and low income women from all groups to attend community college and state colleges and universities. Investing in affordable housing units which is critical to address the high rate of homelessness. Staff mental health services and domestic violence programs with mental health, social work, and community health professionals to strengthen the safety net and protect black indigenous people of color. Our organization at 350 is mostly white and we acknowledge we have failed to show up for the daily fight against racial justice. We need to not just acknowledge that white supremacist culture exists, but do the hard detailed work of dismantling it from moving ourselves and our work. This means prioritizing antiracism. And advocating doing the inner and out, work to move towards climate justice. We believe that this climate emergency declaration is an important shift for the city and its climate action and we will be here every step of the way to ensure implementation lives up to its words. The great poet and writer said do the best you can. When you know better, do better. No point in time is our better needed more than now. Thank you for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, jennifer. We appreciate it and we'll look forward to getting your email tomorrow. Thank you for that too.

**Cho Kain:** Thank you so much.

**Durbin:** Thank you, jennifer. Next we'll hear from ella shriner.

**Ella Shriner, Portland Youth Climate Council:** Thank you. Good evening. I am ella and I am representing the climate council.

**Peter Sallinger:** I am peter sallinger.

**Shriner:** Before I begin I wanted to acknowledge and thank the other community organizers and representatives. Your work and words truly inspire me today and every day. The city first came to the Portland youth climate council with the idea of the climate emergency declaration last umer. We wanted to hold off on supporting it until we were sure that the declaration had clear goals that would make a positive impact on climate policy and action. Later in the fall one of the demands was the city wait to declare emergency until community members, especially youth and communities of color had had adequate input. Today the Portland youth climate council is here in support of the declaration. We would like to thank the city for all the work that has gone into this resolution. And for working with us, listening to our input. During this process we felt that we as youth were

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included and that our voices were being heard. We appreciate that immensely. We've been very encouraged by the many improvements made to the climate emergency declaration in the past months and appreciate the work your teams have put into incorporating community feedback. In recognizing the need to center front line voices. However, we feel that there are places where it can be improved. The ipcc report indicates numerous climate scientists that this next decade is a crucial period for reducing our carbon emissions and climate impact. If we do not make the necessary reductions and emissions by 2030, we will see irreparable damage to our planet. For this reason, it is clear that 2050 is far too distant a goal. A date that is 30 years in the future allows us to continue postpones the strong immediate action that is required of us. A research study by uc berkeley has found that a transition to 90% renewable electricity across the entire u.s. By 2035 is not only feasible, but affordable. The country is barely beginning these types of changes and is far behind where we need to be. Even looking at the ipcc numbers. Portland needs to take on more to help make up for this. Our world literally depends on it. In this resolution the city of Portland should commit to reaching carbon neutrality before 2035 rather than 2050 with a commitment to a minimum of 8% reductions each year to ensure we stay on track. We have emailed you all our proposed language and we ask that you include this amendment in today's resolution. At the very least we ask that the city require a yearly decrease in emissions in order to be better held accountable. A major step in achieving this goal is using the right sources of energy. This resolution lacks the clear specification of what renewable energy is. Language of natural gas is used to talk about renewable energy goals. This is unacceptable. Renewable natural gas is not a clean fuel. It is both environmentally destructive and damaging to our atmosphere. In the age of the climate crisis, we cannot afford to have the city of Portland putting its credibility behind the green washing of this fuel. We ask that this be clarified. We also ask that today the city adds language in the declaration committing itself to developing a strategy to propose the expansion of Portland's natural gas infrastructure. By investing to infrastructure, we commit to decades --

**Sallinger:** I began this fight in eighth grade when I spoke at a press conference with commissioner Fritz and former mayor charlie hale system before the passage of the no oil resolution and the no new fossil fuel infrastructure resolution. I could barely see over the podium. I will leave for college this fall. In the years since ella and I began working on this issue, there have been many wins. The no all trains resolution and the no new fossil few infrastructure resolution and the 100% renewable energy resolution and if all gas as planned the climate emergency declaration will pass through this council during that time. You have the framework that you need to make real change. Use it. When people ask us what the city has done to affect climate change, we can't point to our resolutions. We must be able to point to the actions we have taken that were outlined in our resolutions. The people who work on this declaration truly care about the planet. When youth and others had concerns about it, it was because the declaration needed to be the best that it could be. But there's only so far that we can take it. The next phase of this work begins after this vote. We need the city to follow through so that we can see real drops in our emissions. The city must do the right thing even when there are no organizations to push it. Behind the scenes we need people at the city to be approaching all of their work like we are in a climate emergency because we are. This declaration is a great step forward. There are many more to go and many that won't have public hearings like this one. In the last five years of our work on the environment, the city has come a long way. I trust that the people who wrote this declaration and the people who are voting on it today are truly dedicated. Let's not just be a city of plans. Let's be a city that takes plan and acts with commitment and with courage. Thank you.

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

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**Durbin:** Excellent. Thank you, both.

**Wheeler:** I'm sorry, director. Commissioner Hardesty had her hand raised.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. I wanted to appreciate Ella and I'm sorry, I didn't remember the young man's name.

**Durbin:** Peter.

**Hardesty:** Thank you both. It's frightening to think that you're on your way to college because you've been such a strong advocate for this work for so long. I can't wait for you to come back and take over because we'll be ready for you by then when you get out of college. Thank you both very much for your testimony. So you know, I wanted to ask you a bit about what your recommendation was. I certainly understand why you are recommending that we just set a number as far as 8% reduction per year. I can certainly understand why you would want to set a very specific number. Did you hear back from the work group why they thought that was not something that they could commit to at this time?

**Sallinger:** We have not heard.

**Shriner:** We did actually hear a little bit. Our understanding was that the ideas that you're meeting what's required through the IPCC report and other agreements that Portland has signed on to and we're coming at it that we can't just be doing the bare minimum or just what's required. We need to go above and beyond and kind of making up for other cities that are not doing as much as they should be.

**Hardesty:** I really appreciate it. Thank you for that. I appreciate your statement about the utilities, because I'm very concerned that we are holding up utilities as if they're going to solve our climate crisis. And we know that they're not going to be the ones to do it. It's going to be clean energy, real clean energy that's going to help us actually mitigate the damage that's being done. And so I am hopeful that we -- I've talked to Director Durbin about my concerns about that language, because it appears that utilities are leading the way. I would say they're just an obstacle to all of us getting to a cleaner green future. So I'm hopeful that there's some language that we can come up with around -- especially around the utility piece. I want to make a commitment. This is not a dead document once we pass it. I have an expectation that we're going to be revisiting this at least on an annual basis, if not more to see where we are and where we can push more. So I don't want you to think after the vote today that we're done and we're going to pat ourselves on the back, because we have to do more and we have to do better and we have to challenge ourselves to do more. I think there's a desire to commit to what we know is possible right now, but as you know, the entire world has changed since we started this resolution. So I hope in your free time from school that you will keep checking in with us to make sure that we're on the right path. But I want you to know that we're all committed to continuing this conversation. This is the beginning of our work. It's not the end of our work. So thank you both. Good luck at school. What school are you going to?

**Sallinger:** Carlton College in Minnesota.

**Shriner:** Whitman College in Walla Walla.

**Hardesty:** Very nice. Both of you go off and come back and take our jobs, please.

**Shriner:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** We've got to do a better sales pitch than that, Commissioner Hardesty. Thank you both. Excellent testimony. We of course wish you all the very best in college endeavors. Director Durbin.

**Durbin:** Thank you. We'll move to our last panelist for the invited testimony. That is Desiree. Great to have you here this evening.

**Desiree Williams-Rajee, Kapwa Consulting:** Thanks so much. Thanks so much Mayor and Commissioners for having me join you for tonight. And I am so honored to be the final speaker and actually listening to the other comments just want to thank all of the other

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speakers and panelists tonight for what they brought up in terms of the issue that our communities are facing and how this emergency declaration both acknowledges what has already been known but also in terms of the commitment of government. The city of Portland to really move something forward and to name these issues that we've known for a long time to be an emergency. What I wanted to do, actually, so many of you actually already know me because I used to work in the city of Portland. I used to work with the bureau of planning and sustainability and also with parents who spoke earlier. I was the equity program manager with the climate action plan in 2015. I wanted to actually talk a little bit about how momentous this occasion is on a national scale and the national leadership Portland is putting forward today. So in 2015, when we adopted the climate action plan, we did something rather unprecedented. And to what taryn had mentioned. It really was because of this partnership that we had had with community based organizations, but within that climate action plan we named something. We named that institutional racism was a barrier to advancing climate change. That in and of itself actually created a new standard. It created a new bar for people in government, in sustainability working on climate action plans across the country. They wanted to understand what this was we were doing. We have this notion of the triple bottom line where it's equity, economy and the environment. But in the field, the path towards equity was really unknown. And so the work that we had done on that climate action plan actually unlocked the thing, this invisible thing we all knew was true but nobody could name it. Nobody had named it. So in 2015 that was our win. It quickly became not enough. And five years later, now that we're in 2020, so much has changed and so much has been talked about in the last four months. Our world has changed approximate. And so in that moment right here is an opportunity to move forward into doing something completely new and innovative and we are defining where that bar is for the nation to move forward. That excites me. That excites me, because today i'm actually a consultant. I no longer work with the city and i'm working with cities and jurisdictions across the united states and across canada. And they're looking for what's this next step. How do we approach this practice. What is the direction that we go. And I knew. I knew that Portland would be able to meet that expectation and far exceed it. So I wanted to talk about four areas very quickly that I saw this happen. So the first one that was actually the development of the resolution. You saw this wave happen across the country where everyone was, like, I want to be doing the climate emergency resolution. Everyone is doing -- cities in canada, too, and all around the world and in Portland, Portland then said we're up. We've got to do ours. There was pushback from the community that said wait, we need to have a conversation. Just like she said we need to do this right. And took the time to really do the listening and the think of how to get this declaration to be something that really represented what the community needed in order to advance the work in the direction they need to. This was really different than the rest of the country. In fact, I saw climate emergency declarations interrupt the equity and justice work that those cities and communities had been moving forward on in the name of something that was planned around a climate emergency declaration which reoriented all this community based work to something else. What I see here is the opportunity to elevate and advance the partnerships, the focus on youth, the focus on indigenous people that this actually is naming a new reality that we need to move forward in a new way of advancing this work. I want to just have an appreciation for the time to slow down. That's what we need to do this work correctly. Even though in its urgency we want to move forward fast. And there's a saying that you move slow to go fast and in this case I think that's absolutely what this emergency declaration is helping to set up. Another thing that i've seen in this work is that we talk, we start with this term equity, climate equity. Even in the 2015 plan, what we named was climate equity, but today we're talking about climate justice. What I notice what's in adoption is more of an identity of the entity and

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saying that actually is who we are. And so what I look forward to and that I hope all the community members will be looking to hold the city accountable is the city actually holding up an identity that is a justice identity. Because the justice identity actually calls for more than just an equity lens. It changes the economy that we're operating in to have very different outcomes that are not oppressive. The other thing I thought that would be important to call out was the approach. The approach of the resolution itself, which is not always true in these resolutions because they become this litany of just action. And so I wanted to name that actually in talking about how you were going to do this and doing it in such an intentional way with the community, how critical that actually is. The piece of them centering front line communities, the piece around collaborating within government to actually breakdown silos, but also collaboration with the community, transparency of information, the commitment for resources and the commitment to shift power dynamics. Those are such critical ingredients to the work we're doing and it's focused on the responsibility of what government actually is. The last piece I wanted to talk about was actually a commitment to innovation. We don't know exactly what the answers are going to be moving forward. We don't know because we have nothing, no framework by which we're pulling from in order to do these, to create these solutions. And so in order to do that, we have to create new ways of finding them. What's named in the climate emergency declaration and was alluded to is really something that is coming out national best practice and research around the creation of the space. The creation of the space doesn't inherit the dysfunctional power dynamics with community that exists within government but actually a commitment to third space places where you can design new solutions together. And so in that, this idea of designing and creating third space together, the possibility of what can come from that is just immense. And so I applaud the city of Portland. I applaud lisa king. I applaud amanda watson for the thinking that has gone behind the development of this resolution. And to be able to move something that, again, will set a new bar for the rest of the country and really about not expecting the status quo, not expecting business as usual. Even when the city of Portland set the standard for climate action planning and climate work to not expect that as good enough and to say that the better aspect of this, us moving forward and our new level has to be to address racism. Has to be to address injustice. And that is the work that we have to move forward. So I look forward to continuing to support the city of Portland from outside the city now in helping and figuring out ways to really move this critical, critical work forward and really for us to see new outcomes and changes that we have long been awaiting for. So thank you all. Thank you for doing this work and thank you for being in the work.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, desiree. We appreciate your being here with us this evening. I see commissioner hardesty has her hand raised. Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, desiree. What a pleasure to have you back here and talking to us in Portland. Because your leadership has really launched us on the path to really start thinking critically about the role that race played and climate mitigation and so i'm very grateful that you took the time to be with us tonight. You said something that really got me thinking when you talked about the shift that the city of Portland has made from equity around climate mitigation to climate justice. Are there models in other parts of the country that you looked at and go well, gosh, if Portland just would, like, adopt this, they would be like the gold standard across the planet? Are you seeing activities that you think are promising practices that we should pay closer attention to?

**Williams-Rajee:** There are. And actually there's been what I was talking about earlier as a process of collaborative governments. What this is is kind of acknowledging the design of our governmental systems that are actually designed to perpetuate racism. And are there ways to commit community and government to different outcomes that are actually not racist outcomes in the design. And so models that stand out actually are in providence,

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rhode island. And seattle, of course, but their models actually were iterations of our model. So it's really interesting how these things kind of come full circle. But providence is models, they started an environmental justice work group and spent two years really working with the community on the community driven process to make recommendations to the city rather than the city asking for input from the community to figure out what needed to be done to address carbon emission reduction. And I think for the city of Portland, I think we can actually go another step where there is a collaborative process. I see the opportunity you need to build infrastructure inside the city to operate very differently. Having something from the outside just say for it to work differently won't make it difference if the work isn't already happening inside the city. So I think that there are things to kind of iterate further on, but yeah, providence has sort of leap frogged the progress that we made in 2015. Washington, d.c. Is looking at new models for this collaborative governance process. It really centers the community leadership of front line communities in naming and leading the innovative work of climate justice.

**Hardesty:** So what are my fears when I hear the city say over and over again we're centering front line communities and I think the term was resource front line communities? It's not a simple process. I'm concerned that we are promising deliverables that may not be what the community thinks those delivers are. Just reading those words makes me concerned that we are setting ourselves up to not meet the objectives that have been laid out in the resolution. I know that we use words sometimes as place holders, but I am concerned that the models that you mentioned that were promising, how are those models resourced? And are they resourced? What does that look like?

**Williams-Rajee:** I am so glad you asked that question. It's been a topic of conversation actually quite a bit in the climate justice initiative, which is really the role of foundations. But I also think there is a role for the private sector. As I mentioned, I think when you move from equity to justice, the implication is new economic models which has a lot to do with where the funds come from. I'm looking forward to the innovation there. To your question about where is funding coming from, a lot of these models are actually working through kind of a trifecta model with foundations playing a role. Seattle had foundations playing a neutralizing role between the power, government and community where it wasn't just government funding community but rather government's role was to partner in finding other resources, because there are dynamics related to funding government and community. So there is I think room for thinking really creatively about outside funding structures for this work to move forward. And the philanthropy community has been a resource for many of these cities to play that role.

**Hardesty:** I really appreciate hearing that, because as you know, every government is facing devastating budget shortfalls and I do not want to give the impression that somehow we have money in our general fund that we're going to resource a whole lot of front line communities. I would want to know more about what that looks like. I'm sure we'll get into that process about how we make sure that the table really reflects the diversity of the community, because my experience in Portland has been that we tend to have one organization that represents a race of people and that just doesn't work at all if that's the kind of representation. If you're looking for real representation, that won't do it. So thank you. You're giving me some really good insight. Again, great to see you again. Thanks for helping us with this.

**Williams-Rajee:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, desiree. Thank you, commissioner. Before we move on to public testimony, and I thank everybody for their patience, we are running way behind, commissioner Fritz has her hand raised. Commissioner Fritz.

**Fritz:** I just have a brief something to say. I don't know if desiree williams or you can speak for us in the next six months and I need to honor you for the work you did establishing the



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office of equity and human rights. You're one of the five foundational wing with -- who retired from the bureau of development services today and danielle brooks who as of tomorrow will be the only one of the five of you who is still working for the office of equity and human rights now. You have set the -- you set the direction for the city to get to where we are today. I appreciated the reminder that in 2015 that work had already begun. And I hope that you will continue to guide the city in the foreseeable future. Thank you so much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner Fritz. With that, director durbin, I assume that completes the presentation as well as the invited panel. Is that correct?

