



CITY OF
PORTLAND, OREGON

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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **15th DAY OF JULY, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

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

On a Y-4 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		
554	Request of Harrison Osbourn to address Council regarding Stanton Street crime (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
555	Request of Lauren Osbourn to address Council regarding Stanton Street crime (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
556	Request of Allan Rudwick to address Council regarding Stanton Street crime (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
557	Request of Jessica Needham to address Council regarding Stanton Street crime (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
558	Request of Elliott Parr to address Council regarding Stanton Street crime (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE

CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
559	Reappoint Whit Middlecoff to the Portland Adjustment Committee for a term to expire July 19, 2024 (Report) (Y-4)	CONFIRMED
Office of Management and Finance		
*560	Pay settlement of Homes with Style, Inc.'s property damage claim in the sum of \$16,000 involving the Portland Bureau of Development Services (Ordinance) (Y-4)	190046
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly		
Bureau of Transportation		
561	Authorize a Subrecipient Grant Agreement to Oregon Walks in the amount of \$33,000, Community Cycling Center in the amount of \$30,000, OPAL in the amount of \$24,000, and Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives in the amount of \$15,000 for FY 2019/20, FY20/21 and FY21/22 for the SmartTrips, Connected Communities Transportation Demand Management program (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
562	Authorize application to the Oregon Department of Transportation and Department of Land Conservation and Development for one Transportation and Growth Management program grant in the amount of up to \$300,000 for transportation planning (Ordinance)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
REGULAR AGENDA		
563	Accept and appropriate \$128,401,261 in 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act Funds and delegate authority to the Program Bureau Directors to execute contracts and agreements funded under the program (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz) 30 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
564	Appoint Caryn Urata and Ezra Hammer to the Portland Adjustment Committee for terms to expire July 14, 2024 (Report) 10 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4)	CONFIRMED
Bureau of Environmental Services		

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<p>*565 Authorize application to Environmental Protection Agency for a grant in the amount of up to \$300,000 to fund a portion of the Organic Waste Receiving Facility to be constructed for the Bureau of Environmental Services (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190047</p>
<p>566 Amend contract with Brown and Caldwell, Inc. for professional engineering services for the Force Avenue Wastewater Pump Station Remodel Project No. E10611, in the amount of \$317,072 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30005421) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>567 Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant Organic Waste Receiving Facility Project No. E10804, for an estimated amount of \$7,821,000 (Second Reading Agenda 533) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190048</p>
<p>568 Authorize the Bureau of Environmental Services to acquire certain permanent and temporary property rights necessary for construction of the Goose Hollow Sewer Rehabilitation Project No. E10683, through the exercise of the City's Eminent Domain Authority (Second Reading Agenda 534) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190049</p>
<p>City Attorney</p>	
<p>*569 Approve settlement agreement in the matter of City of Portland v. Monsanto et al. and authorize expenditure of settlement funds (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept substitute ordinance: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190050 As Amended</p>
<p>Office of Management and Finance</p>	
<p>570 Approve findings to authorize an exemption for a class of public improvement contracts from the competitive bidding requirements and authorize the use of the alternative contracting method of Job Order Contracting for alterations construction services (Ordinance) 20 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Portland Housing Bureau</p>	
<p>571 Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Pepsi Blocks-Phase 1A, Building A located at 827 NE 27th Ave (Second Reading Agenda 546) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190051</p>
<p>Portland Parks & Recreation</p>	
<p>*572 Authorize Portland Parks & Recreation to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet to facilitate construction of its Redline Max capital improvements and related park improvements on Park property at Gateway Green Park (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190052</p>
<p>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p>	

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<p>573 Amend Evaluation of Applicants for Dwelling Units to make technical clarifications (Ordinance; amend Code Section 30.01.086) 15 minutes requested for items 573-574 Rescheduled to July 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>574 Amend Security Deposits; Pre-paid Rent to make technical clarifications (Ordinance; amend Code Section 30.01.087) Rescheduled to July 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Bureau of Transportation</p>	
<p>575 Amend Title 17 and Transportation Administrative Rules to update and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways (Ordinance; repeal Code Section 17.28.100, amend 17.28.110; replace TRN-10.40) 15 minutes requested</p>	<p>REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY</p>
<p>576 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet for Friends of Frog Ferry funding in the amount of \$40,000 as part of local match for the State Transportation Improvement Funds discretionary grant in the amount \$200,000 to develop the Frog Ferry Operations and Finance Plan (Second Reading Agenda 549) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190053</p>

At 1:14 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **15th DAY OF JULY, 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

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

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

577	TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Rename a portion of N Lombard St to N Columbia Blvd between N Burgard Rd and N Kelley Point Park Rd to improve wayfinding in the Columbia-Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 30 minutes requested for items 577-585	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
578	Rename N Burgard Rd to N Lombard St to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
579	Rename a portion of N Columbia Blvd to N Johnswood Dr from west of N Oswego Ave to east of N Buchanan Ave to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
580	Rename NE Lombard Pl to NE Lombard Ct to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
581	Rename NE Portland Hwy to NE Lombard St to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
582	Rename NE Columbia Pkwy to NE Columbia Blvd to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
583	Rename a portion of NE Columbia Blvd to NE Columbia Ct between NE Columbia Pkwy and NE 92nd Dr to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
584	Rename a portion of NE Columbia Blvd to NE 92nd Dr between NE 92nd Dr and NE Killingsworth St to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM
585	Rename a portion of NE Killingsworth St to NE Lombard St from east of NE Cully Blvd to east of Interstate 205 to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Hearing; Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)	PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 22, 2020 AT 9:30 AM

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At 2:38 p.m., Council adjourned.

THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, JULY 16, 2020

**DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WAS NO
THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETING**

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Closed Caption File of Portland City Council Meeting

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

July 15, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: This is the wednesday, july 15, 2020 morning session of the Portland city council. Good morning, Karla. Please call the roll. [roll 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 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. This is available on the youtube channel and also channel 3. The public can also provide written testimony to council by emailing the council clerk at 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 challenging time. Now we will hear from the legal counsel.

Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney: Good morning, mayor, to participate in council meetings you may sign up in advance for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first reading of ordinances. The published council agenda is at Portlandoregon.gov/auditor, and contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. If you are representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up, the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your time is up, or interrupting other's testimony or council deliberations will not be allowed. If there are disruptions, a warning will be given further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much, first up is communications. If you could read the first individual, please.

Item 554 - 558.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Harrison Osbourn: Good morning, my name is harrison osbourn, and first I would like to thank the city and the mayor for your time today. We appreciate the opportunity to speak with you, and we know that you are all really busy and have a lot on your plate. Today you will hear from your fellow neighbors. And that includes . We represent local churches and daycares on our block. We've been working together for months to come to potential solutions for the problem that we are facing. We would like to use our time to provide color to the issue, as well as work with the city to formally request some items that we feel might contribute to solving this crisis in our neighborhood. Today, we have occupied all the

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communications spots with the order of the speakers on the agenda is different than our planned order. So I would like to request that we speak to the group.

Wheeler: That's not a problem, if you can make it work. Ordinarily, if we were meeting in person we would bring you all up as one group since you are all speaking on the same subject and you are together.

Osborn: How I think it could work well.

Wheeler: Karla, why don't you read all the times and we will let them do what works for them. As long as you are in the three-minute time frame, that's acceptable to me. So Karla, why don't you read all five names. We will let you orchestrate it, and collectively you will have 15 minutes.

Osborn: That is perfect, and there is only one small change. We would like to formally request that jimmy wilson take the spot of allen rudwick.

Wheeler: That's fine. Karla, if you could start the clock, we will give you 15 minutes. I will cut you off at 15 minutes so watch the time.

Osborn: Thank you again. Just before we get into it, we really wanted to press this conversation that we understand this might not be the ideal time for the city to take action. We are not blind to the nightly protests and turmoil facing our great city, and we really appreciate everything that you all are doing to keep our citizens safe during this time. Part of the reason that we are here, though, our personal safety and livability of the neighborhood is under serious jeopardy. We implore your support before things escalate and innocent people start to get hurt. The situation that we want to brief you on is the area of north williams street and northeast . We sent a memo dated june 25 that recaps some of the issues. I would like to briefly summarize the situation that we are facing. The northeast corner of williams and stanton is a hot bed for illegal activity, highlighted by the open drug dealing that occurs along the south face of the immaculate heart catholic church. This activity occurs on a daily basis from sunrise to almost midnight. This drug activity regularly causes many negative effects such as verbal altercations, which can quickly escalate to physical violence. Residents have witnessed gunshots, assaults, and fist fights. Moreover, corresponding activities stemming from the drug trade also includes prostitution, gambling on the sidewalks, and public urination and defecation. What's worse, is that that activity has spilled onto the property of the local residents who live on stanton street. I moved to this area about four years ago, and the situation has drastically deteriorated over that time. This type of activity was once occurring only on the fringes of our neighborhood, but is now in our faces every single day. Personally, there is one instance where somebody on drugs entered my garage while I was in there while fleeing from an angry person threatening to kill them. I have a young toddler daughter and a pregnant wife. They are really the main reasons that I am here today because I need to do everything I can to help keep them safe. We reached out to police to meet with us over ten times, but have not heard -- not had the ability to even secure a meeting. And now the neighborhood response team for elliott has been disbanded. This vacuum in law enforcement has exacerbated the problem to a full fledged public safety crisis for the block. In addition to the letter, which we sent on june 25, there is now significant property damage with multiple reports of slashed tires and vandalism in the neighborhood. The environment that exists today on stanton street is unsafe, lawless, and dangerous for the residents. I would like to introduce my neighbor, elliott, who can elaborate on his experience with what we are dealing with.