**Durbin:** That is correct, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Thank you, mayor. I want to offer a friendly amendment to my own amendment. I got one word wrong that slightly changes my intent. If you'll bear with me for a moment. Should I read the full text with the changed word or --

**Wheeler:** Can we get an opinion from legal counsel, please?

**Moynahan:** Yes. Please read the full text.

**Eudaly:** My apologies, everyone. Be it resolved since freeway -- communities of color and increase carbon emissions, the city of Portland will require demand management including congestion pricing implemented equitably and in close collaboration with communities before, that's the changed word, any future freeway construction or expansion project. And the reason for that is it is my strong belief and what we're seeing on our roadways now bears it out that we unfortunately do a much better job at managing demand under existing infrastructure before we invest in expanding freeways.

**Wheeler:** Second and I assume that you then are withdrawing your original amendment and will --

**Eudaly:** Oh, yes.

**Wheeler:** Terrific. Now we get to the part many people have been waiting for, public testimony. Thank you all for your patience. This has been really rivetting testimony. I appreciate everybody sticking around for it. I understand we have about 20ish people signed up. Is that correct?

**Karla:** I show about 13 are on the line right now, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Two minutes each, please. Name for the record. Since there's only 13 people, if you go a little bit over I don't think anybody's going to complain. I certainly won't. And just make sure you state your name for the record. If you are a lobbyist, of course, as we mentioned up front, you have to disclose that as well. Go ahead and read the first name.

**Karla:** The first person is tri sanger.

**Wheeler:** Good evening.

**Karla:** Looks like you may be muted.

**Tri Sanger:** I am testifying on behalf of rebellion pdx. This climate emergency declaration is ground breaking in providing a framework for our local government to work in conjunction with community organizations with black, indigenous and people of color and youth led groups taking the lead to tackle one of the most significant challenges facing us. As a young person whose life and generation will be heavily impacted i'm deeply concerned to declare an emergency and set a goal for problematic net zero emissions is an outrage. It still allows for pollution offsets. The city needs to start today in this document to ensure there are annual concrete action steps towards carbon emission reductions in the range of 10% each year. We stand with the Portland youth climate council and their proposed goal of 2035. If the covid crisis has shown us anything, it is when there is clear evidence of lethal threats, early bold action save lives and decrease the human and socioeconomic costs. We must follow the science. Each new reports shows climate chaos escalating at rates far faster than anticipated. Now there is little hope of holding global

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warming to 1.56-degree celsius. It is quite possible we are on a path towards a rise of five degree celsius instead of the three degrees originally feared. Arctic warm suggest proceeding at twice the global warming average and just last week it was over 100 degrees in the arctic circle. Scientists say one of the tipping point indicators, the blue ocean event or the complete absence of arctic ice is likely to occur by the end of this year or next. There are plenty of feedback groups this have not even begun to operate. We need to act now. This is stronger on process than on substance. We need more concrete decarbonization strategic steps that will act faster with annual accountability measures. The city needs to act more boldly on -- hopes to work with you and other community groups to identify and implement concrete steps quickly. Thank you.

**Karla:** Next is edith gillis.

**Wheeler:** Evening, edith. Do you see her on the list?

**Karla:** I see her, but she looks like she's muted.

**Wheeler:** Yes, now we can.

**Edith Gillis:** Promote, require and care for planning more trees in quantity, diversity and justice distribution and reliably enforce with heavy fines, jail of guilty decision makers and mitigation for increasing photo -- storm water management, air cooling and social justice. Each year the same size -- same species of tree will -- because of drought, heat, air pollution. We must have increased the trees we have and make sure that they are distributed more justly around the city. Two, divest from and outlaw within city limits known chemical sound and heat, harm to climate, respiratory health, public safety and social justice, including but not limited to tear gas, pepper spray and other chemical or sound weapons permanently within this month. B, frat gas and other sources of methane, hookups for new and remodeled structures by january, 2021, and any pipeline or burning of use within the city by january, 2025. With northwest natural gas and current companies clean up their infrastructure and provide energy efficient electrical alternatives for low income families. C. Ban all oil bomb tree, shell tarzans, crude oil by rail or pipe, enforce with heavy fines, jail decision makers. Demand oversee reparations, climate and health mitigation. Three, defund and outlaw city or police ownership and/or use of tanks, I rod, or other vehicles in this month and diesel gasoline vehicles by january 1st, 2021. Four, promote living green roofs, green eves, green walls for air cooling and cleaning, fuel, fiber, food, habitat, as appropriate for structure beginning with and being acquired on all new buildings and remodeling, existing within the city of Portland, all parking lots and garages starting january 1st, 2021, and all city buildings and businesses not paying taxes by january 1st, 2022. Pro plants traditionally used for fiber, for local production, local use of face masks, scrubs, medical aprons, head cover, especially planted and maintained to clean and cool air and water along transportation routes. Six, ban expansion of pdx and any other airport within city limits. Seven, fund promote and require local organic food production within walking distance of residents. The entire --

**Wheeler:** You sound like you feel better. Are you feeling better?

**Gillis:** I have to -- I have huge, huge writing that I have to see and read fast. It comes and goes. Most of the time I have to lie flat with my eyes shut.

**Hardesty:** I hope you're on the mend. The last time I was very worried about you, but i'm glad you that are back and you're here and you're sharing your perspective with us. Thanks for being here tonight.

**Gillis:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, edith.

**Karla:** Next is bob sallinger.

**Wheeler:** Welcome. Had.

**Bob Sallinger:** Good evening member mayor and members of city council. Thanks for testifying. We appreciate the work that's gone into this resolution and we appreciate the

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opportunity to be involved with it. I think it is a really important step forward, especially I think the integration of racial justice and equity climate change is a very powerful thing that is the right direction for this city. I want to also express my appreciation for the decision to withdraw support for the i-5 rose corner expansion. This is a project that had glaring deficiencies in it from the day it was conceived. I was on the northwest quadrant planning process when it was first brought forward more than a decade ago. Many of the deficiencies that brought it down today were apparent back then. And I think we -- at the same time we celebrate what I hope is its demise. I think we also need to consider how it got as far as it did. And we need to apply the kind of lens that we're applying today to projects that are advancing right now. Do they really need our climate goals. Do they really need our racial equity goals and our racial justice goals. I think there are many projects that don't right now. I would put you particularly towards something like the levy ready project that has drawn scorn from this community because it doesn't incorporate equity. It doesn't address historic inequities. It doesn't address environmental issues adequately. Yet it is proceeding forward much the same as many of these other mega projects that seem to move under their own momentum until the community finally rises up, but only after we spent tens of millions, hundreds of millions of dollars on them. We need to put these into effect in the beginning, not the end of the project. I also want to appreciate the fact that this resolution includes strong reference to green infrastructure. That's often lost in our climate discussions and in our climate objectives. It's often the last thing in. But I think we need to begin with our natural systems, how we make them more resilient. That's where a climate strategy should really start. It should be an afterthought. I worked on the Portland watershed management plan that was passed in 2006. That plan called for every single city project to incorporate in green infrastructure to consider how green infrastructure could be part of a project. We're still a long way from there, but if we had done that back in 2006, we would be a long way toward our climate goals and our equity goals today. So we need to really accelerate that kind of work and we're glad to see that highlighted in here. I think about things like our tree code that we know is insufficient. River plan is coming at you. Take the green roof mandate that's in downtown Portland and expand it citywide. There is a tremendous amount of opportunity and we miss it every day when it comes to green infrastructure. We also have tremendous opportunities to protect and restore our river, protect our floodplains and protect landscape as well in front of us. I think we have a lot of opportunity there. I really appreciate your work on this and thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, bob. We appreciate your comment.

**Karla:** Next is derrick boyd.

**Wheeler:** There we go.

**Derek Boyd:** Hi. My name is derrick boyd. I live in the arleta neighborhood. I'm a former democratic party organizer and volunteer and I vote in every election. Thanks for giving me some time to speak and thanks to the other speakers and panelists. I love this city, but the Portland police department has worked against the spirit of the community for the entire 22 years i've lived here. They treat progressive activists with disdain and treat people of color as enemy combatants and in the time i've lived here they've killed unarmed people of color and multiple people having mental health emergencies. More recently they've attacked protesters --

**Wheeler:** This is a climate resolution. Can you speak to the resolution, please.

**Boyd:** When I signed up for this meeting, I signed up for -- I specifically said I wanted to speak about -- I can wait until that portion of the meeting, but when I signed up for the meeting, I specifically said I wanted to talk about defunding the police. That was one of the options it gave me on the agenda.

**Karla:** I wonder if you're on the agenda for tomorrow.

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**Boyd:** Oh. I signed up for tonight. I thought this was an option. So is there a way that I could get put on the agenda for tomorrow?

**Wheeler:** Derek, you're here. It's only two minutes. Why don't you go ahead and just finish up.

**Boyd:** Okay. So anyway, the actions of the Portland police department, so they've -- not only have they been using disproportionate force against protesters, they've also been targeting journalist and legal observers and also repeatedly violated the tear gas ban. The actions have been justified as protecting adults in the justice center or adults in custody in the justice center, but we're in the middle of a pandemic and it's been shown that's the worst place for people to be is in jail. These people are also going in and out and they put the rest of the community at risk when they get exposed. It seems like they would be better served and we would be better served if they spent the rest of their time on house arrest or people that needed to post bail were released on their own recognizance. Hardly any of them would be in there if they had a little more money and they could afford baylor a better lawyer. Ppd has done fairly anything to protect protesters from drivers trying to run them over. Some have taken multiple passes. Someone tried to run me and others over on june 2nd. I've tried to file a report and I can't get ahold of anyone. A detective won't call me back. I've called multiple times and it's been over a month. The only time they've become violent is when the sheriff's office has become involved or right wing agitators started violence. Hardly any of the police actually live in Portland, so they treat it like --

**Karla:** That's two minutes.

**Boyd:** So we need a 100% defunding of ppb similar to what camden, new jersey has done. They've seen a 42% reduction in violent crime. We need to diverse those funds --

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

**Karla:** Next is nora apter.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty, you have your hand raised.

**Hardesty:** I'm sorry, it's leftover.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Good evening, nora.

**Nora Apter:** Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify in support of this city of Portland's climate emergency declaration. Again I am nora apter and I am the climate program director for the Oregon environmental council. Oec is a nonprofit organization that advances innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations. As a native Oregonian, I grew up on the clean air, water, and access to nature that make Oregon the special place that we all call home. My appreciate for the natural bounty and beauty and my commitment to protecting it inspired me to pursue a career in environmental advocacy. I remain committed to protecting our home from the greatest environmental threat, climate change, because I recognize the threat that it poses, not simply to our way of live, but to the economy, public health, communities and families. In the testimony we've heard tonight, the science is resoundingly clear that we must act now to prevent irreversible climate harm to our city, state and planet. In adopting this declaration, the city of Portland recognizes the urgency of the crisis we face. We need to cut pollution significantly every year in order to reach our climate goals. This is no small task and will require ongoing commitment and leadership. Oec is deeply grateful to the city of Portland for taking this next step to address climate disruption by focusing on bolder systemic change for climate justice. We applaud the city for adopting an approach to addressing this crisis that rightfully centers the voices and priorities of those who are most impacted by climate harms, including Portland's black, indigenous and communities of color. As the city has -- and addressing climate change demands racial justice approach. In seeking to enable input and engagement from Portlanders representing a broad and diverse demographic. When youth and climate justice leaders express concern at the first draft of the declaration did not address climate

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justice or incorporate community feedback, mayor wheeler listened and extended the time for public input. We appreciate the cities continued efforts to ensure a robust and inclusive decision making process now and in the future. In addition to adopting its own climate equity goals, we believe the city also has a critical role to play in supporting other state and local policies and actions to advance climate mitigation. We know that any proposed action to achieve -- the city of Portland is a power house of information, data and policy analytics that can help inform and advance climate and equity and decision making. We encourage the city to apply its technical analysis and to provide data and scenario planning for significantly cutting climate pollution to reach climate goals. To conclude, the specific climate justice actions outlined in the climate emergency declaration have the potential to significantly impact the city's green house gas emissions. We would love to see these implemented immediately with the commitment to stop the rapid progress. And we once again sincerely thank the city for its leadership on climate justice.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, nora. We appreciate your testimony and your support.

**Karla:** Next is mindy smith reagan.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Hardesty:** You appear to be muted.

**Wheeler:** Can you unmute if you're on the phone it's star 6 on your key pad. And if you're on a lab top, if you drag your cursor down to the lower left-hand corner, you should see an unmute. Let's move on to the next person but we'll come back and see if they can figure that out.

**Karla:** The next person is damon story.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Damon Motz-Storey:** Good evening, commissioners. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify today. For the record, I am damon story and I work as the healthy climate program director for social responsibility. Guided by the values and expertise in medical science, we are over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working with community partners to educate and advocate for societal and policy change that protects human health at all levels. We will like to extend our deep gratitude for the many hours of work that have gone into this climate emergency declaration from commissioners offices to the bureau of planning and sustainability to other bureaus to community members. The work that has gone into this is immense and I think it really shows. The document we're looking at is an incredible piece of work. I want to note appreciation for the moving slowly to go fast as desiree nicely put it. And appreciate the documentation that the city released to show that what comments were received in the draft resolution and what changes were made to respond to the feedback. Climate change is indeed an urgent crisis facing communities worldwide. It is an emergency. We need to call it what it is. As hop hopkins wrote this month, we can't have climate change without sacrifice zones. And you can't have sacrifice zones without disposable people. And you can't have disposable people without racism. As we face the overlapping epidemic of covid-19 and violence against black people, it makes sense to think of climate change as -- created by white supremacy and colonialism in the form of industries that must be stopped if my generation and the ones after me are to have a livable future. I want to name a couple of things I particularly appreciate seeing in the climate emergency declaration. One is the acknowledgement of the root cause of climate change is an economy built off slavery, colonialism and the unsustainable extraction of natural resources. This is something one of our team members pointed out in the fall of 2019 when we implored the city to take a slow down and incorporate community feedback. It's great to see that and some very clear specific identifications of front line communities in this resolution. I'm out of time so i'll briefly leave you with a couple questions and submit further comments into the record. We want to ask the city to consider what could be some unintended

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consequences of the climate test and the, quote, shadow price on carbon. I want to make sure there's no unintended bad consequences that could come from that. I want to urge the city to consider making progress a little bit more often than once per year and to push further on advocacy for transit passes and eventually fareless transit for all. And then I also finally want to encourage the city to think deeply about doing an independent third party study to investigate whether decarbonizing a methane pipeline is possible in regards to northwest natural's mention. Happy to talk more about these and want to appreciate everyone who's put hard work and effort into getting us to where we are today and i'm so proud to see this resolution where it is and urge your support of it. Thank you very much.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, damon and thank you for your hard work. Those are really important questions that you asked.

**Karla:** Next is leslie cochran.

**Wheeler:** Hi, leslie.

**Leslie Kochan:** Can you hear me now?

**Wheeler:** Yes, we can. We can hear you. Go ahead.

**Leslie Kochan:** I'm leslie cochran. This testimony is on behalf of climate jobs, project of Portland jobs for justice. First I want to thank or we want to thank the city of Portland staff who through many meetings, conversations, and revisions created a final draft that both acknowledges those who are the most vulnerable to the climate crisis and proposes actions specific to those communities. Climate jobs recommend that the following four additions, all of which are critical to workers, to the city's earlier drafts. One, include workers on the front line of the climate crisis as a front line community. Two, collaborate with labor unions when city policy and decisions on climate crisis might be relevant to workers. Three, address the needs of adjust transition for workers who will lose jobs as the city moves towards a green economy. And four, address the needs of workers who may now or in the future face greater risk due to climate driven conditions such as hot weather, smoke, and floods. We're talking about our postal workers, day laborers, construction workers, our emergency responders and others. So we want to thank the city first for speaking to all of these recommendations within this current draft. We were very excited to see that most of our proposed language of the included. We did have a question on the fourth recommendation regarding those workers who are at risk or will be at risk. Specifically related to health and safety. We had a question about what the city is now doing or propose is doing, but that's a discussion we can have later. We also do want to support a more robust decarbonization time frame as described by the Portland youth climate council and xr. We're pleased to know as described by alyssa that more analysis will be conducted to more quickly move the needle forward here and we all know how urgent this is. In conclusion, we're pleased with the city's positive response on behalf of those workers in our community who are and who will be on the front line of the climate crisis. And we're excited by the city's response to all of the input provided by the communities and youth. We support passage of the declaration and we urge the city to continue a collaborative process to address remaining concerns. Thank you much for your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. We appreciate your testimony.

**Karla:** Next is loretta smith.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, loretta.

**Loretta Smith:** Good evening mayor wheeler.

**Wheeler:** Hear you loud and clear.

**Loretta Smith:** Okay. Great. Thank you. Mayor wheeler, commissioners hardesty, eudaly and Fritz, my name is loretta smith. I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of the climate emergency declaration before you this evening. I'm thrilled that the city is committing to climate justice and accelerating its carbon reduction goals. First I

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would like to thank the mayor for listening to community concerns, slowing down to solicit community input through robust and meaningful public engagement and crafting a strong resolution as a result of those efforts. I believe centering front line communities in youth in our fight for climate justice is vital to both our short and our long-term success. Considering covid-19, and racial justice uprising and the continues economic downturn, our climate action must be intersectional and focus first on protecting front line communities, predominantly black and brown Portlanders. While resolutions with the white language are important, we need to immediately move beyond them to actually change the law and commit funds to climate justice. We should include climate change as an emergency by law. We need new regulations on major polluters and multi sector approach towards immediate change which includes land use, housing, and environmental regulations. And as we continue to -- we will have the opportunity to repurpose funds for the just transition we need. One that centers front line communities, creates good paying union jobs, and the care economy and makes our community more resilient to all sorts of crisis. Y I endorsed the clean energy fund in 2018 for the same reason and I believe our solutions to climate change will come from the ground up. As the city commissioner, I will finish to fight for changes in the law and for cash to support community efforts to reduce carbon and become more resilient. As we move forward a healthy and sustainable future for generation of Portlanders to come, I look forward to working with you and community leaders -- I want to thank you for allowing me to have testimony this evening. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, loretta. We appreciate your testimony. Thanks for being here with us tonight.

**Karla:** Next is sarah taylor.

**Wheeler:** Welcome, sarah.

**Sarah Taylor:** You can hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. There's a weird echo. If you have more than one device, if you can mute one of them. Try it now. Do you have a laptop and a phone? Mute one of them.

**Sarah Taylor:** There. Is that better?

**Wheeler:** Yeah, much better. Thanks, sarah.

**Sarah Taylor:** Okay. I'm calling from the lower river st. John's area. I'm here to support the resolution and to talk about the importance of the comprehensive plan reflecting this climate resolution. Nowhere is the intersection of climate race and displacement more evident than in the historic river communities of the lower willamette river. Albino, st. John's and giles lake. We now find the fossil fuel hub, the super fun, and the destruction of thousands of homes, local businesses, and town sites. To me our climate goals Portland must acknowledge the racist history of the giles lake industrial sanctuary and rezone to reflect the commitment to reducing fossil fuels in the Portland harbor. The comprehensive plan is the blueprint of Portland's beliefs in action. Despite the many resolutions and departments, we have a plan map for the lower willamette river that fails to address systemic danger -- the seismic dangers, fossil fuel resolutions, climate change and the dramatic destruction of housing in the lower willamette. You understand I trust the discriminatory nature of delegating the lands and river fronts of Portland's indigenous black and immigrant neighborhoods as industrial sanctuaries. The land use laws of Oregon never say all the pollution, fossil fuels and interstate highways must be zoned in one historically displaced community. Right now you have requested a new economic opportunity analysis. I hope that you require that it include the history of the area and reflects zoning changes that work to reduce carbon emissions, moves to eliminate fossil fuels, repairs and heals the displaced communities and creates a community led discussion on what a green working waterfront in Portland could look like opinion I urge you to engage the youth in the community in creating a comprehensive plan that acknowledges displacement, racism in this climate emergency. Thank you very much.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you very much, sarah. We appreciate it.

**Karla:** Next is monica.

**Wheeler:** Hi, monica.

**Monica Zazueta:** Hi. Hello. My name is monica. Hello again, mayor wheeler and councilmembers. On november 20th last year is when we first met. I rewatched the video of the council meeting and it brought me back to fear and confusion of what I had then. Those amplified with this year's election. Do you remember when you said to me we're going to win this fight, right? I nodded my head and said yes. I thank you for continuing keeping your word by taking these steps with the climate declaration. I started getting involved with activism because of my son. He's now 6. My passion from saving my son to try to save everyone else. I came into this very young, very head under a rock, and I have been hitting the ground running just trying to figure out and pull from everywhere things and ideas of how to make the dream a reality of greener tomorrow for our kiddos. It's a lot. We need more people on it. But according to green tech media, 90% clean graded by 2035 is not just feasible but cheaper, so I do agree with the statements given earlier by ella that we do need to -- we do need to do more. We do. And we can. I mean, there's so many areas that need attention. I mean, our oceans, our homeless, our gas hook-ups in the houses. Affordable college. I mean, we need more people educated so we can fight this. And having it affordable or at no cost, educating our young ones when they're in preschool. We need more trees, absolutely more trees. Social justice needs to be -- it's so crazy what's going on. It's sad, but it's good that it's finally happening and going in a direction -- we don't know what direction, but we're trying to push it in a right way and I know there's good people on that. Really I would really love vancouver and Portland to come together. I would love vancouver and Portland to come together and share what works and what doesn't work in the climate action plan and just -- I mean, we're all neighbors. We are all people. We're all human. I want us to come together and share our ideas and just have this future that's better than today. There's this one thing I saw on a shirt. It says -- it was on a young girl. She probably is maybe like four or five years old. Maybe hispanic dissent. On the shirt it read first place earth. Race. Human. Politics. Freedom. Religion. Love. I hope you got that. The first place that we're all from is earth. We all came from the same spot. We're all human. We all believe in freedom I hope. And jeez, I don't know, but we all believe in love. And I just -- I want to bring that message and that hope --

**Karla:** That's three minutes.

**Monica Zazueta:** Thank you so much. It was great speaking with you.

**Wheeler:** Thanks, monica. We appreciate your being back. Thank for your testimony.

**Karla:** Next is diane.

**Wheeler:** Hi, diane. Welcome. Thanks for your patience.

**Diane Meisenhelter:** Thank you. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yep. Loud and clear.

**Diane Meisenhelter:** Cool. So i'm going to throw out what I had planned to say tonight and instead just riff off of desiree and ella and peter's wisdom that they shared after listening this evening. Thanks for listening to the community on this vastly improved document and a potentially ground breaking process. I loved that desiree speaks a collaborative governance. I think this is what we need to move forward with the youth leadership and other community organizations. Not only just for the climate crisis, but also reimagining public. Are all of the kinds of systemic changes we need for the current legal threats we face, whether it's climate chaos, covid-19, the police violence and racial inequity or the economic inequality and the devastation that we're currently going to be facing in that realm. So i'm very excited about the potential for this. And I want to just say that I really hope that you will seriously take the amendments proposed by the Portland



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youth climate council into account tonight. They're so important. The 02035 is very critical because as you said, mayor, this next decade is what the ipcc scientists say is absolutely critical if we're going to prevent unthinkable devastation, both in terms of species, planet, and human lives. And so we need to act quickly. And the ipcc report -- and then secondly, their second recommendation of the 8% annual steps towards decarbonization each year is critical. The ipcc report right before the top 25 in madrid this year said that globally -- global carbon emissions need to drop at least 8% annually to avoid catastrophic climate change. And so the u.s. Is the second largest in the world. Our action that is required is far higher than just that 8%. In the spirit of this declaration, this is an issue of racial justice between the global south and global north. It's also an issue of racial justice here. If we can't set the stage in terms of what needs to happen, these global goals will not be met unless communities all around the world start to take this seriously and start to implement these goals step by step with concrete plans so that change is possible. Without that the change will not be coming. Please tonight just support their amendment. And make this happen. There's a lot of hope here.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, diane. Appreciate your testimony tonight.

**Karla:** Next is lauren.

**Wheeler:** How many do we have after lauren?

**Karla:** Just one more.

**Wheeler:** Excellent. Good afternoon, evening, whatever time it is.

**Wheeler:** Lauren, are you there? If you're on a laptop, if you can move your cursor to the lower left-hand corner. If you're on the phone, try star 6 on your key pad. See if that works. Lauren, did it work or did we lose her? I think she disconnected. If she calls back, Karla, we'll go ahead and take her.

**Karla:** We'll go with sandy.

**Wheeler:** Sannie, how are you tonight?

**Sandy Polishuk:** Fine, thank you. And you.

**Wheeler:** Good. Excellent. Thank you for asking.

**Sandy Polishuk:** Well, I appreciate it, mayor and council that we have this opportunity. I'm not going to offer any suggestions for improvement. I really am wanting to celebrate this. The last of many of numerous initiatives that we are at 350 bpx have worked with you on and have been grateful that you -- the climate crisis has been taken seriously by the city. I certainly did not -- it's seven years last month when I sat around a kitchen table with six people at the founding -- one month after the founding of 350pdx and I did not dream that we would be where we are today. I'm very grateful and happy and celebrate this -- all the work that's gone on to this and how far the city has come. Of course, we still have plenty more to do. But I also want to say that today is my first and only great grandchild's 10th month birthday and it is, of course, for all the children and grandchildren and great grandchildren that we do this for. I'm far too old to see the worst of what will come if we don't do it. I care a lot. I care about the future. I care about my family, your family, and all the children and everyone in the world and especially to all of who you who are listening. So I want to thank you, city council, and I want to encourage you to continue to move forward on climate justice. And thanks for realizing and acknowledging that it is an emergency. Thanks for this hearing.

**Wheeler:** Sandy, thank you for your testimony. I want to thank you for your years of advocacy and your pushing and your guidance and I remember meeting with you many, many years ago when I was state treasurer and listening to your thoughts and your ideas. I couldn't be happier to see this intersect between our work here tonight. Thank you for all you've done and thank you for your patience tonight. Did we find lauren? Did she call back?

**Karla:** Mayor, i'm not seeing her back on the list. So I do not believe so.

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**Wheeler:** I don't think so either. Lauren, you're not out there somewhere, are you? All right. Is there anybody else?

**Karla:** That's the end of the list that I have.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Very good. With that then colleagues, do you have any more questions before we call the roll on the resolution? Actually, we'll start with the amendments, but then we'll go -- commissioner hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I'm fine with doing the amendments one at a time, please.

**Wheeler:** All right. Very good. With that, then, we'll start with commissioner eudaly's amendment regarding congestion pricing agreements. Any further discussion?

**Hardesty:** I have a question, commissioner eudaly. We started talking about congestion pricing probably a year and a half ago. Then we haven't talked about it at all since then. I'm not comfortable that the state would actually develop an equitable carbon pricing plan that would actually set our front line communities. That has not been my experience. I'm concerned that we're putting an amendment in basically gives the state to give permission on something we have not had a deeper conversation on.

**Eudaly:** I certainly can appreciate your concern, commissioner. As I think you know, i've set up pricing options for a direct mobility task force to look at all of the options and congestion pricing as well as possibilities for how that revenue is spent. Gosh, i'm wondering if chris can pipe in about possibly strengthening the language. We would have influence here. It doesn't meet our oh.

**Hardesty:** Just to say to them do something that's equitable doesn't sound like that's kind of the right direction for --

**Eudaly:** Right. After my experience with the steering committee, I can't argue with that. But the intent of the amendment is that they would have to satisfy our requirements.

**Hardesty:** I support that goal. I don't think that's it is language that gets us to the goal you're trying to achieve.

**Eudaly:** Is chris still here?

**Warner:** I am.

**Eudaly:** Maybe we can make the amendment.

**Warner:** If we're going to revisit it, it would probably be good to have a discussion and not try to do it on the fly. Certainly our pricing options for equitable mobility is really -- we look at that as the gold standard in terms of setting up kind of the community conversation. In fact, o dot looked at something similar in terms of they're having discussions about how they would price it. We need to make sure to look at that language. The framework we're setting up is where we intend to go and I think we could really be the leaders in terms of making sure that equitable mobility is really part of any kind of pricing regime.

**Eudaly:** I would like to advance the amendment. It's an important kind of line in the sand that we want to draw. The language we included in the comp plan apparently wasn't strong enough for odot to take us seriously about congestion pricing.

**Warner:** Part of it is I think we're really not telling them to do it. We're saying we won't support the project unless it does it and it means our values. I think that's what the intent is. That's the direction that we would intend to support.

**Hardesty:** So my fear is as a council we have not had a conversation about whether we would support congestion pricing. I heard nothing yet that would lead me to believe I would support that as a method for reducing traffic. So I just think it's putting council in a spot that we haven't had the detailed conversation yet. We were hoping that your task force would come back with recommendations. And so I just think that it's premature to -- I think we don't have anything we are weighing against an equitable system, because what the state may think is equitable -- we won't consider equitable.

**Eudaly:** It's a proven strategy and it's really one of the only strategies to manage demand.

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**Hardesty:** I haven't seen enough information here locally to believe that that would be our only alternative to expanding freeways.

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

**Fritz:** Thank you. Could you read the language in your amendment again, please, commissioner eudaly.

**Eudaly:** Sure. Just to be clear, we're saying we won't support their projects without it. We can't dictate how they do it, but we can certainly lead in this conversation and we can reject any efforts that we don't -- that don't meet our requirements be it resolved since freeway expansion harm communities of color and increase carbon emissions the city of the Portland will require demand management including congestion pricing, implemented equitably and in close collaboration with communities before any future freeway construction or expansion project.

**Fritz:** I don't recall what we have in the comprehensive plan regarding congestion pricing. Does anybody happen to know that?

**Eudaly:** It was language that only pertained to rose quarter i-5.

**Fritz:** In the comprehensive plan?

**Eudaly:** I believe so. Commissioner saltzman brought that ford and I believe it was kind of a gesture to move the conversation along at the time.

**Fritz:** I concur with commissioner hedges concern that we haven't had the discussion. Could we reframe the amendment to say that they would consent -- to us to consider it which would then leave you the council at the time the option of weighing in on whether or not to do it or something like that?

**Eudaly:** That makes -- they're free to consider it or not.

**Hardesty:** I wonder if we could propose something that basically said you will seek our agreement and any expansion project unless we have worked directly with front line communities to identify whatever. I'm just concerned about using congestion pricing will make somebody think that we've had a conversation and we all agree that congestion pricing is the only fix to our system.

**Eudaly:** To be clear it says demand management including congestion pricing. It's not exclusively congestion pricing because there are a range of ways to manage demand. I personally think the congestion pricing is our best bet for freeways, but this amendment is not requiring --

**Hardesty:** For the sake of tonight, would you accept a friendly amendment that just scratch out the words congestion pricing and leave everything else?

**Wheeler:** Before commissioner eudaly answers that, so the transportation system plan, which this speaks to, is part of the comprehensive plan. Chris, can you speak to that, please?

**Warner:** Yeah. So I think the language that the commission was talking about was part of the central city plan which is part of the comp plan. And I think what we said there is pricing before the completion of the project I think is the language that we had used in the comp plan.

**Fritz:** Should I read the comp plan policy for you? Policy 9.50, regional congestion management. Coordinate with metro to establish new reaching multi modal mobility standards that prioritize transit, 48 and system completeness. And then 9.50a, create a regional congestion management approach including a market based system to price or charge for trips and parking. That's to account for the custom order trips and to more efficiently manage the regional system. So we do have that in the comprehensive plan, solo we have this council hasn't discussed it, it is established as a policy in the comprehensive plan.

**Eudaly:** But somehow that wasn't strong enough to compel odot or to convince them that they needed to do that. Commissioner hardesty, I will accept your amendment if we can't

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move forward with my amendment tonight. It's ambitious and exciting to me that we would take the stance. I don't know that any other city in the u.s. Has. I just want to be clear that there are a variety of methods for demand management. And the reason I established that task force is that I am bound and determined that anything we do not further burden or impact low income workers, small business owners, people with disabilities. We're very committed to that.

**Hardesty:** As am i. I just was very concerned because the last time we talked about congestion pricing you were going to a concerns and you came back not really sold on the idea and we haven't talked about it in some detail in a while.

**Eudaly:** Right. The conversation pre-dates your arrival at council. It wasn't that I wasn't sold on congestion pricing. It's that I realized this was looking at surface streets in the city. The conversation about odot is strictly freeways. So I came back and realized we have a lot of work to do. We need to have a much better public transit system before we implement anything like you see in london or stockholm. But the conversation about freeways is a separate conversation for me. I don't see, you know, any other way to fund some of the things that we're hoping to fund and to manage the demand, but like I said, if that's what you're comfortable with, it's still a step in the right direction. We can have those further conversations. Some of the possible uses of revenue I just want to mention real quick is to -- and it depends on where this is happening and what agency owns it. But that revenue can fund alternatives such as improved and expanded public transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure. We could use revenue to investor they could use revenue to invest in restorative justice efforts. I would still like to see the caps on i5. I would love to see odot come back and offer a remedy for the harm that was done 60 years ago whether there is a freeway project involved or not. We can provide free or discounted alternative such as transit and offer discounts and caps and exemptions for low income drivers, people with disabilities, small businesses. I just want to give you a sense of what the direction of where you're thinking.

**Hardesty:** I'm happy to support it with that minor amendment.

**Eudaly:** Okay. Thank you. To be clear, legal counsel, does that require an amendment to the amendment?

**Moynahan:** I think so.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Let's do that. Commissioner eudaly has offered an amendment. Commission hardesty has seconded it.