Elliott Parr: Hello, mayor and city council members.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Elliott Parr: Good morning. I, like our mayor, attended high school and have tremendous love for this city. I take pride in being a true local. Our city is progressive, and I watched our city transform over the decades. My girlfriend and I bought our house in the elliott neighborhood knowing full well the history and culture surrounding our house. We toured

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the house multiple times and saw the park and the activity on stanton. We looked forward to being part of the community. We lived 20 yards from williams avenue and directly across the street from park. Our front porch looks out to immaculate park, or what we call "the pink church." we have met some of the local people that hang out in front of the pink church. We know many by names. Shay, liena, lennie. Unfortunately, our friendliness and openness to be good neighbors is not being reciprocated by all who share stanton street, which is one of the prime locations for drug dealing and prostitution. We stepped on crack pipes. Cleaned up human feces. Toilet paper and vomit from our front porch and sidewalk. We have constantly cleaned up cigarette butts, litter and other debris. We have to shoe individuals off of our porch. Individuals that often times are a danger to themselves and others for drugs or alcohol or both. We have many of this activity. Oftentimes we watch drug deals go down, and we watch people get high, we watch fights break out right in front of our house. This activity is ramped up lately, and has now led to speeding, human waste on the sidewalk and unsanitary and unsafe conditions, which is very difficult in this time of covid-19. There have been days where my girlfriend does not feel safe to leave the house. One day she called me at work, and she could not leave the porch because there was a knife and crack pipe, a man smoking crack on our front porch. It was a dangerous situation. Unfortunately, our benevolence is being taken for granted, later on my neighbors will the situation. I will now introduce my neighbor, jessica.

Jessica Needham: I am jessica needham. I was born and raised in north Portland and live on northeast stanton street, adjacent from the park. I am here to address the safety for those who live and work on this street. This includes the residents, school children and those that spend their day on the block. You can walk down the street and witness illegal drugs being solicited, drug use, and violent assaults as well as verbal altercations, lives being threatened and peace being disturbed this is a worsening problem, and it has been for a long time, with no response or accountability from city officials or law enforcement. The happenings in our neighborhood go unattended to and feel ignored. As residents, we need help. We are demanding for the safety and protection of stanton street. It's only a matter of time before someone gets hurt. Someone coming home from school or myself walking my dog with my family or a child playing at the park or the preschool. We are in constant threat of assaults, injury, and indecent exposure, and possibly death. These issues stem from the unpredictability of the drugs being dealt in use. Living on stanton street, I have witnessed weapons drawn, guns threatening others, and shots being fired. Just days ago, I was devastated to witness a plan assault a woman, punching her directly in the face, and later again, disturbingly, witness a young lady attacking an older woman in a walker beating her. Most recently, I witnessed a man sitting across from the preschool holding a glass pipe in a lighter in one hand, and in his hand -- in his other hand masturbating with the other. While not being limited to these examples, these are regularly occurring activities, but we, as residents, witness it on a daily basis. We have grave concerns for the wellbeing of those that congregate in and around dawson park. We see zero effort to curb the drug solicitation and public usage. We see prostitution on our sidewalks in the form of tender violence as an acceptable means of being. We see mental illness being pushed to the fringes with community concern, and we see absolutely nothing being done to make this stretch of our neighborhood a safe, hospitable, and prosperous refuge for all. Because of these concerns, we have had to band together to bring awareness to these issues, even though we know each and every one of you listening have witnessed disparaging acts taking place on stanton street. Every time you have driven, biked or walked up williams avenue. Elliott neighborhood has a history of removing the problem and instead of fixing it. This is your chance to do something right. Thank you for your time, and please let me introduce my neighbor, lauren.

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Lauren Osbourn: Thank you, jessica. My name is lauren osbourn. I have lived on this block for four years. The drug dealers who work on our corner have weapons, as do many of their customers. They know that there is a lack of police presence in this area, and they are bullying the rest of us. As I walk in front of my own house, when I look over at them, they often shout at me. Mind your own f'ing business. How would the members of this city council feel if you lived on this block? I, personally, feel powerless, afraid, and isolated. Today, we are asking you to step in and help us solve this problem. We also ask you to empower our communities leaders to help solve the problem. Specifically, leaders like jimmy wilson, the co-chair of our neighborhood association. Jimmy and his coalition of church and community leaders know many of the people who are engaging in the illegal activities, and they are willing to talk to them on behalf of our neighborhood. What jimmy and our community leaders lack is the city's support. I will let jimmy speak for himself, but my request is that you empower leaders like him to help lead change. Jimmy, over to you.

Jimmy Wilson: Hello. My name is jimmy wilson. I've been in the Portland area all my life, over 60 years, and right now, represent the elliott neighborhood association. I am also the president of , and what I am seeing is that these people in our neighborhoods are having to situate in the area down by dawson park, which is the area that I am responsible for at this time. One of them in this situation is I don't think that the answer to this question is -- I am looking for solutions here. And the one solution here is I think that I should develop an organization, an organization of black churches of faith. Leaders -- like we have six or seven black leader churches in the city. We have about three or four of them in the elliott neighborhood. His name is I think at first baptist church. I can gather these leaders together, and we can come up with a plan to help fix this problem, but I need your help. I am looking for you, as you know, elliott neighborhood association, , under the leadership of cole odali, but moving forward, I believe that at this time white people cannot come in the park and talk to black people about this situation because of the safetiness of what's going on now. The only question that you give me to help with this problem by me going out and giving a black team together to patrol the park, number one. I am requesting also that you open the bathrooms in dawson park at all times. I am here to restore the relationship of elliott neighborhood. Now, as you notice the path, this was similar back into the 70s when we dealt with irvington park. Irvington park had all the sections and then they -- at the end of the day, they put up no parking places around park, and for the black community. But the black community had to see why they did that. And because people couldn't get home from after work, they were blocked in traffic, doing all this other kind of stuff. I am trying to prevent this from happening to my park. My park is dawson park. And it's the only park that black people right now can come and gather together. I am not trying to take their park out of here because of the fact of what's going on. I am solution-based, and I think that we can solve this problem with your help. So if you understand this -- I need, also, I need chief -- chief lovell to come, I need to come to these meetings, and come and I want him to come with natural, as a plain closed person, five black officers that work under him to come and during these meetings. I am trying to get urban league involved in this, also. We need this to happen now before the monster really comes out. And during covid, we need safety needs to be open. I am not for drugs. I am not for people using bathrooms in front of people's houses. I am not for that, and I am sure you ain't for that, either. But here's the situation. Dawson park is a gathering place. We need other places to go. We need other businesses to represent. We need space. These people need space, and you put everybody in a one little space in a park, it's going to cause an overflow of whatever, you know. To protect my neighbors in elliott neighborhood, I need a black security team, as I mentioned earlier. With the funding from the city council to help me organize this situation. I need your help, and I need your help now because when you look at the neighborhood association board and the co-chairs and the chairs, they all are working for you and to

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keep our neighborhood safe so empower me to do what I have to do to keep these people safe. This is jimmy wilson. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, jimmy. And harrison, does that complete your panel?

Osborn: Yes, it does. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner hardesty has her hand raised. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. And thank all of you for your testimony. What i, actually, thought that all our bathrooms were open during covid-19, so I am very concerned that somebody has made a decision that dawson park's bathroom is not open. Let me say what you and your neighbors are experiencing is a lack of housing that people can afford to live in a city of Portland. That has been exacerbated by covid-19. I appreciate you organizing coming, sharing with us what your experience is, and what the city -- the city has not added any additional beds during covid with the exception of the three outdoor camps that we have downtown. We, as a city, have not dealt with the emergency, I think, in a way that helped us get people into where they need to be. But I appreciate you coming. I will make no comment on our request because, of course, we don't make those kind of decisions during the communications. But I would offer you to reach out to my office to have a conversation about how we can collectively work on these problems all over the city. I can tell you that we have way, way, way too many people living on our streets, and when covid is over, we are going to have more, so if we don't figure out how to do it now, we are going to be overwhelmed with people living on our street with no access to anything. And I don't blame people who are congregating -- not with standing the violence and drug use, not withstanding that, but when people have nowhere to go, they don't go anywhere. And we have an obligation as a city to, actually, help people be able to be safe. Regardless of their economic situation. And personally I feel like we have failed. We have failed over and over again. So willing to work with you, but again, I will make no comment on your request because that's not what we do here. Thank you very much. Appreciate you being here.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. I would also like to comment. First of all I would like to thank all of you for being here today. I absolutely hear and understand the frustrations that you are experiencing. I believe that the city does have a presence in dawson park. I will confirm that, but it was my understanding that our office of violence prevention actually did have partnerships in dawson park, but I will check on that. I am concerned that you are saying that you did not get any police response at all. If you are calling 9-1-1 for a police emergency, you should be getting a response, so I would like more information about that, so I will have my public safety advisor, robert king, reach out to one of you. Harrison, are you the ringleader here? Should you be the contact?