**Hardesty:** That's correct.

**Wheeler:** Call the roll on the amendment to the amendment. We'll put it on the table. [ roll call vote ]

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

**Wheeler:** That amendment is now on the table. We'll just call approximate the eudaly amendment for simplicity sake because it's late and i'm starving. Aren't you guys hungry? I'm starving. Next up, there are any other questions about the eudaly amendment before I call the roll on the eudaly amendment? All right, Karla, call the roll on the eudaly amendment. [ roll call vote ]

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

**Wheeler:** I agree that we should be aggressive, we should push hard. There's nothing about this amendment or the resolution that does not allow us to continue to do that. This was a conversation we had with commissioner saltzman was here. It was a good conversation then. It's a good conversation now. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. The second amendment on the table is the Fritz amendment relative -- related to transit passes. Is there any further discussion or questions related to that? Commissioner hardesty?

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**Hardesty:** Thank you. Commissioner Fritz, I do have a question about that amendment. My understanding is that the billion dollar people transportation package has some dollars in it to pay for transit passes. I'm wondering why we keep thinking we need to pay for transit passes rather than the need to reduce the budget and not be so re-- I continue to wonder why trimet even exists. So does this -- I mean, this amendment doesn't force us to actually go out and find money to subsidize trimet which in my mind gets a lot of money from a lot of small businesses. I know I paid into it quite a bit and never got anything out of trimet. I'm really concerned that we're developing these mechanisms to feed a beast that my question is why does it even exist.

**Fritz:** As somebody who depends on tri met to get to work every day, I can't imagine living in the city without transit, without public transit.

**Hardesty:** You misunderstood my point. My point is not whether or not we should have public transit. My point is that we have a bureaucracy that's running our regional transportation system and our efforts are about reinforcing the bureaucracy rather than asking a question, why does the governor appoint trimet, why do we continue to pay for services we don't get. We're acting as they are operating appropriately and effectively. I don't share that perspective.

**Fritz:** I don't either and the one volunteer thing I might want to do after I finish my service on the commission is to see if I can get on the trimet board while the governor is appointing it. It needs to be elected and certainly needs more people on it that actually rides it. This language I've proposed in is the comprehensive plan and hopefully get to universal. You're right, commissioner, the metro measure for november includes \$9 million a year ongoing for universal year round free transit for everybody under 18.

**Hardesty:** Actually, no. It's a graduated approach. It starts with my schools first and at some point elementary school kids will become beneficiaries, but it's not universal.

**Eudaly:** It doesn't cover middle school right now.

**Hardesty:** Yeah. Not going to cover middle school. It's not universal at all.

**Wheeler:** We gave commissioner Fritz her platform.

**Hardesty:** I guess it's fine if it's just making the language consistent. I just want to state for the record that I think that we're having the wrong conversation about trimet and at some point we need to have a conversation about why does it exist in its current formation and why do we keep feeding it.

**Fritz:** If you check in the comprehensive plan, there's a lot to talk about equitable transportation including the values that you and I both share, commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you. Okay. I will take back my objection because it's late and we're all hungry and we have a vote still on the --

**Wheeler:** We do, because if we don't I'm going to keep eating all these. I'll weigh 400 by the time I'm done with the meeting.

**Fritz:** Why didn't you eat at 6:00?

**Wheeler:** Zoom calls. Any further discussion on commissioner's amendment before we call the roll? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Eudaly:** I was reflecting on the fact that roads are the only utility that we don't charge based on usage. I like the idea of -- and I don't necessarily agree with that, but I do like the idea of free public transit. So happy to vote aye.

**Fritz:** If we're going to move the dial on climate disruption, we need to get people out of their cars. This is the way that -- in corvallis when they did it, 37% increase in ridership. Kansas city is doing it. Olympia, Washington already does it. Cities across the world are looking to do something like this. I want us to be bold and to look at it as the climate's emergency issue regardless of the governor -- the bottom line is we need to get people out of their cars. Aye.

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**Wheeler:** I strongly support this and I support what you just said, commissioner Fritz. I vote aye. The amendment is adopted. Now to the substitute resolution as amended. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll. [ roll call vote ]

**Hardesty:** It took us almost a year to get to this spot. I want to be thankful and appreciative. Both the city council slowing down and engaging in the community in a much deeper level. I want to really appreciate the incredible work of andrea and her team who have just kept a very positive attitude. They were all the stops and starts that we've had through this process. I think we're moving in the right direction and I support the young people who say we have to be bolder and faster. But I know we will have additional information within the next six months or so that will help inform how we move forward. So I look forward to us being bolder and braver, but I think that we're off to a great start with a lot of community support and i'm happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** I just have a long list of thank yous. First all of the community groups and advocates that and this really pushed us to dig deeper and go further. Too many for me to mention, but I do want to call out a few that we -- my office has worked with directly and that includes sun rise pdx, positions for social responsibility, and unite Oregon as well as many of the groups that were represented and invited testimony today. Thank you to every single person and organization whether you've written letters or come to council to testify and particularly by pop and youth led organization whose really should be at the front of this movement. I am often frustrated by the systems within which we have to function and the mind numbing of bureaucratic processes but today I am reminded bureaucracy is made up of a lot of really incredible people and we can do amazing things together, so I want to thank director durbin, everyone at the bureau of planning and sustainability, including alyssa king and michelle crim, director warner and my staff, thank you. Mayor wheeler and the mayor's team, particularly amanda watson, thank you. Director long and the parks department, chief administrative officer, tom reinhart. And his team at omf. Finally, my policy director jamie. I'm really proud of this joint effort and I vote aye.

**Fritz:** It's good to see each council leading an initiative on this and prioritizing it. I think it might be one of the things that I served with and grabbed your attention and demanded your attention and actions. So thank you for that. Thank you for taking the time to spend in engagement with the community. Thanks to all the youth and all the climate action advocates. We set realistic goals that we -- it's going to be challenging to achieve and we can do better. These are floor to ceiling and if we can get there faster, we all know that we need to. So thank you for that. In terms of the amount of time that this declaration has taken, I do appreciate desiree pointing out that it's stronger for that. Also the leadership of don sampson from the native community. It's significant that he gave it -- he spoke to us from the reservation a couple of times and he certainly is a revered leader in the indigenous community and I thank him very much. Thanks to ella and peter. Sometimes people come in on one issue and they come and they go and that's the last you see of them until maybe they come back 10 years later and say I did this one thing. They have been leaders for community of youth. I appreciate they worked with my office on the oil trains and coal trains and the number of other things. Again, we're going to do more. Those are baselines. I still want to thank -- I thank jerry william jimenez who for many years was with the office of neighborhood involvement and the leadership program. She was talking about environmental justice long before a lot of other people were and really pointing out the impacts to communities of colors from i5 and the various things that white people have done over the years. So I thanks to jerry. Particularly pleased not only with the transit and action plan, but also the action plan, the action item on trees and requiring the new york planning to move forward with the protection for trees. We need to continue to plant trees. Also it's not merely making it any worse. Protecting trees and natural areas are the one thing we can do to make it better. I do -- I want to -- I want you as i'm going

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councilmembers to make sure that you are acting to protect trees and plant more of them. Also to protect our natural areas. We have been allowing a significant amount of people living in natural areas during the covid pandemic. And a lot of damage is being caused. And so we need to recognize that there are different kinds of crises that we are facing right now and that we need to weigh and balance all of the different things and make sure that we look to the long term while we're also looking after people in the short term. Thank you very much. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Wheeler:** Mayor: I want to thank everybody who presented today. I certainly want to thank everybody who testified today. This was a great conversation. This resolution, of course, would not be possible without the input and feedback from all of the community leaders, the advocates, the residents who called on Portland to declare a climate emergency, and provided what I thought was really valuable input and feedback to help us shape this declaration. So thanks to all of you. I also want to just thank you again for being here earlier today and for the Multnomah county partnership with the city on climate planning over the years and on the development of a new climate justice initiative together with front line communities. Thank you to my council colleagues and their staff and the bureau directors and the staff who reviewed and improved the declarations language and in particular thanks to alyssa king and michelle at the bureau of planning and sustainability for all of your incredible work on the resolution over the past year. The climate emergency declaration is an important starting block for this new chapter in Portland's climate action. The work continues from here. I look forward to hearing regular updates on the progress towards our emission reduction goals. I want to thank the members of my staff who worked so hard on this, amanda watson in particular, sam diaz and others who really worked hard over the course of the last year to bring this to fruition. Thanks to you. Thanks to everyone. I am very pleased to vote aye. The substitute resolution as amended is adopted. Thank you all. And we are adjourned.

**Council recessed at 9:30 p.m.**

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**July 1, 2020**                      **9:30 a.m.**

**Wheeler:** Good morning, Karla. Please call the roll. [roll taken]

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

**Wheeler:** 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 to the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available from the city's youtube challenge, [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 to promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public, health, safety, and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communication. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. With that, we will hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

**Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney:** Good morning, mayor. Members of the council. To participate in the council meetings 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 and resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The council agenda takes 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. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given that further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Finally, please be aware that all council meetings are recorded.

**Wheeler:** Next, robert. Next up is communications. Karla.

**Karla:** Mayor, we also will need to elect the new president of the council.

**Wheeler:** Oh, you are right: Look at that. It is July 1st. Who is next in the rotation?

**Karla:** It's commissioner eudaly's turn.

**Wheeler:** One moment. I am going to take a 30-second recess.

**Hardesty:** She is going to ask if you needed a motion.

**Karla:** I think that we can elect commissioner eudaly in her absence.

**Wheeler:** Karla, I would like to suspend the rules and not take this vote at this particular moment. I would like to hold off for a few minutes. Could we move to communications first.

**Karla:** Certainly.

**Item 512.**

**Ben Prock:** Can you hear me? This is ben prock.

**Wheeler:** Yes, we can.



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**Ben Prock:** Okay. I have got a prepared statement that I will read from, if that's okay.

**Hardesty:** Go, ben, go.

**Ben Prock:** Good morning, and thank you for hearing me today. My name is ben prock. I am a small business owner with an office located at 3551 northeast columbia boulevard. We've been in business for about 25 years and weathered many economic turns and challenges over the years. Over a year ago, a homeless camp was erected within the clover leaf at 33rd and northeast columbia boulevard, which is located directly across from my office. I assume that they would likely move looping after a month that the city would likely move them out when that didn't happen I reported the unlawful campsite to the one point of contact website, one year ago this month. Since then, I reported the ever growing campsite at least twice a month for the last year. The only action I have seen is mowing the grass, which occurs around the camp. I provided two or three photos for you to review. Over the past year, my employees and myself have witnessed the following types of activities. Illegal burning, cutting trees for use of firewood. Homeless, relieving themselves in the open, homeless measuring themselves, also, in the open. Obstructing traffic. And yelling obscenities at cars, and animal abuse. They have got -- currently they have a sign up that says that the dog bites. Open violent behavior, just last week. I had to call the police department because they were hitting golf balls at my business. Theft. The environmental impact, the lands that they are occupying, and I could go on. I am a law-abiding citizen that pays taxes and complies with the laws we are governed by. However, every day I witness illegal activities from the homeless camp across the street. Which I reported multiple times, however no action is being taken against them. I have also sent emails directly to the mayor's office. Multnomah county chair, the police chief, and several others in legislature, pleading for my government to help resolve this matter. Our business has experienced drastically reduced revenues as a result of having this atrocity in such close proximity to our storefront. Customers don't want to deal with the negative aspect of walking by a homeless camp. The group living in the homeless camp has become more and more aggressive, and I now fear for the safety of my employees and myself. For the city to law this lawlessness to continue for so long is absolutely wrong, and a dereliction of the city's duties. I ask you take immediate action to remove this camp and take measures to ensure it remains gone. I thank you to your time.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, ben. If I could quickly respond. First of all, thank you for being here today. Thank you for sharing the photos. I want you to know that we are hearing you. We do understand your frustration. As you know, we have significant restrictions as to when, how, where, and under what circumstances we are able to remediate the camps. We are under a settlement, if you will, that has a number of stipulations on top of that because of the covid crisis, the center for disease control, basically, issued guidance asking cities to stop camp remediation, which we have done for approximately the last three months. We are only now taking up the issue again of camp remediation. I will be the first to agree with you that the situation has, actually, exacerbated during the covid crisis. I am certainly aware of the impact this has on livability and the community. While we are under the guidance, the cdc guidance, it makes it difficult for us to go about the ordinary camp remediation we will do. We received your emails, and those have been forwarded to our urban camping folks who are aware of this situation, and we are now in the process of beginning to take up the question of camp remediation again, and that camp is definitely known to us. They prioritize the cleanups in terms of the public health threat, environmental threat, and immediate safety threat. So that is the way that we are working our way through the current requests in front of us. I want you to know that you are not being ignored. You are being heard. Your frustration is palpable, and it is understood. So I want to thank you for being here today. I will make sure that we reach out to you and keep you informed.

**Ben Prock:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, sir. I appreciate it. Thanks, ben. Next individual, please, Karla.

**Item 513.**

**Wheeler:** Good morning, michaela.

**Michaela Madrid:** My name is michaela madrid, and today I am honored to bring forth the statement from the missing, murdered, and indigenous pdx group in solidarity with our black and afro indigenous relatives. Black lives matter. Black liberation and tribal sovereignty are inseparably linked to decolonization. Law enforcement institutions originated as slave patrols in state militias that enslave black people and commit genocide against native americans to colonize this country. This pervasive white supremacist foundation is perpetuated by our educational systems and uses policing and incarceration as a form of continued slavery. Anti-blackness, indianness and institutional racism keep bipoc voices silent when public policy, procedures, and systems are created. White supremacy must be interrupted immediately by the city of Portland. We demand funds from the Portland police bureau are allocated to bipoc communities in order to create systems of restorative justice led by the Portland black community, enhance the city's black male achievement program, and create a native american achievement program. Heal the internalized white supremacy and trauma of police officers and city employees and create accountability to ensure this train is utilized in every day work, invite survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault to reimagine the role police serve in our community. Increase the Portland children's levy funding, and create an inclusive institutional processes that recognize community needs evolve over time. We stand in solidarity with the demands from the Portland, african-american leadership forum, unite Oregon, and don't shoot pdx. We thank you for the budget allocation to the city's tribal relations program, but also recognize that not all demands were met at the final budget approval. We will continue to hold you accountable to act on the vital needs and look forward to your demonstrated compassion. In closing, it's time for police to serve and protect all communities, rather than be given liberty and immunity to harm bipoc communities. We need survivor centered, trauma informed to create a community of care instead of a police force. It is time for a new system that honors and nurtures a vibrant world where black and afro indigenous children and their children's children can stand tall with their dreams. This cannot happen until black lives matter to our institutions in Portland. In solidarity, miw, pdx. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, michaela, appreciate your remarks this morning. Thank you for being here. So Karla, that completes communications, is that correct?

**Karla:** That's correct, that's the only two that we have this morning.

**Wheeler:** I have a small announcement I need to make before we move into our time certain. It's actually two announcements. I will make one at the beginning and one at the end. Colleagues, before we begin today's time certain items, I need to provide an update on the residential infill project. We originally had scheduled to vote on the amendment on July 1st, today, at 2:00 p.m. Due to the absence of commissioner Eudaly, we will continue the item until July 9 at 2:00 p.m., and we will vote on the proposed amendments at that time. To the members of the public, who are planning on watching the vote, thank you for your engagement and patience. I will make the subsequent announcement at the end. All right. First time certain item. There is two items that we are going to read together. Karla, 514 and 515, please.

**Items 514 & 515.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you. The next two items concern the city's labor agreements with the Portland police association officers and represented employees at the bureau of emergency communications. They have, obviously, been read together. As police commissioner, I will offer introductory remarks about the ppa, officer contract item 14, and

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as commissioner in charge of boac, commissioner hardesty will offer remarks about the ppa, boac contract, which is item 515. Is the city's agreement with the ppa to extend the officer contract by one year accomplishes two primary objectives. First, we will allow time for the legislative changes such as those that passed last week in the special session, that we can then deal with and bargain. One key legislative change that occurred last week is passage of the arbitration bill that limits an arbitrator's authority and disciplinary matters if the parties have bargained the discipline matrix or guide. The city has tried for the past 2.5 years to get this bill passed, and I am very happy. It was one of the pieces of police reform from last week's session that we can now incorporate into our bargaining process. Second, we are more than halfway through the bargaining and would likely only have had a couple more public sessions before coming to the end, which would not have allowed for sufficient public participation, something that we pledged at the beginning of this process. With this agreement, we restart the bargaining on January 13, 2021, and will have at least 150 days of bargaining, and therefore, much greater opportunity for necessary public participation, I would like to thank the bargaining team and the Portland police association for working to go to come to this agreement expeditiously. I support this agreement, and I ask my colleagues to join me. I will now give commissioner hardesty an opportunity to offer her remarks about the ppa contract. Commissioner hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. I also want to add my appreciation and thanks to the city's bargaining unit and team. It is clear that it was a devastating thing for me to vote against the boac contract whether it came up previously. Due to the financial situation, it was clear that we had an expectation that all of us would share the pain and the gain as we move through this covid-19 crisis. I want to do a special shout out to bob, who has shown just exceptional leadership as the director, bob, as the director of boac. Over the last few years, and I just appreciate him more and more as we move through some very challenging times. The union leadership team excelled in working collectively with the city's bargaining team to come up with this agreement. I know it was hard for all sides, but I am really appreciative that we were able to do that. And last but certainly not least, I want to really appreciate the hard work of our 9-1-1 call center employees. They are second to none in the city of Portland. They worked under the most trying circumstances. So I hope today you will support this contract so that our employees at boac will have certainty in a very uncertain future. Thank you, mayor. Thank you team for bringing this -- these resolutions forward.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty. We will now hear from cathy bless, the director for the bureau of human resources, heidi brown is here from the city attorney's office, to answer any legal questions. Obviously, cathy can answer any h.r. Questions. And then we will open the floor to public testimony. I don't know if you have had further presentation or just were making yourselves available for q&a.

**Cathy Bless, Chief Human Resources Officer:** I just have just a bit of recap, and comment. I will be brief, and we can go right into the public comment. So thank you, mayor and commissioners. I am cathy bless, chief human resource officer. I am here today to seek your approval of items 514 and 515. I will speak to both of these items briefly, so item 514, the extension of the Portland police association contract through June 30, 2021. With this contract extension, the ppa has agreed to defer its cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2021, representing a savings of about 3 million. The union has also agreed to an expanded Portland street response pilot providing for six units and has agreed to public participation in the bargaining process as you mentioned beginning January 13 of 2021. Assuming, of course, that it will be safe to do so as the nation continues to deal with the covid-19 crisis. It is also important to note that under collective bargaining rules, when a contract expires without a new agreement, most terms and conditions of the employment continue under the requirement to maintain the status quo. Allowing the expiration of a

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collective bargaining agreement does not provide the city with a new opportunity to act independent of the expired contract. Extending this contract does help to ensure critical conversations on police accountability within the state, federal, and local levels integrated within this time line. I would like to take this moment to thank you, president darrell turner, chief lovell, and , and deputy chief davis during these changes. I would like to thank the labor relations team for their continued work, budget director jessica kinard and her staff, and both heidi brown from the city attorney's office. I also want to acknowledge the work and input from carly edwards, the chief of staff, to commissioner hardesty, and as well as jamal and nicolle and from your office. All have worked in support of getting to this moment, and I fully support this contract extension and ask council to approve this ordinance. So now I will move to item 515, seeking your approval of the ppa, 911 operator's contract. The city began negotiations in january of 2019 with afscme, and two months into that process, the union members elected to change their representation to the Portland police association. We resumed bargaining with the ppa in late june 2019 and in december went to mediation. Through good faith bargaining we reached a tentative agreement on march 11. It was ratified by their union shortly thereafter. The previous boac agreement expired in june of 2019, and after additional negotiations, due to covid-19, and the forecasted economic impacts to the city, both parties have agreed to additional concessions. This contract provides for a 1% increase across the board and longevity pay at year 7 to ensure that we remain competitive with similar jurisdictions in our local area. We increased the ability for dispatchers to attend training and the city was successful at negotiation about accountability and sick leave use. The additional concessions negotiated, negotiated within this contract with the ppa provides for and longevity pay in fiscal year 2021, deferring the cost of living adjustment for this current, now current fiscal year as we enter into july 1 and a partial deferral of the cola that they are giving up this year into the following fiscal year. This contract adds a fourth year and provides an additional 1% across the board in fiscal year 2021-20 -- in -- in 2022-2023. I would like to thank derrick turner and bob for their leadership and collaboration during these negotiations. And I would also like to thank the city attorney lori kraut as well as the staff from commissioner hardesty and your office. Thank you very much for the thoughtful consideration of these agreements. Both the union and the city worked hard on these contracts. I fully support this agreement, as well, and ask that you approve this contract. I now am available for any questions. As is lori, who did the work for the 9-1-1 contract, and heidi brown for the ppa, police officer contract. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Did you have anything that you wanted to add?

**Heidi Brown, Chief Deputy, City Attorney's Office:** I don't have a specific comment but I am absolutely available if there are questions or if there is any clarification that would be helpful to provide.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any questions before we move to public testimony? Very good, I think that we are all pretty well versed on both of these at this point. With that, Karla, how many people do we have signed up for public testimony this morning?

**Karla:** For both these we have about nine people.

**Wheeler:** Very good. I don't see any reason why we can't take three minutes for each, if people could state their name for the record.

**Karla:** Okay.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Hyung Nam:** Good morning. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Hyung Nam:** Thank you. First of all, I want to just thank city council for committing to a public process for the contract. I think that that's really important. I think that since the negotiations are supposed to begin in january, I would -- and with all the increased interest

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and concerns about policing, I would really like to see additional public virtual forums to get more input about what we want in the contract at this point. I think it really changed since we did this last year. I am representing Portland metro, people's coalition. I am a public school teacher with pps and a union member, and also I served as the official budget advisory committee member for the Portland police bureau. I just want to say, first of all, I want to underscore the contract letter that many of our organizations signed onto, calling for specific changes to the police contract, and that is especially with dealing with racism and lack of accountability around the use of force, and I am having the independent, true independent review with the ability to compel testimony and eliminating the special privileges that police officers have around this process. And I want to underscore that the police bureau's own internal study, the strategic insights survey shows that there is a huge problem with lack of trust for the police. They called themselves public safety, but if the majorities of the public, especially bipoc communities, do not trust the police, they can't do -- they can't pretend to be a public safety department. I just want to also underscore that, you know, while the content of the contract is extremely important, there are a lot of other things outside the contract that I would like, especially mayor wheeler, as commissioner of police to do. We've been seeing nightly brutality against protesters. Last night was one of the worst cases that we have seen. If you pay attention to those sequences of how things happen, you will see that it is the police that incite violence, that incite protesters nightly, and they are violating the rights of not only the protesters, but of the public of journalists and medics that are attacking them with c.s. Gas, even though it is supposed to be banned, it could cause traffic accidents. This is a threat to public safety. We are wasting taxpayer dollars with these police officers threatening safety, and I know that the aclu pointed out issues with the directive 635.10 on crowd management and crowd control. This has also been pointed out by the auditor after the June 4, 2017 protest where we have seen some huge problems where they had 400 people in a whole block including journalists, took photos of their i.d., and there were all kinds of recommendations made by the ipr and the audit --

**Karla:** That's three minutes.

**Wheeler:** Folks. Thank you for that, and we appreciate you serving on the budget advisory committee. Thank you for that, as well. This testimony today is narrowly focused on the question of the contracts that are before us. There will clearly be plenty of opportunity in the days, the weeks, and the months ahead to discuss use of force tactics and what's going on, on the streets today. I would argue that we need more transparency in terms of what is going on, what the police bureau is doing, and why the police bureau is doing what they are doing. I have had conversations just this morning with people to ensure that we doubled down on those efforts to make sure that we are being completely transparent and accountable in our use of force tactics and why things are done and how these issues unfold. So let's take that up separately today. We are narrowly focused on the two ordinances before us. Thank you. Next individual, please, Karla.

**Karla:** It is John.

**Wheeler:** John?

**Karla:** No last name listed.

**Wheeler:** John. You are up.

**John:** Hi. I want to ask why the Portland police union contract is being extended for a year when they have been on the record saying that if it were allowed to expire it would go into a status quo where the contract could be adopted at any time. I am wondering why not start the public engagement process immediately on a new contract, and have it adopted immediately rather than waiting a whole year to start that process.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, John. That's a fair question. It's one that we, actually, considered. I will give my best answer, and maybe Cathy or Heidi or one of my colleagues have a different

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response. I, actually, was concerned that January was too late. When we started this process, I thought wow, we are going to push this all the way to January and that seems like a long time to delay. But now that I have seen how the COVID crisis is unfolding, I am actually concerned that January may be too soon. The bottom line we want to get going as quickly as we can to have the full community engagement process that we pledged right up front when we started this process, and we held our community listening sessions, one of the top values almost virtually agreed to was more public participation in the process. We just cannot do it under COVID with the restrictions that we have. So that was the first consideration. The second was that we wanted to wait and see how the legislative process unfolded. We believe that we had an opportunity to finally see some of the legislation that we were putting forward and supporting as a city council that had been put forward by the people of color coalition and the state legislature. Waiting has proven to be a net positive for us now that we have seen that legislation that we advocated for finally pass. So those are the two main reasons that I would give you. John, it looks like Commissioner Hardesty may want to give you a slightly different perspective. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** No, Mayor. I don't want to disagree with anything that you said. I would think for me, also, we understand that the people of color are preparing for a second special session that will have some additional police reform measures that we anticipate will pass that session, hopefully. And what that means is when the city starts renegotiating in January, the city will be in a better position than we started the negotiations when we started this term. And I will say more about that as we make remarks today, but for me, it's really important that we continue to engage the community around the kind of community policing they want, and this gives us some more flexibility and opportunities to really be focused on the changes that we can make, assuming that Salem does the job that we expect them to continue to do. I appreciate the question, John.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, thank you, and John, thank you for your continued engagement. I know that you participated in early community sessions, and you've been involved in this from the beginning, so thanks to you and have a great weekend.

**John:** Thank you.

**Karla:** Next is Edith Gillis.

**Wheeler:** Hi, Edith.

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

**Wheeler:** Yes, good morning, twice in less than 12 hours. We feel privileged. It's good to hear your voice.

**Edith Gillis:** I am saying I like us to keep item 515 as is for the Bureau of Emergency Communications versus the Portland Public Police Bureau, and for 514, I want us to change item number 2, to read it, change the wording so it says any and all cost of living adjustment for fiscal year 2020-2021 shall be denied, and that any and all future costs shall depend upon the city meeting the following criteria, the city shall have enough money and resources, staffing and adequate policies to meet the requirements to protect and serve all Portlanders, safety, health, democracy, and social justice via one, climate mitigation with net zero carbon by 2025. Two, disaster prevention and resilience for all Portlanders. Three, pandemic prevention and reduction compensation and just recovery from public -- well, see now -- my eyesight is going black, and I can't see.

**Wheeler:** Edith, are you all right?

**Gillis:** No, I am having medical problems, sorry. Four, removal of all dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure transport storage and use by 2025. Five, yearly improve and expand the green infrastructure bio-diversity of degenerative nature, six, local organic growing and producing of Portlanders would need with food security, safe drinking water, conserve purple water and safe reuse of gray water. Seven, the local growing and production of

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medical and personal protective equipment needed in case of pandemic and local regional disasters in which regional, state, and federal resources are --

**Wheeler:** Edith, could I ask, are you recommending that we amend the police contract to address our climate mitigation concerns?

**Gillis:** I am saying that for number two, the criteria for continuing is based on the city meeting its priorities and public safety and health first. Then in section number three, when they say when to continue it, it will be not dependent upon the federal government giving money for militarized police or police state -- it's very conceivable the federal government could withhold all other funding, and then have mandated unfunded mandates requiring the city to spend lots of money while curating lots of disasters so that we won't have the money and means to give cola, and if we give cola, it would be unfair to give it just to one and not all the others that we need more for the city to fulfill the requirements, and number eight, as a criteria under number two, for cola, secure accounting and transparent democracy in which each and every Portlander, 18 and older, can vote and have votes properly counted for any and all Portland ordinances, budgets, items, measures, and candidates regardless of national citizenship or former incarceration, etc. Number nine, adequately house every Portlander. Ten, social justice including reparations especially for bipoc, and by that I mean queer, trans, black, indigenous, as well as immigrant people of color. And 11, crime prevention via healthy and safe 24-7 parks and recreation and ongoing education so that we are teaching and nurturing multi-cultural anti-races and all gender welcoming, narrow diversity, all abilities so we are countering the hate crimes that we have systemically encouraged in the police department escalates. Number 12, a healthy and just transition --

**Karla:** Three minutes.

**Gillis:** Fair free public transit with housing, education services and food properly located.

**Wheeler:** All right. Thank you, Edith. Appreciate it, and I hope that you are feeling all right. Are you doing okay?

**Gillis:** No.

**Wheeler:** Do you need some help?

**Gillis:** I need lots of medical support. But right now, I didn't think that I could get through this so I am glad I could get that.

**Wheeler:** I want to make sure that you are doing all right.

**Gillis:** I am not, but thank you.

**Wheeler:** We appreciate your participation today and thanks for being with us late last night, as well. Next individual, Karla.

**Karla:** Dan Handelman.

**Wheeler:** Mr. Handelman, welcome.

**Dan Handelman:** Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners, I am Dan Handelman with Portland Cop Watch. Cop Watch understands circumstances surrounding the pandemic have led to the now hasty renewal of the PPA collective bargaining contract. We also understand meeting the community's demand to defund and rethink the purpose of police and society has added an extra layer of complexity to the negotiating process. In that sense the renewal you are considering today, buys time to reimagine what could be done to minimize the community harm while protecting the rights of officers to earnings and benefits. The opportunity to the Portland street response with police mental health crisis is one step towards reducing our overdependence on police. However this agreement also signals the possibility that Mayor Wheeler will never have to go through the hard, tough negotiations to remove the barriers to accountability baked into the contract. After winning the May primary in 2016 the Mayor cheered that on, then Mayor Charlie Hales from the sidelines as the Mayor negotiated a contract which nominally removed the 48 hour but left the other barriers in place. The adoption of that contract was done with Council meeting in

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the rose room while jo ann hardesty and I were let the record also reflected in chambers. Cop watch has -- the community groups demanding the contract change to allow ipr to investigate deadly force cases, which is currently prohibited. That agency also needs to be able to compel officers to testify and not be required to interview officers and police facilities which are issues limited by the current contract. The community letter we signed also called for drug testing of officers after deadly force incidents which is not allowed now. This delay means we have to live for another year with all these limitation there is place among others. Some changes have to be made in the contract and some to state law and some to city law. For example, the community demand for the city to fire officers more easily needs to be addressed. The bill was passed in the legislature was incorrectly characterized by the governor as limiting our to over-turn discipline of officers. The bill only applies to situations where arbitrators agree misconduct occurred. Although it does limit their ability to lower the amount of discipline. Further steps member taken to limit the arbitrator's ability in considering whether misconduct occurs in serious cases. It also means various side agreements including provisions of this discipline matrix are on hold. admitted it needs to be revisited, and for making an openly racist remark at roll call was three weeks off without pay. In terms of the transparency, which has been unprecedented until today's agreement was announced, it is clear negotiations took place to put this contract together. The last known negotiating session held a ppa headquarters march 13 was reportedly used to finalize the ground rules. Those rules which that every other meeting be held in public. The contract was signed on june 8, two weeks since the uprisings after the murder of george floyd. While the city officials hinted they were thinking about extending the contract, nobody was told about the session's health to create this agreement. We hope that the extra time will be used to facilitate more and deeper dialogues about changes needed to the contract. We appreciate that council is making some efforts to meet the community demands on holding police accountable but remember the slogan justice delayed and justice denied. And we sent you a longer version of that testimony by email yesterday.