Osborn: I am happy to play that role and connect with your contact, as well to, provide amplifying data on when we contacted the police, and I think when I referred to contacting the police, it was more to engage with them and set up a meeting to describe them. When we call 9-1-1, they do come.

Wheeler: I am not going to make excuses for them, but I will tell you that the last seven weeks of demonstrations has pretty much pulled in all resources from all across the city and focused on downtown. But it's no consolation that your neighborhood is not the only one being impacted by this, and I am very mindful of what you are saying. I will do what I can to set up a meeting and make sure that happens. I will deploy my public safety advisor to contact you and follow-up with that. Jimmy, thank you for the efforts you are undertaking personally there and the work that you have done in the community. I think the only way that we are going to address these community-wide problems is through community engagement. I don't know whether your strategy is exactly the right strategy or not, but I know this is not going to be solved by policing. As commissioner hardesty mentioned, there are a number of issues that have come home to roost related to housing, to

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economic opportunity, to education -- the list goes on and on. We, obviously, have a crisis in our community that's not addressed the way it should be, a mental health crisis. If you have someone in shock on our front step and they don't seem to understand that there is a problem with that, it is probably we are dealing with somebody who needs some extra help, and I think that there is a compassionate and effective response that could be brought there, as well. None of these things will probably get fixed quickly, but I will commit that we will work with you and that we are hearing you and that we appreciate you being here, so you should expect the to get a call from somebody from my office.

Jimmy Wilson: Mayor, can I speak?

Wheeler: Yeah, of course, jimmy.

Jimmy Wilson: Mr. Mayor and jo ann, the problem we are facing here is not people that don't have a place to go. The problem here is that people are doing their own thing in front of people's houses. The problem also is that -- and I must admit to this, the bathrooms are open but they shut them off in Oregon open at all. We want them open all the time, all the time, all the time: For these crisis of covid-19, number one. I understand the fact that you say, you cannot do what you cannot do. What do ema or stand for? I must not own this for this to be a title. There is the simple fact that there is no people of color on this team that make decisions that affect us all the way back to 1958. When this stuff started in the 1971 and 1979 when the members of the associate started -- here's what I am saying is I need help here: I am tired of hearing it to pass the buck to john or mary. I need help now, and these people in our neighborhoods are being affected. If you have got them working for you, and I am making a request, and you say you are going to give me a word of advice, or somebody going to do this, that, and the other -- mayor, that's been going on for too many, too many years.

Hardesty: Jimmy, let me say that this is the communications spot. This is not the spot where we determine who is going to get money for whatever project that they are working on. I think that you have heard loud and clear that the mayor and I are both willing to work with your neighborhood association, but there is no magic solution. We are in a state of crisis. We are in an economic downturn. We have devastation on our street, and just about every neighborhood you can imagine. So the reality is we cannot solve this problem for you today. But we have offered to work with you and your neighborhood association to make that happen. That's all that we can give you this morning. Call me and we will set up an appointment, and we will talk. But you know, I acknowledge that your neighborhood is in crisis. I want you to acknowledge there are many, many neighborhoods in crisis having the same experience. And we are willing to work with you so lets end this conversation now. I appreciate you volunteering. I have lived here for 30 years. I have seen what happened in northeast Portland and how the neighborhood representation radically changed. So this is -- I know this. Right. What I also know is we can't solve this problem this morning. We are willing to work with you to solve it, but this is not the place to do it.

Wilson: Okay. Okay. Next time we talk about this situation, jo ann, and the mayor, I would like to be around the people who can make the decisions.

Hardesty: We are the decision-makers. We are just not the decision-makers during communications.

Wilson: That's what I am talking about.

Hardesty: Not here, not now. Call my office. We will set up an appointment, and we will bring the decision-makers to the table.

Wheeler: Jimmy, thank you. Your passion is contagious. I am, actually, appreciating the back and forth, and I am enjoying it. I think this is how we get stuff done. And that's frankly what I hope communications does, is it spur this is kind of a dialogue and leads to a path forward. I did just confirm it turns out that I am not only the police commissioner, contrary to public opinion, I am also the parks commissioner, and I did just confirm that the

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restaurants are open 24-7, plus there is a portable on-site, and I am hearing what you are saying, jimmy. Keep it open. We will most certainly look into that. I am not sure why they closed it in august. I don't know. But I don't see any reason why we could not keep it open, particularly when we have this crisis on the streets. So thank you all. There is much follow-up to do on this. This is a good beginning, and I appreciate you coming in. Thank you all.

Osborn: Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Next item is the consent agenda, have any items been withdrawn?

Karla: We have had no requests, mayor.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Is she muted. No, I don't see her.

Eudaly: I see her. She's not muted. Commissioner Fritz?

Wheeler: Oh, you are right. You are right. Hang on, issue how to solve this.

Eudaly: We are going old school again.

Wheeler: Yes. Hang on. [phone ringing]

Wheeler: Oh, no: Thwarted. Hang on. Hey, can you hear me? Commissioner Fritz? Commissioner Fritz. She's going to -- she texted me. She's going to call back in. Let's just wait a second for her to call back in.

Eudaly: Certainly.

Wheeler: I need to pull up some notes here anyway. Commissioner Fritz, can you hear us yet? I will just try calling her again.

Fritz: Hello.

Wheeler: Commissioner, are you not able to log in?

Fritz: .

Wheeler: Okay. She says she's logged in and should be able to cast her vote.

Fritz: Sorry. Aye. Sorry.

Wheeler: Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. That takes us to our first item on the regular agenda. Item 563, please.

Item 563.

Wheeler: Thank you, colleagues. This item is a proposal to allocate the funding of the city of Portland -- the city of Portland received from through the cares act roughly ten weeks ago. It requires immediate response with and shared purpose and reflexive action. We know that we are all better off when we are all healthy, some of the most vulnerable amongst us. We must adhere to the three w's. Wear face covering. Watch your physical distance. Staying at least six feet from people that we are not in quarantine with. And wash your hands well and often. At the same time, we are trying to lower our infection rate and the risk of spreading the disease, and see the ripple effects from people's lively hoods. Multiple governments need immediate and significant resources to address the public health crisis and the related issues that jeopardize the people's lively hoods. Congress recognized this need by allocating funding to -- directly to cities through this act. To help us develop this proposal, the city engaged with community and jurisdictional partners over the past several months to understand what the most urgent community and public health needs were and what investments would have the most impact. The ideas, values, and priorities that emerge through those important conversations with community inform the work of the city's pdx cares task force comprised of a number of bureau directors and staff from our offices who assisted council in shaping the package of investments that we're considering today. That task force has been hard at work on this for more than a month. I want to acknowledge the collective time, expertise, and effort that's represented in this package. Thank you to the many community members who engage with the county and the city, joint volunteer information center, the economic impact task force, and work groups, and led by prosper Portland, and the covid-19 resilience resolution council

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adopted on may 20 establishing the core priorities that will guide our long-term covid-19 response. And a special thank you to smith and the office of equity and human rights for developing the covid-19 equity tool kit to help guide our decision-making as we continue to respond to this emergency and plan for our recovery. I believe that we will pull through this crisis of the city by working together. The proposal represents our shared values and investments will help keep Portlanders housed, fed, and employed through the worst of the crisis. We are focusing on providing direct relief to those who are the most impacted and most vulnerable to the impacts of the pandemic. Prioritizing bipoc communities and individuals that identify as disabled, elderly, or homeless. I am proud that it also includes support for our government partners across Multnomah county, including the Multnomah county cities. This virus shows us that we are dependent on each other. Our futures and wellbeing are intertwined. We must pull together to demand the testing, treatment, and time off we all need to get well or to stay well. We realize that these funds are not enough to serve the staggering needs of our community. I believe that the proposal will keep thousands of Portlanders in their homes and assist small struggling small businesses and nonprofits to stay afloat as we weather the pandemic and the economic downturn. We will hear from chief administrative officer tom reinhardt, project lead , and we have the opportunity to ask questions of the task force leadership and take testimony. Lastly, colleagues, I will flag this is a non-emergency item, which means it will be heard today, passed to a second reading next week, and be effective a full month later. I don't know whether we will be able to reach a consensus by the close of our conversation today. Reasonable people can disagree, but I hope that we work towards that consensus, and I want to preview my strong feelings that we need to get this money out to the community as fast as possible. Not five weeks from now, but today, if possible. With that, I will turn it over to tom and . Tom -- or commissioner hardesty has her hand raised. I apologize. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Sorry, mayor, I didn't put it back down.

Wheeler: No worries. Tom reinhardt, welcome.

Tom Rinehart, Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Management and Finance:

Good morning. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. For the record, my name is tom reinhardt. I am proud to be the city's chief administrative officer. To reiterate what the mayor just said, I want to thank everyone involved in this and add council offices, executives and staff worked very hard on this over the last several weeks. My fellow directors on the task force and all their support and their teams for making time to really drive this over the last several weeks. I also want to thank real stellar individual performers, sheila craig, ginger dameron, kim, jessica kinard and instrumental in supporting the task force through these difficult and complicated discussions. To be clear, we are here to request that council approve the appropriation of cares act, local relief funds into our current budget, to approve the pdx cares relief package allocation, and lastly to, delegate contracting authority to the bureau directors so we can disperse the funds in a timely manner as the mayor alluded to. As part of this presentation, we are going to briefly walk through the following three things. Our community outreach and engagement process, which the mayor touched on, which was extensive and thorough. And the city's decision-making process, and we going to give you an overview of what the pdx cares relief package will fund. And with that, I am going to hand it over to miss kim to walk you through it. She is muted. I can't hear you.