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

**Karla:** Next is jennifer shasher.

**Wheeler:** Hi, jennifer.

**Jennifer Shasserre:** Hi. Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear. Thank you.

**Jennifer Shasserre:** Wonderful. Thanks for having me, I am jennifer and I appreciate this opportunity. I work with business in northeast Portland. I am here representing myself, but also 15 other influential restaurants with whom i've been meeting with in the last month on how to politics. We feel our defunding and accountability are not represented by the legacy chamber of commerce. In fact, we understand that the Portland business alliance has far too far influence and has. In the week after our first meeting, we titled Portland small business owners as of this morning, it has 4,500 signatures. It has been submitted to the mayor's office and we have yet to hear a response. I can say that as someone with race and class privilege the majority of my interactions with the police come in my context as a business owner. Time often left with 9-1-1 as the only resource when a community member is in crisis. I have given my fears for the individual from police violence I generally do not call. I submit there are better ways to spend our tax dollars generated by the millions from our collective businesses. We want resources and care for our fellow city dwellers. All this today, I am personally -- I hesitated to support the 2016 police contract and the extension. It seems it is clear how the public feels about these issues. Thanks to the work of our black leaders and other organizations working on this issue for years, Portlanders are aware of how we see processes and now misaligned with our values the police union is. I worry the council is hoping will fade but I am willing to give the benefit of



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the doubt to these members. I want to say I am a supporter of unions and believe in to unionize. Unions are meant to protect the working class and underprivileged. The ppa is not this. They were aligned with the preparations and right wing politicians. Their pack donates money against leaders who police oversight. I would argue that given their status and qualified immunity they can hardly be considered working class. The community deserves true accountability and transparency, and the ppa stands in its way time and time again. Myself and my small business peers are following this issue closely, and we will somebody vocal in our views. World has much work to do. I appreciate the council's tremendous is under tremendous pressure, and justice denied. I also echo the Portland jobs in calling for Portland city council and the ppa to ensure this contract negotiation process is. If I have a minute left, as restaurant owners we are struggling to keep the lights on, and recent reports on tens of thousands of dollars on tear gas with pandemic is unfolding. Some of gas was used on my family, including my teenage son on June 5. We put our hands up in singing happy birthday to Breonna Taylor. I witnessed over and over how police escalation the

**Karla:** That's three minutes.

**Jennifer Shasserre:** -- their future salaries are. The police bureau does not seem to share in this burden. I can only hope that muster the strength needed to create equitable change.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you, Jennifer. Commissioner Hardesty.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Jennifer, for your testimony this morning. Thank you for working with restaurant owners. We know how restaurant owners, especially are really suffering through this pandemic. I just want you to know how much I appreciate you being activate and had being involved in this issue. I want to assure you that the Portland business alliance is not the boss of me. I am absolutely committed to making sure that we continue having a public process that, actually, centers the values of how the community wants to be policed. I am excited about this opportunity that we have with this delay, quite frankly, to continue to reimagine what community safety looks like so that we go into January's negotiation with a clearer picture of how we start building the kind of community safety force that we want. I am not happy at all when I see the video of what's been happening on the streets every night. That cannot continue. So we have to figure out how to resolve that as soon as possible. I did not want you to leave here thinking that -- I can tell you none of my colleagues are being bossed around by the Portland business alliance, either. The reality is that we have to solve many of the crises that we are in right now. This extension in no way backs us away from our commitment to insuring that the contract clearly represents the community's values. We have a way to go with that. There are legal hurdles to getting where we want to go. But we are going to bring the community along every step of the way. So Jennifer, I hope your son is okay, and all the other people who continue to be exposed to gas every night. I just can't imagine what the health impacts will be of that over the long term.

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, Jennifer.

**Wheeler:** Go ahead, Karla.

**Karla:** Next is Maria.

**Wheeler:** Hi, Maria.

**Maria Cahill:** Hello. My name is Maria Cahill. I volunteer with the Pacific Northwest Family Circle. This is a group of families in the Pacific Northwest whose loved ones have been killed by police and have chosen to struggle for justice together. Today I speak on behalf of myself, based on experience working directly with these families. Last year, many of the Portland families and myself and other supporters attended the community engagement events hosted by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty. The top two issues most important to the community were accountability and transparency. The city council opted

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instead to negotiate in private with the police, giving them raises and making other unacceptable concessions that will preserve the status quo. And the status quo is this -- over 170 people of all races have been murdered by police in Portland since 1992. Not one officer has been punished or stayed punished. Without an accountable and transparent process around union contract negotiations, the number of community members murdered by police in Portland will continue to rise. The number of officers punished will continue to stay at zero. I just want to be clear that I support the positions and testimony of Portland cop watch on this issue. The families of pacific northwest family circle who suffered daily over this violation of trust cannot be calmed with this delay. There is no excuse that you can offer them for displaying accountable and transparent practices in your processes, so I will take a moment to say an answer for loved ones in our organization, and I invite everyone in this meeting to join me in the practice taught to us by black lives matter at the monthly vigil. After the meeting I invite you to join me in saying, we remember you for all the loved ones killed by police and to say that we support you for all the loved ones who were injured by police. This is just a fraction of the loved ones killed by police who unwillingly gave their lives to this justice struggle and should be -- whose names and pictures should be in your mind every time you work on the police contract negotiations. 19-year-old christopher we remember you. 22-year-old bode phelps, we remember you. 25-year-old chance thompson, we remember you. 17-year-old quanis hayes, we remember you. 24-year-old terrell johnson, we remember you. 27-year-old chase hammer, we remember you. 21-year-old bradley morgan, we remember you. 27-year-old daniel, we remember you. 29-year-old alex, we remember you. 49-year-old captain brian bab, we remember you. 44-year-old deanna case, we remember you. 54-year-old, we remember you. 48-year-old john, we remember you.

**Karla:** That's three minutes.

**Maria Cahill:** 43-year-old jesse powell, we remember you. 27-year-old patrick kimmons, we remember you. 35-year-old matthew burrows, we remember you. 36-year-old andre gladin, we remember you. 20-year-old mcdade, we remember you. 29-year-old joel nelsen, we remember you. Alive, andre thompson, we support you. Alive, bryson chaplin, we support you.

**Hardesty:** I just want to thank you for the incredible work that you and the northwest family circle does to really embrace families at this time. I really appreciate that you continue to ensure your, you are part of making sure that you keep the vigil continues. It is still the longest continuous monthly vigil in the country for someone who has been killed by police violence. I disagree with some of your premise, but I hope that by the end of this conversation today that you will have additional information about our commitment to insuring that not just a contract, but every part of the community safety is reevaluated and refocused on insuring that all of our community members can feel safe from both police violence and other violence. Thank you again for being here. I greatly appreciate it.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Karla:** Next is husani.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Seemab Hussaini:** Hello, everybody. Greetings, Karla and commissioners hardesty, mayor and police commissioner wheeler, well wishes to commissioner eudaly and Fritz. My name is husani with the Oregon chapter for the council on american islamic relations, and coalition member of Portland united against hate. In consideration of the commission to authorize a letter of agreement between the city of Portland and the Portland police association to extend, to extend the collective bargaining agreement. And not just limit the lents neighborhood. We understand emergency closures do the public health crisis resulted in an unprecedented impact on the city's financial standing, so to help with this, we offer the consideration to save a ton of money by switching your auto insurance --

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sorry, to save a ton of money by stopping all Portland police bureau from inciting riots immediately. Now I understand that this sounds facetious. Ask the reporters gassed nightly and arrested for being depressed. These are concrete suggestions, which will save millions in the next six months, such as end all purchases and use of tear gas, and maybe non-lethal ammunitions. Mayor wheeler, i've been dubbed tear gas ted, war crimes wheeler. And even in warfare, as with all other chemical weapons, c.s. And all the gas you are using has. This will help allow the city quote, "to allow the city to the greatest extent possible to meet the financial obligations while retaining employees, maintaining delivery of city services." and I ask that you release all arrested press and media that was detained last night. Dismiss all the charges. Fight to reverse the tarnishing reputation, the police commissioner and the mayor is receiving. I think that it is repairable. I also thank commissioner hardesty in acknowledging the nightly videos and the long-term health impacts of these attacks upon the people of Portland. Transparency isn't a choice, mayor. You are ignoring front line live reporting. You have work to do, and if you pass this collective bargaining off until after the election cycle we will remind you consistently of what you can and aren't doing in the meantime and in place of. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for your perspective. We appreciate it.

**Karla:** Next is sarah.

**Wheeler:** Welcome.

**Sarah Iannarone:** Good morning, everyone. Special thanks to maria for reading those names. I know that's why we are all here today, and I know that we all unequivocally support the unions and workers rights to organize. I disagree with the renewal of the Portland police association collective bargaining contract, while covid-19 presents challenges with tens of thousands of Portlanders in the streets, supporting and demanding reform, we are missing a valuable opportunity to leverage that public support for bringing maximum demands to the bargaining table. I stand in alignment with the demands of community groups outlined in the letter referenced here who want to see the contract changed to allow an independent civilian agency to investigate deadly force cases, compel officers to testify and not be required to interview officers in police facilities, and for drug testing of officers after deadly force incidents. Say hear commissioner hardesty has proposed creation of a new police oversight system enshrined in the city charter and independent from any elective office or bureau, for the november ballot. That's exciting. I look forward to a robust process around that and good progress on that front. While this delay means that we have do live with the limitations of the current contract in place, as dan handle leman of Portland cop watch pointed out there is an upside. The one renewal means Portlanders have an opportunity to vote out ted wheeler and elect a mayor that they trust in january of 2020-2021. In my recent plan which people can find at, I impose including a residency requirement for Portland police in, boston, candidates must reside in the city for a year before applying to the department and then maintain residency while employed. I can't help but wonder if the violence I am witnessing against the public, journalists, members of the press might not be mitigated if the people charged with public safety actually considered the people in the streets, their neighbors instead of enemy combatants, which is what I am seeing in recent weeks. Would police be as willing to tear gas their own neighborhoods? I doubt it. You are aware that last night they deployed tear gas, mayor. Did you see that Portland police arrested journalists again last night, too? It's illegal. I hope you will take action to stop this violence and immediately hold accountable the officers perpetrating it. Not only is it a public health menace. We are opening the city to lawsuits that the next mayor will be dealing with for years. We must be proactive to truly hold police accountable in this moment. Police brutality is not an acceptable response to protests about police brutality. I've been actively testifying in salem regarding the recent sweep of reforms but I find it frustrating the state points to the cities, the cities point to the

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state, and everyone points to trump. Ultimately the buck stops with the police commissioner. You need to take responsibility and action for reigning in these officers. They are out of control. Finally, in terms of the transparency, it's not enough to announce a transparent process. We need to carry it out always. The decision to extend the contract was made behind closed doors without public input.

**Karla:** That's three minutes.

**Wheeler:** Thank you.

**Karla:** Next is memory mort.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty, I assume you did not have your hand raised? Is that from last time?

**Hardesty:** Sorry, from last time.

**Wheeler:** No worries. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Emory Mort:** Good morning, can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Loud and clear.

**Emory Mort:** I am emory mort, for the record. Good morning, mayor wheeler and good morning commissioner hardesty, commissioner eudaly, and Fritz. And other city officials listening today. Yeah, and thank you. I wanted to reiterate Portland cop watch's testimony and so much other powerful testimony here today. As most of the commissioners know, i've been participating in this ppa contract process from the beginning, just trying to be a good community member and help community demands be addressed, and in what is, I think we would all agree this ppa contract process is a pretty like lengthy, difficult, very seemingly intentional, intentionally kind of complicated process. I was on a call. Janel was talking about how this system is created to be this complicated, intentionally, and to be this sort of hard to move intentionally. And so, you know, I just wanted to touch on a couple of things. I think that everyone covered some of our issues but I will start with, you know, during this ppa contract process, this round, we, in the community, who have been active on this, we have heard from city council or connections we have a couple times that hey, actually, you know, the community doesn't care about these ppa contract things that much. And so we on the outside have been forced to like reiterate to your offices and other city bureaus that, actually, yes, we do care. The community does care about transparency. I just want to say with the whole george floyd thing, can we put that issue, can we put that talking point to rest? And on that topic, you know, we on the outside really need everyone to step up and help in this wild goose chase in order to get like transparency and accountability. So as others have mentioned, we are told to go to the state. We are told, oh, this can't be done this way. We have to get it in the contract. And oh, it can't be in the contract, that's in how the police management who is not in the contract, how they do things. So I would like to say, you know, commissioner eudaly, commissioner Fritz, city attorneys, bureau of human resources, all you have more inside information and access, so please, you have made commitments to do this, so please follow through? Helping address whatever can be addressed. So for example, police management can change the policies. Force them to do so. Be as knowledgeable as you can to help this process go along. And.

**Karla:** Three minutes.

**Emory Mort:** Last point, on transparency, it will be great if we could hear how did you negotiate this agreement without a public session per the ground rules that we had kind of understood, so we have worked on this. We would love to hear how did you negotiate that? Thank you and have a good day.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner hardesty. You are muted.

**Hardesty:** I wanted to just give a couple of comments based on emory's testimony.

Emory, I have been following police contracts in the city of Portland for almost 30 years. I

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can tell you that this is the very first time to my knowledge in the history of the city of Portland that the entire city council actually took a position on how we would negotiate this contract. The entire city council voted to support our outside attorney being the lead. The entire city council is committed to making sure that this new contract is a lot different than the old contract. You may have learned in some of the media you have been in, that there is a lot of things in the police contract that no one who is alive today remembers how it got in there. It is in there. And it's not an easy process to take things out of a contract that have been negotiated by somebody else, somewhere down the road. I want to just assure you that number one, I really greatly appreciate you taking the time because before I got on the city council, I went through a couple of contracts myself as a community member. I can tell you, if you are not familiar with labor law, and if you are not familiar with how contracts are put together, it is a very, very, very confusing process. I agree with you that it was put together that way on purpose. It wasn't put together that way by this city council. So we are committed to working with you in every community member that wants to make changes. I want to say that the contract is only one piece of what's broken. The is broken, but it is only one piece. There is so many other things that we must do to ensure that we have the kind of police force that we want. While the contract is important, it is just one piece of the bigger picture. So I hope that you will stay tuned to the work that we are doing around police accountability. I hope that you will stay tuned to the work that we are doing around re-envisioning what community safety looks like. This extension does not mean everybody stops work for a year, and then comes back a year later and starts over again. What it means is we will have the time to do it right. To do it thoughtfully. Otherwise, we would have ended up with the exact contract that we already had, and that was not an option, either. So I understand this is a very complicated process. Trust me, I still have to rely on the experts to sometimes explain different parts of it. So thank you. Thank you for your advocacy and thank you for actually putting in the time and energy to try to understand this process.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Karla.

**Jan E. Friedman:** The last one is jen e. Friedman.

**Wheeler:** Great. Welcome.

**Jan E. Friedman:** Commissioners, and mayor wheeler -- did you hear me, mayor wheeler, and commissioners, and those listening, thank you for the opportunity to speak on this important topic of whether to authorize an extension of the collective bargaining agreement between the city of Portland and Portland police association. I am an attorney with disability rights of Oregon, and disability rights Oregon is the nonprofit law agency that provides protection and advocacy for people with disabilities in the state. We've been involved in police reform with the Portland police bureau for the past several decades, including recently being on the behavioral health unit advisory board, a member since the inception, as well as being a member of the amicus group. rights Oregon is in support of major expansion of the Portland street response. This should allow more appropriate and effective services and response to people who are houseless and mental health crisis. There's been some improvement in accountability and oversight of the Portland police bureau over the decades of our involvement including one, the behavioral health unit was created, two, the crisis intervention team training has become mandatory with optional enhanced crisis intervention team training, and three, the settlement agreement terms include community engagement as a requirement. Which, of course, now is the . The strength of Portland police bureau's accountability and oversight is limited by the weakest link, which may be is the collective bargaining agreement between the police and city of Portland. If this agreement fails to hold officers accountable for citizens, than this exacerbates the distrust and anger of the community members. Reasonable oversight and accountability requires that investigations of Portland police bureau officers who have been

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charged with wrongdoing are done independently, but they are meaningful, including compelling officers to testify, and that they result in permanent terminations where warranted. In terms of the ppa's collective bargaining contract, there needs to be transparency for the citizens of Portland. The citizens of Portland are the experts on whether or not the Portland police bureau is doing its job. The public should be given notice of what's happening in being provided a way to be heard. And the disability community there is a phrase that you probably have all heard, "nothing about us without us." this is appropriate here where the people served are the community members. The city of Portland and the Portland police bureau have been part of a lawsuit and a settlement agreement with the usdoj for many years. The finding that the Portland police bureau used unconsciously excessive force on citizens of Portland with or perceived with mental illness. Change by the Portland police bureau including all ppa negotiations must require officer accountability and transparency. This is in the ppa contract, all of ppb accountability and oversight is diminished. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Appreciate it. Thank you very much. And Karla, that completes our public testimony. Is that correct?

**Karla:** That's correct, mayor.

**Wheeler:** All right. Any further discussion on item 514 before we call the roll on that? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll on item 514. That is the emergency

**Hardesty:** First, I want to thank the people who came to testify today and all the ones that I know who would have wanted to testify on this issue. I want to start by saying that I support this extension because to me, the most important part of this process is that it be as transparent as possible. Many of you may remember that I decided to run for city council during last contract talks when the public was shut out of city hall. The last contract was bargained behind closed doors without community process. As a city commissioner, I am committed to making sure that doesn't happen again. It is also why I have advocated that the city hire an outside attorney and have had one of my staff members included on the city's bargaining team and committed to the community's participation in these negotiations. As the legal counsel mentioned we begin bargaining with ppa on february 7, 2020. The public employees collective bargaining act requires that parties bargain for at least 150 days. In our 150 day timeline would have expired on july 6, 2020. After being in negotiations for 150 days, either side can demand to go to mediation, which is a confidential process. This would mean that it would no longer be open to the public. For this reason alone, I would support an extension which gets us back to the table in january of 2021, which hopefully, we will be able to be in a room together in some capacity. This is important because as part of our ground rules, bargaining sessions have been agreed to not which could make using technologies like zoom difficult. And you can read the ground rules at [Portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020](http://Portland.gov/sites/default/files/2020), and it is also on my commissioner facebook page. These same ground rules will be in effect in january. This extension sets six dates for negotiations, and the first one will be hosted by the city. The city and ppa alternative hosting each session where the city sessions are open to the public. We cannot mandate ppa sessions be open to the public. Most importantly to me, the agreement allows the Portland street response pilot program to move forward with an expanded six teams. My office has gotten several emails asking why this is part of the negotiations. I have legal counsel to provide an expansion because heidi, I don't want to mess it up. So if it's okay with the mayor, I would like to have heidi respond to why we need to have this as part of the ppa negotiations thank you.

**Heidi Brown:** Heidi brown from the city attorney's office. And commissioner, nancy to your question and the question from members of the public about why is Portland street response referenced. The work of responding to these types of calls has been historically done by police and fire, depending on the nature of the call. Because of that, there is a

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strong argument without saying whether it's 100% accurate or not, but there is a strong argument that this is bargaining unit work for those groups that are responding to the calls. In other words, police, when they respond, it becomes bargaining unit work, arguably, after many years of responding in that manner, and similarly, therefore we sat down with both the fire unit and the police union to get agreement on this pilot program to move it forward. We started off as noted with one team, and then expanded it to six teams and citywide for the pilot program.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, heidi. I appreciate that. I know many of you are interested in these negotiations, and I am excited to work with you and our community as we enter this process. Earlier the mayor and I hosted two community sessions with a report produced by the bureau of human resources. You can see a link to those results on my commissioner facebook page. We also hosted a work session on police contracts where presenters and sam of campaign zero and a link to that work session is also in the same post. As a city commissioner, please understand that my role is different than yours. I am both committed to change and am an employer and now find myself in the role of the employer, as well. This means in addition to change, I also am committed to not violating any laws under the public employees collective bargaining act that could be viewed as an unfair labor practice. In addition to issues of justice, labor relations is a complicated legal process, and I will do everything that I can to provide transparency and education as we move forward. I just want to end my saying that we have work to do, but I am 100% committed to making sure that the next police contract will more clearly reflect the values of the community that the police are sworn to protect and serve. And I absolutely believe that we will be in a better position based on legislative actions and other actions that the mayor and the rest of the city council will take between now and january of next year. And so I vote yes.

**Eudaly:** Well, the mayor and commissioner hardesty already covered a lot of what I had to say about extending this agreement, which basically, will preserve the existing ground rules and restart the bargaining time frame in january of 2021. Council bargained away a lot of our power and the union is not going to give up that power easily. So I agree we need to extend this bargaining agreement in order to and community involvement that we have committed to, to incorporate reforms coming from the state as well as demands from the community. And I want to thank community members who gave testimony today, those who continue to email or offices, and those who are still out there after 30 days protesting in the streets. I hear you. I stand with you. I share your frustrations. I am deeply concerned by the ongoing reports of police violence against protesters, and I am committed to getting what we want and need out of this process. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Thank you, commissioner hardesty, for your leadership and for explanation very clearly why we are making this decision together. Thank you for acknowledging the difference between being your community advocate and the city commissioner, and I feel so blessed to have a community applicant and a city commissioner who is able to lead this work with such dignity, thought, careful evaluation, and frankly, cred. You have got the cred, and it's good to see that. Thank you, mayor, for your partnership, and cathy bless, the city attorney's office for your work on it. Thanks to everybody emailing and calling our offices. I am sure that commissioner hardesty, you will post your comments and rationale on our website, and I will link to that as I have linked to your previous statements on the budget and other -- at other times. I want people to really listen to what you are saying because to me, what you are saying makes a lot of sense. And for those who are saying that we can justification everything by going to the ballot to pass something, to change the charter, it doesn't work that way. This is the very -- almost the epitome of systemic racism of institutional racism. We tried to change the -- we changed the charter in 2012 to acknowledge that there are 52 weeks in a year, and therefore, there is 26 paychecks. And rather than 27, we changed that, it was overwhelmingly accepted that there are 52 weeks

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in a year, and the police union, the police officer's union and the firefighters' union appealed it, and it was overturned in arbitration. So that just shows how difficult, how preempt incident the contract law and property law and who owns this country, who has own this had country for centuries, and so we are not going to be able to change that, and we may not be able to change it by force, either. Either by violence in the streets or by the ballot measure. What we are going to have to do under the mayor's office leadership is to change hearts and minds and negotiate a change which is in the best -- the better interest of the officers as well as the public. They are not -- the contract is not doing them any favors, and some of the elements in it about not being able to embarrass officers by saying who has been responsible for various things that have been found wrong, that's not how it works for the people who are having their mug shot posted, and that's not how it works for people who are found to have done wrong in the criminal justice system. So it's complicated, as folks better than I have said, so just -- we have got four people committed to this process right now. And we have got a community that is paying attention, that is wanting to see the changes, and we have to be really careful in how we go about making those changes so that they stick. The last thing that we want to do is to get something that we think is going to solve the problem, and then it doesn't. That means you take the time. As we learned from the indigenous people, it's worth taking the time as we learn from the youth last night in the climate change resolution. It's worth taking the time and doing things carefully and doing things with community participation, and that's why we are extend thinking contract and why we are not just letting it expire because then we lose so many of the things that -- the values we want to pursue. So thank you, and I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** Yeah, thank you for that, commissioner Fritz. It dovetails nicely with what I wanted to say. I remember when we delayed the vote on the climate declaration, how much grief we collectively got from the community, and I remember some very heated, pointed political speeches telling us that we were delaying, that it was important that we act immediately, that we were not doing the responsible thing by acting quickly. Well, we took the time. We slowed down so that we can engage bipoc communities. We can engage those who are most impacted by climate change so that we can elevate the voices of those who don't always have their voices elevated in the heat of the moment. And we heard last night uniformly from people how much they appreciated that we took the time to do it right, to elevate the appropriate voices, and to get the frame around justice that we ultimately ended up with. In other words, that original blow-back that we received, basically, dissipated as people understood what it was that we were trying to do, and when they saw the results of what we wanted to get done. The same thing held true when we delayed the allocation of the 2016 housing bond dollars. We slowed that process down so that we could engage in the communities of color and community organizations that have better access to front line communities than we did. And again, we took a lot of crap from a lot of people for slowing that down for a couple of months, but in retrospect, once again, people realized that that was the right thing to do. It actually turned out to be smart, and oh, by the way, we are way ahead of the time line it originally was stipulated for the Portland housing bond. So slowing down didn't hurt us. It helped us. This is another example where today we are hearing some pointed speeches, people telling us that we are making a mistake by not charging forward come hell or high water regardless of the fact that we all, as a council, acknowledge we cannot do the kind of public engagement process that we already promised the public. I believe that this will turn out to be the same as with the climate declaration and the housing bond that this will turn out to be the right move to make. I am glad that my colleagues are standing strongly with me on this issue. It is the right thing to do. I appreciate it. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. 515, please.

**Hardesty:** I am thrilled to be able to support the hard working employees of boac today with this new contract. I know that it was one of the hardest votes I ever took when this



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contract first came in front of us to vote no on it, but it was absolutely the right thing to do at that time. I want to share my great appreciation to the labor negotiating team for coming back to the table, and helping the city achieve its goal around making sure that we are -- had concessions from all our unions. I am proud of the work that boac does every day, under some really trying circumstances, and bob casa, I want to say once again that I just think you are an awesome director, and we are very lucky to have you leading that incredible team that you have at boac. I am very honored to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** I just want to express my gratitude for all the work that our emergency communications workers do, and are doing under these extraordinary circumstances. I want to appreciate the spirit of shared sacrifice shown in this renegotiated contract, and extend my thanks to everyone for all their hard work to make it happen. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** I was blessed to be the commissioner in charge for four years at the bureau of emergency and communications, and I was not surprised to hear that many of the employees were concerned about, that we were not able to reach agreement when it came to us last time, and it was the front line workers who pushed to make sure that -- that the union did come to an agreement, and that's what unions are supposed to do is to respond to the people who are their members. So thank you, and I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** And before I forget, commissioner eudaly, I need you for the council president right after this, so don't go away just yet. I just want to thank everybody. I want to thank the bargaining teams for the employees' ppa, darrell turner. I want to thank cathy bless and her terrific leadership at h.r. I want to thank heidi and her terrific leadership on the legal department. I want to thank all the council staffs who have been engaged in this conversation. Most of all, I want to thank our front line employees. They have sacrificed significantly to address the financial repercussions of the covid crisis. And the sacrifices that they are making including the freezing of cola and other steps. They are taking those sacrifices so that the public can continue to receive quality, community-based services. And that speaks to the value of our public employees. It speaks to their commitment to the community that they serve. I want to thank them for that. I want to thank my council colleagues. I feel like we worked in a really collaborative way on these issues. These are not simple issues. I think it's fair to say none of us came to our current community leadership positions with the extensive labor negotiations experience. We have received good guidance from those in the city staff, from the legal and h.r. Department who are professionals and who have done this work for many years on end. But i'm really pleased with the way my colleagues and my colleagues' staffs have worked in a collaborative, thoughtful manner to ask the right questions to get the right information, to give us as principles good guidance and to help smooth over or navigate any potential differences of agreement that we may have had along the way so we can get to this important end. With that i'll shut up. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, everyone.

**Hardesty:** Mayor, before you move on, if I could give one more thank you, I can't go back to my office if I don't greatly appreciate carly edwards who none of this would have been possible had she not been involved in helping to make work. You say none of us come to this with expertise. There's only one exception, that's carly edwards, my chief of staff. I want to appreciate her. It's rare for me to take a moment to appreciate my staff, but again, I think without carly it would have been a lot harder to get to where we are. So thank you, brilliant carly edwards, for your role in getting us here.

**Wheeler:** That was wise. I just got a text from carly saying she was locking your office door as we speak. I also want to acknowledge carly. She's been helpful to you but on the sly helpful to me. She brings a lot of experience to the table and it's been to the benefit of us all. Thank you, carly, if you're listening and hopefully unlocking commissioner hardesty's door. Colleagues, this brings us to a somewhat unprecedented vote. This is ordinarily a very standard thing that we do every six months. We rotate the council presidency. Is there

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an order to the way we rotate the council presidency. We just tend to go in the same order each time. Ordinarily I would thank the prior council president, commissioner hardesty, who has done a really exceptional job serving in the capacity of the council president over the last six months. This would ordinarily be commissioner eudaly's turn to serve as council president. She has very graciously agreed to cede the presidency to the most senior member of the Portland city council, that is, of course, commissioner Fritz. This is her last six months after many, many years of service to the Portland city council, and to the city of Portland. We wanted to honor her in some way, and in the absence of a great big bonus check which we are forbidden to give her for all of her great service we decided to honor her collectively by making her the president of the council during her last months of service to the city of Portland and so with that I will entertain a motion and second to accept commissioner amanda Fritz as the incoming president of the Portland city council.

**Eudaly:** So moved. Second: [laughter]

**Wheeler:** Commissioner hardesty moved but an equally enthusiastic second to commissioner eudaly. Any further discussion before we call the roll.

**Hardesty:** It's one of the most brilliant things we have done in my time on the city council. I am absolutely honored that this was the move that was made. It wasn't what I expected but i'm thrilled.

**Wheeler:** Well, it sounds like commissioner hardesty's vote is in question. Karla, let's call the roll and see how this cliffhanger is going to end for us.

**Hardesty:** Let me just say that it's going to be really weird to imagine a Portland city council without commissioner amanda Fritz on it. I know we got six short months left before that becomes a reality. I just want to let commissioner Fritz know that I am absolutely honored to turn the gavel over to her at this time. I enthusiastically vote yes.

**Eudaly:** Well, I have mentioned this before, that there's no real onboarding process for incoming commissioners. There's a lot of assumptions including that a new commissioner will be intimately familiar with parliamentary procedure, which was not the case for me. I was made president of the council my first day on the job, and I felt very fortunate to have an expert sitting directly to my left to help me navigate the rather arcane traditions of roberts rules. I was looking forward to this moment, but when the opportunity arose I realized I would be very happy to defer and grant this privilege to commissioner Fritz. It's also I think the right thing to do for me considering the demands of my job, campaigns and parenting, which at this time i'm one of two people on the planet responsible for my son, and so I want to thank commissioner Fritz for being willing to accept this responsibility on my behalf, and I vote aye.

**Wheeler:** Karla, I would like to go next, please. Thank you, commissioner eudaly, for your graciousness. I remember that, that was funny, literally it was your first session we elected you president.

**Eudaly:** Hilarious.

**Wheeler:** I thought, what have we done to you:

**Eudaly:** I thought I was being hazed.

**Wheeler:** It was as interesting a question to me as it was to you. I appreciate your graciousness and you will be next in the rotation after commissioner Fritz. I thank you for your consideration and generosity and I too have to say how much I appreciate the service that I get to do with commissioner Fritz. What I really appreciate about commissioner Fritz is that she is the defacto historian for the Portland city council. She remembers a lot of the context of what we are talking about on any given day. That institutional is important. We would be hobbled without that historical experience. I just want to say, commissioner Fritz, i'm not -- this isn't your way out. You still got six months of hard work ahead of you. We'll be relying on you every step of the way as we always do, but time is drawing short, and that leaves me with some very mixed feelings. On one hand I will really miss working with

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you when that six months draws to a close. But it's tempered by the excitement I have for your future and I know you're looking forward to doing all kinds of things that you have been putting off for many years as you served the community, and that's probably the most important thing. So i'm just really glad that you agreed to accept this, that you will be our council president going into the final stretch of what has been a truly brilliant career. I vote aye. [laughter]

**Eudaly:** Thank you, Karla: That wasn't a pregnant pause I don't know what a pregnant pause is: [laughter] this is unexpected, for those watching I didn't know about this. When the mayor made the announcement at the beginning I was busy texting and said, what? What? Commissioner eudaly, that's very gracious of you, thank you very much. Thank you, mayor wheeler, for thinking of this, and commissioner hardesty for your support. At the beginning of the year we made commissioner Fish the honorary president for the two days he would have been that was part of the the rotation. I'm glad we have fixed rotation problem so no other first term commissioner will ever have to do what commissioner eudaly had to do, which i'll tell you, it was worrying at the time and I didn't want to be rude and say I didn't think you could do it but you were just fine. You could do it. As the mayor said being president of the council is largely ceremonial. It's an honor to be asked to serve for one last time and I appreciate it very much. I thank all of my staff over the 11.5 years, some of whom will be available to continue the legacy but we have stuff to do over the next six months. We have a lot of things on our list. It's a bit shorter than the list that we came up with at the beginning of the year because of the constraints of the pandemic. Still I will appreciate my colleagues working with me to get some final things finished up. I'm very honored to accept this. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Very good. The motion carries. Congratulations, commissioner Fritz. Thank you are for your continued service. Karla, next is the regular agenda item 516, please. Procurement report.

**Item 516.**

**Wheeler:** Voters overwhelmingly approved the parks replacement bond back in 2014 thanks in no small part to the work of commissioner Fritz and commissioner Fish. In total the bond funded 52 projects across Portland that replaced playgrounds, improved pools, it fixed trails and bridges and more. Now we're nearing the home stretch. This is one of the final --

**Hardesty:** Looks like the mayor froze: [laughter]

**Fritz:** He froze.

**Wheeler:** If you've ever seen it it's an outdated barn-like structure -- [no audio]

**Hardesty:** Mayor, I don't know if you can hear me but looks like you're having internet issues because you continue to freeze.

**Wheeler:** What happened?

**Hardesty:** You keep freezing up. You'll start talking and we don't hear anything you say because you're just a frozen face on the screen.

**Fritz:** I have a note on the screen saying that the internet service is unstable, so i'm wondering if it's -- commissioner hardesty -- [brief pause]

**Lester Spitler, Chief Procurement Officer:** I'm the city chief procurement officer. The authorizing ordinance for this was approved by city council on december 2018. The engineer's estimate at the time was \$3,630,000 and there was a medium level of confidence at that time. We issued the invitation to bid on april 14, 2020. There was no pre-bid meeting due to the covid-19 pandemic. We did do a virtual pre-bid meeting that people were able to attend and bids were due may 19 and we received three of them. 2kg contractors submitted the lowest responsive bid, 8% under the estimate. The aspirational goal for state certified subcontractor utilization, they met the goal and is proposing to subcontract out 24% to certified firms. They will be subcontracting to noncertified firms for

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17.5%. The 23% utilization is as follows. Catworks construction is a disadvantaged and minority owned enterprise performing site work. The ownership is hispanic and the owner is -- their subcontract is a little shy of half a million dollars and two emerging small businesses performing plumbing and electrical work round out the total. 2kg has been a prime contractor for two previous projects in the last five years.

**Wheeler:** Are you trying to show us a presentation?

**Spitler:** I'm not, no.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Good. Never mind. Continue.

**Spitler:** Sorry about that. 2kg has had two projects, both pool renovation projects. One was at grant and the other at peninsula park. They achieved 18% certified subcontractor utilization and 98 of the 18% was performed by minority owned businesses, the remaining by emerging small businesses. Peninsula park was 3.8 million and they only achieved 6% on that project. All of that certified utilization was performed by minority owned businesses. There was only one other subcontractor on that project, a specialty pool contractor, about \$1 million. So 2kg performed the rest of that work. Funding has included for a combination of a 2014 parks bond and major maintenance funds. It's located in Portland, Oregon, they are not a state certified contractor. They have a current business tax registration and are in full compliance with all our city's contracting requirements. If there are any questions i'm happy to answer those. The parks bureau project manager is also in attendance and happy to answer any specific questions about the project.