Giyen Kim: Can you guys hear me now?

Wheeler: Now we can, thank you, yep. Welcome.

Kim: Thank you.

Hardesty: We lost the powerpoint, though.

Kim: It's coming back.

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Hardesty: Okay. Thank you.

Kim: Yeah. All right. All right. Well, thank you, everyone. Good morning, again. This is kim, the project manager for the office of management and finance. I just first want to express my gratitude to be a public servant and to have a role in supporting the city and this process. As tom noted, I am going to walk through the process we used to determine the cares act allocations, and then discuss where the program -- what program areas were funded. So to ground us quickly, the city received \$114 million in state and local relief funds as part of a \$2 trillion cares act signed into law on march 27. When we received the funding, there are four over-arching provisions. These funds could not be used for lost revenue. They were only for necessary expenditures related to covid-19 response or relief, and expenses could not be accounted for in our current budget, and the expenditures could only be incurred between march 1 and december 30. The intended use of these funds is really for immediate coronavirus relief. To aid in the decision-making process on how these funds were allocated. The city took the following action. First the city council passed a resolution on may 20 that the mayor had just mentioned, and articulated our city values and acted as the north star in making decisions about the city's recovery from this pandemic. We reviewed data from the joint volunteer information center to understand the future needs of our most vulnerable communities and economic recovery task force led by prosper Portland led us with you the program support and through our nonprofit communities. And lastly, our bureau directors engage with their leadership teams and community partners to provide us with 200 ways that we can support our community, our public health response, and increase our operational resilience. As part of the -- as the mayor mentioned, dr. Smith and her team in the office of equity and human rights developed a guide specifically for covid-19 relief and recovery efforts. We have used this tool kit in multiple steps in our decision-making process, and we will continue to use these tools for accountability. The joint volunteer information center is a city and county program facilitated by the bureau of emergency management. Every week 14 liaisons field resource requests from 91 community-based organizations, or cbos that serve bipoc communities, individuals with disabilities, and/or the elderly. The request they have been tracking five things, food security, rent and utility assistance, hygiene supplies, connecting individuals with services, and bridging the digital divide. They have done a tremendous job coordinating the needs of our underserved Portlanders, and they have built trust and credibility amongst the cbos, which will act as a road map when reaching these communities in the future. The economic recovery task force was led by prosper Portland, and they engaged with businesses and nonprofits through the task force meetings, listening sessions and other community meetings to understand the needs of the business and nonprofit sectors. Along with the request for financial support to our business community, the economic recovery task force made a range of policy recommendations, requested the city's advocacy for state and federal funding, and proposed investment in community programs like bridging the digital divide. And lastly, we asked our bureau directors to help determine both interim operations and community needs, like the jvic and prosper, we consulted with community partners before making recommendations for the cares funding. The ideas that were submitted from the bureau really are from community relief programs, public health adaptations and resilience. There was overlap over the three groups. And items like rent assistance, household assistance, and digital divide, and business were common themes amongst them all. And just to talk about our decision-making process, as part of this process, the council identified a task force comprised of bureau directors and city council and staff. Or city council staff to help determine how the cares act resources should be allocated. Over the course of six meetings, the task force reviewed the funding ideas, the input from the community and used the equity tool kit as a part of the recommendation process. After multiple discussions, city council did determine

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the highest and best use of these funds was to distribute almost all these funds for community relief. So we are going to walk through what was funded. This slide represents the areas that are in this ordinance. Of the 114 million, only 9.1 will be used to fund the city's covid-19 response. These expenses include everything from cleaning supplies, disinfecting supplies, ppe for first responders, and staff time redeployed to the emergency center. The and southeast county assist with mitigating public health response related expenses. The 19.1 to homeless response will fund those city and county covid-19 homeless services as well as city-only pilot projects like outdoor shelters and tiny home programs. You will see that small bubble, 550k is allocated to this.

Wheeler: Could I stop you for a second. Commissioner Hardesty has a question on something you said. I don't want to get too far before we get the question answered.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, Jen. I want to go back. The first chart I saw about the \$19.1 million said that had already been decided early on. Where was that decision made? And what is the specific use of that 19.1 million?

Kim: So about 2.6 million of that will be for what we call our city projects, so that will be for the St. John's tiny home village, and some of that will be going to the funding of our community, community center shelters, and then another portion of that will be funding our outdoor campsites. About 16.5 million is --

Hardesty: Excuse me, Jen. I am trying to get to, the first time that I had an update, somebody said that decision was made. And I am trying to figure out who decided that 19.1 million would go to homeless responses?

Kim: It's part of our city and county cost sharing agreement.

Hardesty: Go ahead, Jen.

Kim: Oh, yeah. It's part of our city and county cost sharing agreement for the joint office of homeless response. They developed a budget, which was -- and Mark is on the line if you want to interject, but they developed a budget as part of our homeless response, and we presented part of that budget at the city and county -- at the city council work session on May 26. So there was some dialogue around what those expenses would be.

Hardesty: That was when we were asking to rent hotel rooms, right, and I think that everybody on the council was like a little appalled at the 40 million request. Now we are at this. I will ask Mark, if he's going to weigh in later, I will ask him directly because I am just -- I am trying to figure out where these decisions were made before the work group came together to start making other decisions. Some of these decisions were made outside of this process, and I need to know how those decisions were made. So thanks, Jen.

Kim: Sure. Sure. This is the last slide, so I will walk through these, and then we will open it up for questions, and Mark can chime in at that time. I will just go very quickly. 550,000 allocated for the campaigns, specifically focused on our transportation system and the public right-of-way as well as expanding the outreach for the CARES wheels program, 3.5 million will be used to create up to 5,000 technology kits, which include a Chrome book, internet vouchers and culturally specific training. 4.35 million will be used to fund arts and culture programs, including BIPOC artist grants, support for our venues and assistance to the Portland Five. And 15 million will fund both block grants and other grant programs that serve small businesses, and 20.4 million will go to household assistance, including food security programs, managed by and parks, as well as cash assistance programs that will be managed through the housing bureau. And lastly, \$17 million will also be dispersed to the housing bureau to fund programs like rent assistance is, BIPOC mortgage assistance, and mortgage counseling to help people navigate the foreclosure prevention programs that are out there.

Hardesty: I just -- are we providing housing support for public housing that the city owns? Or other governments own? Or is this for anybody who needs rental assistance.

Kim: Shannon? Are you on the line?

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Shannon Callahan, Director Portland Housing Bureau: Yes, I am. Good morning, mayor and commissioners, and commissioner Hardesty, thank you for the question. This will be community-based rent support for individuals to apply through community-based organizations to receive, so the answer to your question is, it will not be funding the city-based -- the city-owned housing or publicly owned housing. We would be precluded in any case -- we would be precluded in any case from giving ourselves funding to replace our own existing resources based on the CARES Act allocation.

Hardesty: And how extensive -- thank you for that answer, Shannon. How extensive is this community-based support that will be reaching out to people to provide assistance?

Callahan: I am sorry, how many citizens I have is the network of the community-based providers? So we are and have been working with the county and the joint office and home forward on using some of the existing networks that we currently have within the community, and so the county has already allocated additional resources to culturally specific community-based providers within the short-term rent assistance network. Those providers include El Programa, Latina, and Urban League and . We are working with the culturally specific partners to determine who they can and who they do partner with in the community within the additional networks out there, so that they can take soft referrals and allocations from community partners. And then finally, as we look to program these resources, I will say that the rent support coming out of the CARES Act is about \$15 million. That is on top of additional resources that have been made available through the state CARES funding allocation and/or the city and Multnomah County actions in the past, so we're, actually, trying to program \$35 million in rent support. So as we look to the existing networks and what they can handle, we will also be looking to potentially bring on new partners that can provide referrals and work with the community to then have a fiscal administrative backstop, or someone who is doing some of the federal reporting paperwork. If you have not done it before you, it's complicated to train up in a couple of months. But we are trying to create those natural -- use those natural networks that exist within the provider community, shore up the provider community, and see who else we can bring on based on what is -- what we believe are the estimates for what the natural networks can't handle right now. Did that answer your question?

Hardesty: It does. And it makes me very concerned because if we have our network that we have built relationships with over a period of time, there is a lot of organizations, and I will use the food security as an example. The food security group has identified over 100 community-based organizations that they are providing food security support for. What I know the county and the city and probably the state does is they have about five or six or seven organizations that they work with, which means that thousands of people will never know that these resources are available. I am very concerned that every government is putting money into all the same organizations, which means that their networks are the only people who become aware that these resources are available. To me, that is a very narrow perspective when we know the economic devastation that our community is suffering. Those organizations can't cover the needs of all the people who are in need in our community. And so, if we are going to use what we have always used, with the same networks we have always used, that says to me that they are going to be thousands of people, once they become aware that these resources are available, these resources will be gone, and they will have no access to it. Thank you. I guess that my question has been answered, and I am less comfortable now than I was.

Callahan: Commissioner, can I respond? I am sorry. May I -- I apologize, commissioner, if I did not provide a response that actually directly answered your question. So I think -- and I am sorry if I have a confusing answer. We are trying to expand the networks to folks that have access points to make sure this rent assistance is more broadly available. So if you did not hear that from my answer, that's what I was trying to say.

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Hardesty: I did not hear that. Thank you. So what I know is that every time we put money out the door, the money has been gone within hours. And most people never knew that we were putting money out the door. What's going to be different this time to ensure that more people have access to resources?

Callahan: So commissioner, I think one of the things that we are doing very deliberately is trying to be really careful about how we plan for and use this resource and not just use those natural networks. They, of course, are the backbone and hub of the community's rent support, and we will utilize them, but we also are aware that there are other entry points that we need to create and other places that people need to receive those services, so we are working both to shore up the existing providers to expand their capacity because it is hard to ask existing providers to continue to do more and more for the community without that -- without the staffing resources, and as I said, the joint office is going -- and county is going to provide those separately outside of this allocation. I would be happy to talk to your office and work with you more on -- as we delineate how that programming, and the natural networks and who the new partners are going to be.

Hardesty: Thank you, Shannon. One last question -- I don't want to belabor this point -- but have you thought differently based on what the e-board did yesterday and the resources that they have allocated to address some of these issues? How does this enhance more people having the opportunity for resources, and how are we going to coordinate to make sure that we are not given the same five to seven organizations all the resources, or 80% of the resources, and everybody else is kind of left out.

Callahan: So commissioner, the actions of the e-board, I don't know how they are administratively programming those funds, but I can assure you that we will be working with the state to figure out what they are -- what they are doing. Most of their allocations sometimes flow to the local jurisdictions, which tends to be the Multnomah county, so the coordination continues to be ongoing both with the state implementers and the city implementers. I don't have enough information as of yesterday's actions to know what their implementation plans are, but we will be assuring that we are coordinating those funds. The other thing that we are trying to do is make sure that our programming is easy for everyone, meaning that we are not programming five or six different buckets of rent support with different rules. So you know, one of the things that we are working on as closely as we can with our partners is making sure that there is a streamlined application so folks don't have to go to seven different places. I have seven different programs, and, you know, a simple process, a simple rule, as best we can, with federal, federal regulations and federal funding, and distribution to those households. So -- but we will follow-up more when we know how the state is planning on distributing. Thank you, though.

Hardesty: And I think we, as a city council, need to know, actually, honestly, how all these new emergency dollars, like where they are going because what I know is that most people don't belong to an organization. So if they don't, how will they know the resources are available? If we haven't done a good job of making sure that we are giving equal access to as many people as necessary, then I am very concerned that we will continue to keep the status quo in place and not actually make sure that we are reaching out far and wide to all the people in our community who are in desperate need. Most of the folks don't belong to an organization, and so -- and most of the organizations can't take care of all the cultural needs of any specific cultural specific organization. So I don't think that we have a good handle on this, and I just think that we just keep doing what we have always done. So thank you, Shannon. I will continue to listen.

Kim: Commissioner Hardesty, I just want to chime in here. We have thought a lot about those same concerns that you just articulated. One of the things that we have asked -- that we will be asking are the program areas that are getting funded is to take a look at that sub-recipient list so all the organizations receiving funding. We plan to share that with

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council offices, so you understand before we make any agreements with anyone about where -- who is getting funded, and so there is an opportunity there for the council offices to engage. Secondly --

Hardesty: Sorry to cut you off. I appreciate that. I want to be involved in making sure that issue where those dollars are going. So thank you.

Kim: Yeah. Yeah. Secondly, the thing about federal funding, it's very difficult to navigate, especially for these smaller organizations, to, actually, manage these funds. So the other thing that we decided to do here is to hire a resource that will -- that specializes in government grants, and use that person to help these smaller organizations navigate the process so they have a person to talk to, to ask questions about, so they are in compliance. So we are making sure that we are providing a -- some sort of safety net for these organizations that we may not have worked with before, to really give them the opportunity to participate in these programs, like -- and for us to reach out to different partners in a way that we have not done before. So just know, we are thinking very heavily about how to do things differently. I know that there is a lot of talk internally here about how we use the jvic in terms of maybe we can't use this entity this way.

Hardesty: What is a jvic.

Kim: The joint volunteer information center to the emergency coordination center. They have been doing all the work with 91 cbos that are non-traditional. We can use that network at the very minimum to alert their network that there are housing and registration assistance opportunities, and like shannon said, we really want things to be easy for folks, so we don't want all these different applications, but we do really want to network to these groups to ensure that they have first, you know, their first, they are first notified about these resources as soon as possible. And just another point is that one of the things that we are also working on is to insuring that we are, you know, we are required to collect some information for the federal requirements, but we are trying to really collect as minimal data as possible so it makes it -- so people who may be undocumented feel more comfortable with applying for these, you know, to access these funds. So I hope that alleviates some of your concerns. We are really thinking about it, and thank you to the leadership of dr. Smith, who is, who has created this tool kit for us to really use at every step to ensure that we are really figuring out how to use these funds in a way that the most underserved populations, or communities can be accessed the rent assistance and food assistance and all the other programs.

Hardesty: And what networks do we have with undocumented workers.

Kim: Commissioner hardesty, before you get to that question, can I go to commissioner eudaly.

Hardesty: I am sorry, yes. I saw it in the chat so I didn't want it to be lost.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly and then commissioner hardesty. Thank you.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. Jen hit on one of the things that I wanted to mention is that jvic. Has a network of 100 cultural specific organizations, and I see no reason why we wouldn't sue them to push information out, and then it was my understanding that the housing bureau was planning to directly appropriate at least 44 culturally specific organizations in addition to the main organizations that we often worked with. So, you know, I don't think the challenge is getting the information out. The challenge is we don't have nearly enough resources to fill the need, and that leads me to my question, which is do we know -- do we have set criteria for who will qualify? I understand wanting to make it as easy as possible, but how are we prioritizing the people who are most vulnerable to eviction and have the greatest need during this crisis?

Callahan: Commissioner, thank you for your -- this is shannon again from the housing bureau. Thank you for your question. What we are working on right now is an overall program designed for the city and county funding so as I said, the -- it is a streamlined

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process. We are trying to identify families that were below 50% ami and at the greatest risk of eviction post-the eviction more to remember ending on september 30. We are acutely aware that families will have approximately six months to make up for rent arrears, but if they do not -- if they are not current on their rent for october, they could face eminent eviction for failure to pay their rent. So putting that lens on the work of our community-based providers and making sure that we are prioritizing through the networks that exist in the community that we work with, as we have in the past, making sure that we are reaching bipoc communities, and especially black indigenous and latin x, those hardest hit or unable to access in the case of many folks who are undocumented and able to access prior allocations of funding due to federal restrictions. So that is what our current program design is working with, but we also want to provide community partners some flexibility to make sure that they are reaching the households that are at greatest risk in providing them the resources they need to make sure that they don't get evicted.

Eudaly: Thank you, shannon. I want to acknowledge once again this will not remotely cover the need, deeply concerned about the coming housing crisis, the state and federal government doesn't take a swift and dramatic action, and this isn't really the time for the conversation, but I think that we need to talk about providing eviction defense moving forward because we are going to see a wave of thousands of evictions without some significant change. And shannon, one more question -- I understand, you said the city cannot use these funds to reimburse ourselves for lost rent revenue, but other affordable housing provider, aren't precluded, are they?

Callahan: No, however, what we are doing, in our budget, we reallocated some federal home dollars, and we have a 4.5 million of those funds available. It's a very awkward funding source, even more so than the federal cares act funding. What we are planning on doing is, actually, using that allocation of resources for the affordable housing providers that we have regulated agreements with to apply for their tenants on a building-wide scale. We would prioritize those resources for the affordable housing developments that have the highest percentage of bipoc community members. We know that at least in terms of our buildings, the heads of households so we would on a rolling basis have folks, have building owners apply on behalf of their tenants, for tenant-based rent for those -- for that fund. And use those funds until they are exhausted.

Eudaly: Okay. Thank you.

Callahan: Thank you.

Wheeler: Back to commissioner hardesty. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Shannon, would you repeat that last sentence that you just said?

Callahan: Goodness, I don't know if I know the last sentence. We have 4.5 million in home funds, what we will be doing is asking our affordable housing owners to apply for rent assistance on a building-wide basis. We will prioritize those funds for the buildings that have the highest percentage of bipoc community members. We know this data by heads of household. So we will go building-by-building to pay and get folks current on their rent, prioritizing first the developments that have the highest percentage of bipoc community members and go until those funds are exhausted.

Hardesty: Okay. I think I got that. Thank you.

Callahan: So we are trying to catch folks up on their rent on a whole building-wide basis for affordable housing portfolio.

Hardesty: Okay. The last question that I was going to ask, just because it popped up in the chat before I was done -- before I was done. It was about how we're going to be able to engage with folks who don't have documentation. What's the plan for, actually, reaching out, a, how will they know these funds are available for them, and what is our plan for assisting the community members without documentation?