**Wheeler:** Any questions for lester? All right, very good. Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to accept the report.

**Fritz:** Move to accept the report.

**Wheeler:** Anyone want to second? I'll second it. We have a motion from commissioner Fritz, a second from the mayor. Any further discussion? Karla, please call the roll.

**Fritz:** It looks like we may have lost the other two.

**Wheeler:** What? You're kidding me:

**Fritz:** We don't have commissioner hardesty.

**Wheeler:** All right, let's give her a second to get back. I don't know what's going on -- am I still frozen?

**Fritz:** No. Let's give her a minute, in fact i'll call her and see if I can get her on the phone. She's logging back on.

**Fritz:** Finally being on the telephone has worked for me.

**Wheeler:** Your day finally came: [laughter]

**Wheeler:** Can I just put you on the phone until we figure out the internet deal?

**Hardesty:** Absolutely.

**Wheeler:** We have a motion and second for the report. Did you have any questions for lester?

**Hardesty:** I did have a question for lester, thank you.

**Wheeler:** Go for it.

**Hardesty:** My question, lester, is how many contracts has this specific contractor had in the last five years?

**Spitler:** Two for parks and a radio site project for the bureau of technology services.

**Hardesty:** Are we getting better at our equity goals ensuring we're creating opportunities for minority and women owned contractors and subcontractors? Are we getting better or worse?

**Spitler:** This specific contractor is showing improvement over the years. So I would say on this project that they exceeded the goal and we feel like they have -- a lot of that goal is met by disadvantaged and minority owned business which we're happy to see. The certified utilization is almost twice that of the noncertified subcontractor utilization, so I think this is an improvement from the previous project so we're happy to see that.

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**Hardesty:** I'm happy to see improvement as well, but I think we can do better. I think we can continue to rely on [audio not understandable] segment that makes up our requirements, our participation for utilization of minorities, women and small businesses. I expect [audio not understandable] showing real gain. If we're not trying to help them do that then we're not going to ever reach our goals around who gets the privilege of getting contracts with the city of Portland. This is okay. This is not actually good yet. I just hope that we're tracking every contractor that we have and whether or not they are improving their utilization from all categories that we're looking for because I just think we keep doing the same thing over and over again and calls it success and I don't see it that way. So thank you for that. I hope -- I don't know -- do you know when the audit is coming up.

**Spitler:** They have a third party within the office doing fact checking now and then they are going to release it to omf, then we have an opportunity to write a response and then it gets published. It's almost ready.

**Hardesty:** I'm looking forward to having a deeper conversation, so thank you. Thank you, mayor, for calling.

**Wheeler:** It's old school but it seems to work. You missed commissioner Fritz gloating about the fact that using the telephone turned out to be the better method. [laughter] we elect our council president, it's gone straight to her head: [laughter] any further -- [audio not understandable] any other questions for lester? Very good. We have a motion, a second. No more discussion it sounds like. Please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Again I want to appreciate the work that purchasing is doing to try to radically change how we contact our [audio not understandable] i'm looking forward to having a more intentional plan as we move forward. At this time I will support this proposal. I vote aye.

**Fritz:** Commissioner Fish and I were so honored to work on the parks bond and to work with all of the staff who worked on these projects. It's one of the things i'm sad about being home in my last summer is that we won't be doing a lot of the park events and openings that we had planned before. I'm also sad that commissioner Fish won't be there to celebrate with us except in spirit and I know he will be in each one of the parks ongoing. So thank you to robin laughlin and the entire team at parks for their great work. Thanks to lester spitler for continuing to respond to commissioner hardesty and my concerns and we will continue to make progress. Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to thank commissioner Fritz for her leadership on the bond. Of course our good friend commissioner Fish whose name, by the way, has been evoked in every single council session since his passing. His spirit is very much here and alive and his work still continues and it's before us and it's tangible and I want to thank commissioner Fritz for acknowledging his strong leadership and partnership with her on this. Commissioner hardesty, I also want to thank you for your questions. The only reason I knew you were disconnected is when lester finished his presentation I was like, where is commissioner hardesty to ask lester these questions? You two have this rapport that I have not only gotten used to I have come to expect it and look forward to it. It wasn't the same without you on the line. So thank you for asking the questions that you do. Lester, thank you for keeping us all honest and working to continue to improve the access to these contracts, and I appreciate the rapport you built with commissioner hardesty in particular on behalf of the entire council and the entire city to make sure that we're doing as much as we possibly can to include other communities in these contracts. So thank you for that. This is exciting. I know our employees in the parks bureau, in the forestry maintenance department will appreciate it. They probably can save some money in their budget by not buying as many buckets to protect the equipment from rainwater coming through the quote roof unquote. I'm happy to vote aye and the report is accepted. Thank you all. We'll now move on to a second reading item. Item 517.

**Item 517.**

**Wheeler:** This is the second reading of a nonemergency ordinance. We have heard the presentation and taken public testimony on this item. Is there any further discussion? Hearing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** I want to thank Thomas Lanham and I want to thank all of those who were actively engaged in this conversation. Tom Rinehart, our chief administrative officer, played a significant role. I also want to thank our colleagues at Multnomah County; this integrated tax system project has bearing for them as well. There were lengthy discussions between the city and the county, and I appreciate the way that this was ultimately resolved to everybody's best interests. I'm happy to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is 518 from the Portland housing bureau, also second reading.

**Item 518.**

**Wheeler:** Last week we had the opportunity to hear a presentation and an opportunity for public testimony on this item. This is second reading. Any further discussion? Hearing none, Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Our last item for this morning is item 519 from the office of community and civic life. Colleagues, this is also a second reading.

**Item 519.**

**Wheeler:** We have already taken testimony, heard a presentation. Any further discussion on this particular item? Hearing none, please call the roll. She said aye then the phone disconnected if you can believe that. I will call her right back.

**Hardesty:** I thought you hung up on me.

**Wheeler:** No. Can you vote again?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Fritz:** Just did a very unexpected council meeting one way and another. Thanks to Couch and all of the work of the noise office. I do hope next year you'll remember that we do need to increase the fees over time so that people who want to make noise are paying the true cost of the analysis of whether they should be allowed to. Aye.

**Wheeler:** Aye. And I want to thank Commissioner Eudaly and her team and all the folks at the office of community and civic life for working on this important issue. I vote aye, the ordinance is adopted. Colleagues, before we close out, I just need to provide an update on the residential infill project. We had originally scheduled the vote on amendments at 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. Due to the absence of Commissioner Eudaly we will vote on the proposed amendments then. To the members of the public planning on tuning in please join us on July 9 at 2:00 p.m. And I made that announcement up front but I wanted to make it at the end. Thank you all, folks. We are adjourned.

**Council recessed at 11:28 a.m.**

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**JULY 2, 2020            2:00 PM**

**Wheeler:** This is the thursday, july 2nd, afternoon session of the Portland city council. Please call the roll. [roll call taken]

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

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

**Linly Rees, Deputy Chief City Attorney:** Good afternoon. Because there's no testimony today we can dispense with that and just allow Karla to read the item.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Karla, read our one item for this afternoon, please.

**Item 520.**

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Karla. As a reminder, city council, we're here to readopt the central city 2035 plan, which is a 20-year plan for the city's urban core. As a reminder city council adopted the 2035 plan in june of 2018 voting in support of ordinance 189000, after extensive public engagement, cross-bureau coordination and staff analysis. June 2018 decision was appealed to the land use board of appeals and the state court of appeals. Luba found in the court of appeals agreed that the findings recommended to one decision changes to the allowed heights in the new chinatown/japantown historic district were not adequate to show compliance with one comprehensive plan policy. Luba and the court of appeals remanded the issue back to the city to adopt additional findings. This plan was in place and in use by developers from july 7, 2018, to march 16, 2020. The proposal before us is to readopt the central city 2035 plan as originally approved in ordinance 89000 with expanded findings that fully remedy the issues identified by luba. We held a public hearing on may 28 when we left the record open for written testimony until june 4. City council members have reviewed the written testimony. Today city council will consider that testimony and make a recommendation for moving forward so that the code can go back into effect and eliminate that uncertainty for property owners. Joe, i'll turn it over to you.

**Joe Zehnder, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability:** Thank you, mayor wheeler.

Keelen, do you want to queue up the slides, please? Thank you. Thank you again, mayor, for the record i'm joe zender, with bureau of planning and sustainability. I'm here with a large number of the central city team in case we need questions answered. Next, keelen, please. The mayor just ran through the timeline of past actions on the central city 2035 plan. As he said this is a work session to consider testimony received and to move forward to readoption and we tentatively scheduled on the 8th for second reading. If approved then the readopted central city 2035 plan would go into effect august 10, 2020. Next slide, please. So our discussions recently have been focused on the narrow issue of the remand. Before we dive into that testimony I think it would be helpful to remind ourselves of some of

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the other benefits in the central city 2035 plan. I'm going to do this quickly just mentioning eight highlights from the plan. First, the central city is more than a neighborhood. It's an asset, economic and civic and social and educational and cultural that serves the entire city and region. One of its roles, also, is to be the place where Portland can grow most compactly and in ways that support our climate objectives and getting 30% of our growths on 3% of our land supply, which is the central city, takes pressure off other parts of the city so it has a ripple impact on the stability and price pressures throughout the other neighborhoods. Secondly, the second accomplishment is related to the first. Central city 2035 sets up the housing that the city needs to grow, and through inclusionary housing asks private investment to help pay for needed affordable housing. Third, about one-third of the Portland jobs are located in the central city and the action in central city 2035 are forecasted to maintain this share. The policies also call on us to give better access to these jobs to community of color. Also it's not just the number of jobs but it's the mix of jobs that's important for this benefit. Recently a lot of growth has been in high wage jobs but especially in the central east side or central city continues to support middle wage job supply in an expanding range of occupations and maintaining this mix protecting those industrial jobs is part of slowing the city's growing income divide. Fourth, in the heart of the central city is one of our greatest natural features, the willamette river. 2035 increases protection while promoting public use of the river while protecting views, increasing tree canopy. Next slide, keelen, please. Fifth, the zoning code in central city 2035 has taken the largest step yet in pursuing public benefits as a product of new development. We reengineered, cut significantly and focused our bonus and transfer system on producing affordable housing and seismically improving historic resources. Also prosper Portland is taking the city's equitable development approach to whole new levels through the Broadway corridor plan which the zoning in central city 2035 helped enable. Six, central city 2035 has gone farther in adding energy efficiency and other green building requirements than we ever have before. Seven, while center city 2035 anticipated improvements to the I-5 and Rose Quarter, it also made clear that the expectation for new development of the area and the project was expected to address the harm from past racist planning and development decisions including displacement of the Black community from Lower Albina. The turn of events lately in the city's position and Albina's visions are consistent with this policy city council had already put in central city 2035. Finally, I wanted to mention the Green Loop which is a reminder that we can and we need to continue to make the central city more pedestrian friendly, connected and welcoming to all Portlanders. Green Loop is going to add the next generation of places and reasons for all of Portland to come and enjoy, use the benefit from their central city. Next slide, Keelen, please. At May 28 public hearing on re-adoption city council heard testimony from 30 people and reviewed the written testimony from 147 more before the record closed on June 4th. Next slide, please. In the interim period we provided your offices with a detailed summary of the testimony. This lists the most frequently raised topics as you see here. Most of the testimony, though, even with all these topics was focused on remand issue related to heights in new Chinatown and Japantown. While controversy remains on this issue you heard from community and other stakeholders how the approach in central city 2035 follows through on the balancing act that the neighborhood has been after for a long time and the balancing act includes protecting the district's historic and cultural significance, welcoming and preserving the district's critical social service providers, and attracting new market rate development and investment to add to the vitality and viability of the district. Next slide, please. So today we made space for city council to deliberate on the testimony you heard and to make a decision about how to move forward on central city 2035. This slide summarizes the steps you could take today that would lead us to second



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reading for the ordinance next week. With that my presentation is concluded. I'm here for questions and I'll turn it back to the mayor. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Joe. Colleagues, any questions or comments at this particular juncture?

**Hardesty:** That was a very impressive, brief and informative presentation. Thank you, Joe.

**Fritz:** I have to state that I previously declared that I own property in the central city district and I now declare I no longer own property in the central city district so I need to say that again. Second of all, could the city attorney please post their findings, full findings? Very efficient council clerk has already put next week's agenda up on the website, so I can't find the findings. If you could send those to me that would be very helpful.

**Linly Rees:** This is Lynley Rees. I also had the same problem you did, so I don't have the most up-to-date findings. I'm wondering if Keelen or Karla could provide those, please.

**McClymont:** I'll send them.

**Wheeler:** Very good.

**Fritz:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Then I move to amend the ordinance by substituting dated exhibit a, findings of fact report as amended dated June 2020 for the exhibit a originally filed dated May 20, 2020. Do I have a second?

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty seconds. Any further discussion? Karla, please call the roll.

**Hardesty:** I just want to take a moment to really appreciate the incredible work, incredible community engagement around the central city plan, and just a remarkable dialogue that was created. I am very grateful to the report that we all received earlier this year around just how housing policy either makes housing available or not. And I am just thrilled that we are on the path to creating more housing at every income level in the central city so that it's accessible and welcoming to all Portlanders. I just can't say enough about the incredible work that's been done. I think this has been a model of engaging council offices early and often, and receiving pushback both from the community and other stakeholders. I'm convinced that this is absolutely the right direction, the right time and we need to do this now. So I am very happy to vote aye.

**Eudaly:** Well, thank you, Joe, for the recap. I'm going to save any comments for second reading and vote aye.

**Fritz:** So just to clarify this is the vote on the revised findings?

**Wheeler:** That's correct. That is correct. This is the substitute of exhibit a.

**Fritz:** Thank you. So I do support almost all the findings. I respectfully disagree with the city attorney's recommendation to the city council on the height increase on block 33 in the new Chinatown-Japantown historic district. The findings note this is the only block proposed for increased height in any historic district in the plan area. Multiple lots have had heights reduced. It was remanded because the city council failed to justify this increase and it's disappointing that instead of addressing the underlying problem of inappropriate height no effort was made to compromise on the lot which Commissioner Fish and I strongly disagreed with the outcome due to the property owner's influence. Previous requests to previously increase the height was [audio not understandable] there's no evidence to prove that economically viable project could not be built with a 100 or 125 foot height limit here in this historic district. It's supported by property owners with vested interest including Lan Su Chinese Garden. The evidence declared the pull or potential conflict of interest. Some individual property owners who testified did and others did not. The findings rely heavily on expert evidence there is less discussion of the findings expert advice. The photograph she submitted to the record clearly showed that although the block is 200 by 200 originally developments were largely on 50 by 50 quarter blocks to get blocking

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development to a height of 50 feet. The findings claims there's [audio not understandable] whereas in fact council heard testimony to the contrary. Even if the pacific towers is not out of place there's no evidence building 48 foot higher would fit in the historical context of the district. I'll point to the summary of the testimony that we heard that contradicted this. The findings note that bonus height is not allocated in central city plan in historic district. The one exception, block 33. The increase in height and far at approximately 120,000 square feet of potential on this lot. This is an unreasonable reward for having refused to develop a surface parking lot for decades. Apart from that the rest of the plan is fantastic and thank you very much to all the staff. No.

**Wheeler:** Is it too late to take it back? You only get one vote. [laughter] I will also withhold my comments until the final reading. I will vote aye. The amendment clause passes. I would also like to move to amend the effective date in section 2 by changing in 30 days to "on and after august 10, 2020." do I have a second?

**Hardesty:** Second.

**Wheeler:** I have a second from commissioner hardesty. Any discussion on the time frame?

**Hardesty:** Why?

**Wheeler:** Why don't you give us the primer on the requirement to change the time frame.

**Rees:** I'll step in.

**Wheeler:** I guess that probably was more of a legal thing.

**Rees:** It's fine. I guess i'm as good as any to do it. By having it on wednesday, july 8, which is where it's set for final reading, apparently we would end up with 30 days on a friday. That's from an implementation perspective challenging given furloughs. The preference is to have it on a monday. That's why it's being moved to august 10.

**Hardesty:** Excellent explanation. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, lynley. I appreciate that. Any further discussion? Karla, please call the roll on the amendment.

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

**Wheeler:** Aye. The amendment passes. Colleagues, this amended ordinance passes to a second reading on july 8 at 9:30 a.m. Is that date correct?

**Karla:** Yes, mayor, that's the correct date.

**Wheeler:** Second reading on july 8, 9:30 a.m. Thank you. Do we need anything else? Lynley?

**Rees:** No, that covers it, mayor. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** That completes today's session. Thank you, everybody. We're adjourned.

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