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Callahan: Commissioner, we are -- we do not believe, and I don't want to say this precisely because there could still be something that comes out of federal treasury, but we do believe that the rent support and cares act funding does not distinguish based on documented status, so this may be one of the resources that we can use for those folks who have not had that resource in the past. There is some things to be determined, but that is our hope and our planning right now. We will be reaching out through the community-based networks that we worked with, unless we have not in the past, to make sure that people are aware that this resource allocation -- and we may also try to prioritize additional funds specifically for the undocumented community knowing that this may be one of the only funds that's available.

Wheeler: Colleagues, I don't want to stop this conversation, and I want us to get back to the q&a, but chair kafoury cannot stay with us for much longer, and I want to get to chair kafoury before she has to sign off. So if we could take a break in the q&a for a moment and get to chair kafoury that's probably the thing to do. Sorry. Do we have chair kafoury? Does she have access at this point, Karla?

Deborah Kafoury, Chair Multnomah County Commission: Can you hear me?

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

Kafoury: Great. I am having technical difficulties this morning, so I appreciate you allowing me to participate via telephone. Good morning. I am deborah kafoury, your Multnomah county chair. Mayor and commissioners, I want to thank you for allowing me to join you. Since covid-19, it has been a presence in our lives, threatening the wealth, wellbeing in the community, people's livelihoods and their housing. In every conceivable way the crisis has disrupted our daily routine and made our individual and collective futures uncertain. So for as long as we wait for a vaccine, the disruption will be a part of our lives, and we cannot let our guard down. It would be one thing if we were confronted with a single, long-term crisis to tackle, but one of the most challenging aspects of covid-19 is that there is no one crisis. None of the issues that we are facing remain . They change. They compound, and new ones arise as time goes by. We continue to learn more about the disease every day. Schools, parents and students are all trying to figure out how to navigate the upcoming school year, and renters who have lost their jobs are wondering what they are going to do when the eviction moratorium is lifted at the end of september. Over the last four months we learned that living with the pandemic means having our lives disrupted, not just once but multiple times in many different ways. With all of this uncertainty, when people look for guidance and signs of progress, they look to us. By that, I don't mean us, as in Multnomah county or as the city of Portland or the state or even congress. People are seeking leadership and guidance from government as a whole. When you lost your job and you can't pay your rent, or if you have an underlying condition that makes you more vulnerable to covid-19, the fact that I am the chair of Multnomah county or that mayor wheeler is the mayor of Portland is a distinction without a difference. There is an expectation and a fair expectation that all levels of government are working alongside each other to address this crisis. So it's up to all of us here to meet that expectation and to ensure that the departments for which we are responsible, or the bureaus, as you call them, work together for the benefit of our entire community. Now, we are fortunate because Multnomah county and the city of Portland didn't have to start from scratch when this crisis hit because we have always worked together to solve our common issues. The items before you today continues that longstanding partnership. The allocations in this ordinance provide both direct funding and critical resources to support the work of putting our shared priorities and values into action during this crisis. From Multnomah county, this means we can continue our work as the local public health authority, as well as serving as the state's largest safety net. As you know, when this crisis was affected in the u.s., Multnomah county through the efforts of our public health division built out an infrastructure to meet the challenge of

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global pandemic. Our public health team has work tirelessly to expand contact tracing, trace investigation. No cost community testing for people experiencing symptoms, and provided the public with timely, accurate information to help our community understand this crisis and what is required of all of us to make progress. And they have done it all with the focus on equity, accessibility, and representation. This funding also represents a significant investment in protecting people experiencing homelessness from covid-19. It is in this kind of a crisis where our neighbors who have been forced to live outside are at an extremely high risk of hospitalizations. We should not compromise our shared commitment to provide services and protections to those who need it. In fact, we need to double down. Through the city and county joint office of homeless services we will ensure the people in the shelters most vulnerable will be able to self isolate while sustain time continuing to allow for physical distancing at all our shelters. So far, 18 people who have reported experiencing homelessness have tested positive for covid-19. That's out of over 3,000 confirmed cases in Multnomah county. So we have to continue being diligent and protecting the people we serve because when you are homeless you are that much more at risk of the severe consequences associated with the disease. That is one of the many reasons we need to make sure we are doing all we can to prevent more households from falling into homelessness during this crisis. The eviction moratorium, which we spearheaded together with the mayor's office in march is now state law providing vital stability for renters across the state for a few more months. It has bought us time, but the challenge before us now is supporting these households when the moratorium is lifted at the end of september. And even though we need to do so much more to protect renters in the community, the funding before you today will begin to address that need. And I know that I can be sure that this city council will join me in continuing to advocate for rent assistance dollars from both the state and the federal government way ahead of november. I agree there is a lot more to do to address this crisis, but I want you to know that you have Multnomah county's support just as I know that we have yours. Today is another big step forward. Yes, it continues the longstanding, city and county partnership, but it also represents the fundamental truth that we will either succeed in this together or we will fail together. None of us can do it alone. As the Multnomah county chair, as well as a proud Portland resident, I am confident that our community can weather this storm as long as we keep looking out for each other. We need each other now more than ever. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you, chair kafoury. We appreciate it. Thank you, again, for the strong partnership and the close collaboration during the entirety of this covid crisis. We appreciate the advice and the counsel we've been receiving through the health professionals and the folks in the public health department at Multnomah county. That's been critically important to our efforts here, and we are very grateful for the longstanding partnership that we have around addressing vulnerable populations, including those homeless on our streets, and I want to thank you personally for your leadership. I see commissioner hardesty has a question or a comment. Commissioner.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Yes, I have a quick question for chair kafoury, and I want to also add my thanks to you, chair, and your entire board for being really strong partners as the mayor said from the very beginning. My question is about the joint office and whether or not this \$19 million will add any additional beds for folks who are houseless.

Kafoury: It is my understanding that this \$19 million is to protect the folks who are currently in our shelter system who are very, very vulnerable to contracting the disease, and then be hospitalized, by putting them in their own individual spaces, we will keep them safe, is the goal. I share a concern that I think that where you are going with this. I don't want to put words into your mouth, is that we do need additional shelter space for people who are still living on the streets. That is a high priority of mine. It always has been and will

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continue to be. I am not seeing these dollars as the last money in. I think that this is -- this is the first step from the federal government, and I know that our delegation is working extremely hard to get more federal dollars. I don't think that there is a county, a city, or a state and a country that feels that they have the appropriate level of resources from the federal government to deal with this crisis before us.

Hardesty: Thank you, chair kafoury. Let me put on the record my concern that we continue to spend all of our resources on people who, actually, already have some temporary shelter and almost none on people who are not. We have to figure out a way to do both, which means maybe we have less for folks who already have temporary shelter and provide some for folks who have not been sheltered during this entire pandemic. We just can't keep ignoring the suffering that's happening on our street, and say that we are hopeful that somebody else will send us some money. I am just very concerned that we seem to have blinders on. I mean earlier, our whole communications was about folks who are on the street with nowhere to go. I just think that we should be able to do both, and maybe we can't put everybody currently into a single hotel room, but we have to be able to address this crisis that is growing daily on our street. I am very concerned that these limited resources are not going to do anything to make life better for folks who today have nowhere to go. That's it. That's all that I have to say.

Wheeler: Thank you. We also, commissioner, we have Marc Jolin here later who can probably shed some light on -- at a more granular level. Thank you, chair kafoury. We really appreciate you being here and your support today.

Kafoury: Thank you. Thank you, mayor, and commissioner Hardesty. I think that you and I are in complete agreement that we need to do more for people on the streets. I just don't -- I want to be clear that we have very carefully targeted the people that we are going to put into these isolation motels that are people that are at the very highest risk. If not everyone, it's people at the highest risk. The longer that they are staying in these shelters, the more vulnerable not just they are, but the workers there, as well as so I agree it seems like, you know, the may be troubling, but I want you to know that there is no way that we are going to stop here. This is not just a one-shot and we are done. The joint office and my team and issue all you at the city are very committed to insuring that the people who are currently sleeping on the streets are as safe as those who are in our shelters.

Hardesty: I know that you care as passionately as I do, chair kafoury, and my comments in no way implied otherwise. I just can't imagine us spending \$19 million and not owning anything at the end of the day. Because we will have a lot more houseless people when this is over so thank you. I appreciate that.

Kafoury: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. And did we want to go back to q&a before we get to public testimony?

Hardesty: I am done.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty is done. Commissioner Eudaly, and commissioner Fritz, are you able to -- if you have a question, you can reach us -- commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: Thank you, mayor, I appreciate the conversation. I would just note that we know the best -- the most cost effective way of reducing houselessness is to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place so we need to make sure that the people currently hanging onto their housing by a shred are remaining in that housing. I agree with commissioner Hardesty, of course. We all do and have been working on addressing houselessness for 12 years and more. And in this crisis, I believe that keeping people who are housed should be a top priority.

Wheeler: All right. Very good. With that, we will move to public testimony. Karla, we will call your name when it is your turn, and your microphone will be unmuted. When she does, please share your name for the record. You have two minutes to testify. Go ahead, Karla.

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Karla: I show 34 people signed up. We have about 32 on the line.

Wheeler: Okay.

Karla: The first person is shobasini

Wheeler: Welcome.

Subashini Ganesan: Thank you. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes. Loud and clear. You are good to go.

Ganesan: Great. Thank you, mayor and commissioners of the city council. My name is shobasini nadeau. I am a south asian freelance artist, founder of a nonprofit intimate performing arts venue called "new expressive works." as you all know the current creative time of Portland. Today I urge you to accept and appropriate the 2020 cares act funds, which includes an allotment of 4.35 million to arts and culture in our city. I understand that the 4.35 million allocated for arts and culture are designated to be distributed to bipoc freelance artists and creatives to Portland five, and independent venues both for profit and nonprofit in phase 3. This allocation will be another critical step to help us mitigate the dire economic conditions of the arts and culture industry. With very little projections of economic improvement, either near term or long-term for our industry, this allocation gives a clear signal that our city supports arts and culture as a true priority. Bipoc artists in our city have always been, but in particular, now during covid and the social justice revolution work, are disproportionate by the stresses of health, safety, and the difficulties of our political, economic, and real estate situation. Bipoc artists are musicians, dancers, theater artists, visual artists, film-makers, teaching artists, and the list goes on. Bipoc artists are predominantly contracted for hourly work that is not consistent year-round. Ourself producing artists -- ourself producing, artistic events and sell their own tickets, and might be presented by arts venues based on competitive selection, and so they only receive a one-time payment. Therefore, providing immediate financial resources to artists and creatives who are predominantly black, indigenous, latin x, asian, and poc folks, is both critical and correct. In terms of the arts and culture venues, I will stay with my authentic and lived experience as a poc performance venue founder and e.d. Affordable spaces began to be discussed in Portland at the end of 2013, and several arts venues, including new respond by building affordable performance rental schedules for dance, music, and theater artists to showcase their work.

Karla: That is two minutes.

Ganesan: In conclusion, I honestly believe that many of us are working independently to find sustainability, but your coalition and resources, especially from the city, is most appreciated. Thank you for your serious consideration.

Wheeler: Thank you, suba. Thank you for your services. We really appreciate it.

Ganesan: Thank you.

Karla: Next is renee mitchell.

Wheeler: Good morning, renee.

Renee Mitchell: I am unmuting myself. I am the -- I am speaking -- I am renee mitchell, speaking as the 2019 spirit of Portland award-winner. I am in support of course, of the arts and culture allocation. What I would like to just raise awareness of is in the conversation about the impact on people during the covid pandemic, that the voice is being not heard in this conversation. I would like to just raise awareness of the fact that in the period of adolescence, peer relationships are one of the most important features of adolescence. Decades of research documents this. Their opinions or behaviors or perceptions, their self worth is dependent on what happens during the adolescence period. So as one of the arts organizations, I am more, which stands for making ourselves resilient every day. People with intellectual disabilities. I have the pleasure of being development coordinator which has been supporting Portlanders experiencing idd since 1954. The arc is a small organization with a staff of eight, nearly half have adult children who experience idd, and

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our board is made up of another eight folks who have worked or worked in the disability community including a self-advocate. We offer community inclusion support, holistic health and wellness, programming, very active recreation club and information and referral line for around 350 to 400 people. In 2018 people with disabilities made 12.8% of Multnomah county residents and they are the largest minority group living in Oregon and their disability identity often intersects with other social disadvantaged. Multnomah county is the county with the highest number of people with disabilities. When the covid-19 pandemic necessitated the staying home order we stopped all our in-person services, conducted a survey in april and found that 73.5% of our clients felt more isolated in the weeks since the order was given and that 85.7 were connecting with fewer people in their daily lives. Over a quarter indicated they did not have internet access and 38% didn't have a computer. 47% didn't know how to connect with others online or know how to do so. With their well-being in mind we adapted several key programs to a virtual format and launched a pilot this month to get assistive technology and i-pads into the hands of ten people. It will take training and we'll provide them with a year of wi-fi access because it's clear until the coronavirus vaccine is available many with idd have to shelter in place. During this many Portlanders face real threats to their basic needs for housing, employment and through the security. Thank you. I would like to just say that one in four Oregonians who experience disability live in poverty at more than twice the rate of nondisabled peers. Historically low unemployment rate -- for them losing their ability or not having the ability to connect with others is a very real threat to their mental health and overall well-being.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Karla: Next is madison cairo.

Wheeler: Good morning, madison.

Madison Cario: Good morning. Madison cairo, executive director of the regional arts and culture council testifying in support of the arts and culture allocation of item 563 which will support artists and creatives. The decisions you're faced with these days are hard and heavy and they will impact thousands. They will change lives today and for generations to come. The decision to have to make with limited resources create an environment where we all feel the pressure of having to choose one cause over another. I know this is not easy. Yet in this time of great suffering is this not also a time for great change? For transformational reframing of the old ways of seeing things? As we're shaken awake we need to suspend fake claims of certainty that this is more essential than that and as james baldwin said lay bare the questions hidden by the answers. To listen to research and intuition we must first see the people behind the numbers and shift from a scarcity mindset to one of abundance. If we can just put down that either/or argument and look at the words and stories our artists and creators, second responders are sharing now we will see a community suffering, out of work, out of money, out of patience yet they continue to show up for us and for each other. If you look around you will see a community leading the charge for change, healing and belonging. They need us and we need them. Support for the arts now is support for people. The arts are people. They are part of our community and right now they are out of work and their workplaces are closed. There's no lifeline for them. Look around city hall across Portland you will see artists are already acting as stewards of our public spaces keeping us attuned to the collective memories and lessons we need to hear. Now is the time to engage them and their artistic processes as never before and help shape the Portland we want to become. We can't afford to abandon the people and infrastructure critical to making Portland, well, Portland and we can't afford to miss any opportunity to support the work of our bipoc artists and creatives. Enlist artists now to help deescalate and transform conflict, as key strategists to help reimagine the reopening of our businesses, communities and schools, embed artists in public safety systems to help raise the measure of empathy and responsiveness. Thank you. Invite

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artists into government agencies to shake up linear approaches to policy and encourage them to join us in the search for solutions to our social justice, housing, food, health, environmental, transportation, education and economic crises. Thank you for the time.

Wheeler: Thank you, madison. Thanks for your hard work. We appreciate it.

Karla: Next hom nam.

Hyung Nam: Can you all hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Nam: Thank you. So first of all I want to say I think it's really important that we look at having appropriate public oversight over this. I'm really glad that commissioner hardesty brought up the fact that the way that we normally do business especially led by the pdv, now prosper Portland, has led to the decision in Portland today that is extremely unequal so just trying to go back to the way things were is not the solution here. I think we have to be really careful and i'm really surprised that even our commissioners are not aware of some of the details about how this is happening. I just do not trust our unelected bureaucrats to manage these millions of dollars. I think I just want to underscore that we not only need to make sure that we take care of immigrants that are excluded from federal and state benefits but also carefully look at a need for a rental services office as people have been talking about we have basically a massive eviction crisis that is looming because the temporary moratorium does not do anything about the accumulated rents that people are going to be owing and we need to defend people and create an office like that could make a huge difference. On top of that I want to say that it's really important that we take care of people in the streets, make sure we have enough testing, ppe, and hygiene and as we heard from earlier we can't criminalize these people. We need to make sure their needs are taken care of so these neighbors are not coming into city hall demanding we police and incarcerate them. I also want to just be careful about airbnb wants bailouts for their property owners. We need to make sure we think carefully about who benefits from these funds and knowing that it's not enough but we need to make sure that the people in most need that are most excluded are taken care of. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Karla: Next is ashley henry.

Wheeler: Good morning, ashley.

Ashley Henry: Good morning, mayor, council, i'm sorry I was not able to get through on the zoom. I'm having some technical difficulties. Thank you for allowing me to call in. I represent an organization called business for a better Portland. We're a three and a half-year-old organization comprised of over 400 businesses and organizations. Primarily small to medium size companies. When we were formed our goal was really to leverage the political and social capital of the businesses to support the community more broadly in our work on housing and homelessness, transportation policy, economic development. We of course never could have foreseen the situation that we finds ourselves in today where we're actually supporting our members directly by advocating for their needs primarily at the state and federal level. I just want to say how much we appreciate the leadership of the prosper Portland and the mayor and commissioner hardesty and all of the economic recovery calls we have participated in. It's been really heartening to participate in those and to see the genuine commitment to equity and the approach that was taken from the very, very beginning of that economic recovery task force. So for that because of that strong equity focus we chose to dedicate the majority of our efforts to work at the state level because we did not see that happening especially the lack of attention to small business. I just want to call out the strong leadership that you have all shown and of course as commissioner eudaly mentioned, none of these dollars will be enough but we're very supportive of the 15 million that is in this package today for small business. It will unfortunately not be enough to save everyone, but very appreciative that the process

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resulted in funding for some small business support and the grant program that prosper established earlier was a step in the right direction and i'm really encouraged that there is a desire to help these companies, small companies that employ so many people in our city and have a ripple effect throughout the economy for families and individuals. So i'll stop there and just say thank you for prioritizing that \$15 million and the additional 2 million for venues. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, ashley. We appreciate all of the time and energy and the input you have provided to the economic impact task force. We have really appreciated the partnership with you and business for better Portland.

Karla: Next is robin williams.

Wheeler: Greetings.

Robin Williams: Thank you, mayor, commissioners. I'm robin williams, executive director for Portland five centers for the arts. We're the umbrella organization that operates the three buildings and five theaters owned by the city of Portland. We book them, we maintain them and host over 1,000 of them a year. We have had no events since march 13th. With no revenues that affects 85% of the monies that we need to take care of the building. We also are losing about 10% of our revenues in lodging tax. We anticipate exhausting all of our funding by october 1st. So far we have laid off 90% of our staff and we're maintaining only the minimum to take care of the buildings and continue booking so that we have events that we'll be able to come back to quickly when the time is right. We have made many significant investments in our city and the communities over the year. For example in the past four years we have provided 16.5 million in capital maintenance for the venues. 11 of it came directly from Portland five and then we leveraged 5.5 million from other sources. We also invest in the arts education by the most fragile students in our community. Our education program focuses on title 1 schools only. We provide free tickets and transportation to shows. We also provide transportation and ticketing to families from low income communities. We have invested in our bipoc communities by giving first priority for all of our jobs through merch first opportunity target area. We provide more than 800 jobs per year. That does not include all the ancillary jobs as a result of our events like bartenders and security folks. We can be a key component in helping Portland recover after the pandemic. It's going to need us to be available and for our venues be functional so that we can continue to be the economic catalyst that our people and businesses rely on us for. The money allocated --

Wheeler: Robin, i'm sorry, you cut out on us.

Williams: I don't know. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Now we can. Your two minutes is up. Did you have a final thought to get in? You cut out there at the end.

Williams: No, i'm fine. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks, robin. We appreciate your hard work.

Karla: Next is samantha merway.

Samantha Van Der Merwe: Hi, there. I'm samantha, founding artistic director of shaking the tree in southeast Portland and i'm in huge support of the suggested allocation of relief funds for arts and culture. Shaking the tree is a small independent venue and nonprofit arts organization. We not only produce our own plays we rent our space to a large variety of performance groups. We also teach theater classes and hold workshops at our venue. This means that we create a lot of opportunities and revenue for Portland artists as well as provide community enrichment through storytelling. Our venue also enriches the ecology of our neighborhood. We support local restaurants because our patrons will go out to eat before a show or go to a bar afterwards or parents will sit at a coffee shop while their kids are in class. Or actors and designers will run out for lunch during rehearsal break. While we're shuttered we're greatly by our community and our neighborhood. Shaking the tree is

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one example if our independent and arts organizations are not able to stay afloat. Portland will be nothing without its unique arts and culture scene. Our independent venues and arts organizations are responsible for creating thousands of jobs and being closed for this long has affected thousands of livelihoods. We will not be able to survive without significant relief and the ripple effect of our closure will be felt for years to come. Please deeply consider the loss that will be felt if we were to disappear completely. Let us compel you to commit to our sustainability over the long term. When we're finally able to open our doors our communities will be hungry for live arts experiences. Help us make sure that we are well positioned to be of service when that day comes. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, samantha.

Karla: Next is andrew miller.

Wheeler: Welcome. We can't hear you. Are you muted?

Andrew Miller: Is that better?

Wheeler: Yes, thank you.

Miller: Good morning. For the record i'm andy miller executive director at human solutions your partner in east Portland. East Multnomah county. First I want to start by thanking the council for recognizing the need and the urgency we're seeing every day at human solutions. Infection and unemployment rates remain very high in east county and east Portland and our region is home to many black and brown families for whom unemployment payments and stimulus checks if they come at all will not be big enough to neat expenses like food, rent, car payments and medical bills. I want to support the proposed allocation to close the digital divide. The pandemic has increased our community's reliance on technology to accomplish the tasks of basic living especially for kids who can only attend camps this summer and schools next fall if they can log on and log in. I want to talk this morning about the rents. While we support the proposed allocation today for rental assistance we can all agree it's far from enough to prevent the disaster of homelessness for too many families especially many black and brown families. We need a more systemic intervention than rental assistance. We lack the funding to cover the ongoing need in the community arising from the pandemic. We see it as we're trying to cover a king size bed of need with twin size sheets and blanks it simply won't work. We need to shift strategies that lands the burden of insufficient funding where it can best be born, with owners of property and banks that underwrite them. We ask the council to press the legislature to cancel the rents. By that we mean a real systemic change, scaled for this crisis that will prevent all renters impacted by covid-19 from being evicted for nonpayment of rent for the duration of the pandemic. This approach would shift the dollars you are allocating today from tenant-based rental assistance administered across a broad set of agencies to a singular landlord mitigation fund much more efficient and simpler to administer. We need to put this approach in place now before we start spending down the limited funds we have by paying individual rents one at a time, knowing that we will run out of funds. I know this change will take legislative action. What i'm asking today is that council add its voice to the many voicings to press the legislature for this kind of systemic intervention.

Wheeler: Thank you, andy.

Karla: Next is kim elliott.

Wheeler: Good morning, kim.

Kim Elliott: Good morning. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Elliott: I'm co-director of the assistant technology lab at community vision in favor the digital divide allocation of 3.5 million. We are a local nonprofit that has been supporting people with disabilities living in their own homes in the Portland area for the past 31 years. Our programs focus on in-home support, housing access, and assisted technology

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solutions and training. Only five years ago we might have looked at technology and internet access as life-style choices or enhancements. Times have changed. Digital connection is no longer a luxury but essential to living in our current society. In fact our digital reliance is sharply come into focus during this pandemic. Can you imagine what it would be like sheltering in place without internet access? Many of are are able to work, socialize, purchase food and supplies and see our health-care providers all through access to technology and internet. The inequity of the current digital divide is felt acutely in the disability community where many people with disabilities live on a mere \$780 a month. Digital access has been fundamental to community vision's response to this pandemic within the disability community. Many people with disabilities may be medically vulnerable leading them to stay home even while the city begins to open up. Extending their social isolation for longer than much of the rest of Portland. Additionally, telehealth has become an essential portal to meeting ongoing health needs. We are creating four informational videos on telehealth access for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. We have heard how important this has been. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, kim.

Karla: Next is mira mclaughlin.

Wheeler: Hi, mira.

Meara McLaughlin: Hello, there. I'm mira mclaughlin, executive director of music Portland, a two-year-old trade association for our commercial music industry here. I'm testifying today specifically to support the allocation of venues from a popular music perspective so thank you, mayor, commissioner Fritz and especially commissioner eudaly for supporting this plan to sustain the cultural heartbeat of our community. Venues are like the factories of our local music ecology. In addition to the people they employ directly their are work spaces for new situations and production crews. At least 20,000 local musicians are making some or all of their living from professional music. At the end of may we confirmed 1500 musicians in Oregon primarily Portland had already lost a total of \$8 million of canceled show income just through june. So pay for venue performance is a primary income source for the whole industry. 700 local music businesses employing thousands rely on musicians paid for performance as customers. The state aid granted by the e-board is like a tourniquet for venues. The bare minimum to keep them from closing permanently right away. The city allocation will be needed to and a half kuwait the complex and uncharted path back to stable venue operations. The proposed allocation is much needed but the implementation of this aid offers even new opportunities. Music Portland encourages creation of an Oregon community foundation venue stabilization fund through which venue grants could be distributed and where the crf allocation could act as seed money to incent the private sector to invest. Loss of venue will mean loss of business advantage from pdx music that's already been confirmed by the Portland business alliance and many employers. This investment by the city can also be a tool for social justice in our music economy. Venue grants provided via this fund should and will have dei accountability baked in. This crf allocation must go by law to existing venue impacted by covid all owned by white but music Portland advocated that the first \$250 to \$500,000 of private sector donations spurred by it will be committed to the creation of a black owned and managed venue for music arts and community.

Karla: That's two minutes.

McLaughlin: Thank you for your commitment to arts, culture, film and music in Portland.

Wheeler: Thanks.

Karla: Next is damon smith.

Wheeler: Welcome, damon.

Damon Smyth: Good morning. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

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Smyth: I would like to thank you for your time today. I'm speaking on the funding for artists and culture allocation. I'm a local artist. Just giving you my testimony on why I believe funding is so important. As covid hit I was let off of my day job for a period of time and art is the thing that really carries through and helps us as artists to be able to provide for our families. I have a three-year-old son and four-year-old daughter. Having funding for the arts couldn't be more important than it is today. I have recently been going downtown to help provider murals for businesses that have been affected by some of the protesting and video boarded up their windows. During my time painting I did four or five murals out of over 33 down there by numerous artists. I know one common trend from people in Portland who watched and encounter me painting. They all wanted to see more of it. All of it was positive. The feedback was refreshing. People in the city and around the area are looking to give them hope and to help them get through their day with all the bad news that keeps coming up on the news. Art is one of those things that grants us a chance to step back from all of that and kind of get a fresh perspective and really helps us move forward as a community. So thanks for help funding this. Doesn't only help me as an artist it helps our community to be a brighter place, a better place, give people inspiration to move forward with their lives and continue to push forward in all areas of work. I just think that supporting artists now is the best thing that we can do.

Karla: That's two minutes.

Smyth: Thank you. I really appreciate you guys' time and hope you can consider helping fund the arts. I know that myself as an artist will be deeply impacted just as much as anyone else.

Wheeler: Excellent testimony. Thank you. You're 100% right about the public needing something positive and inspirational. The window art we're seeing around the city is truly phenomenal. Just on a side note i'm glad that there are concerted efforts to make sure it's protected and saved not lost after the boards come down. I appreciate your perspective today. Thank you.

Smyth: Thank you.

Karla: Next is adam gonsalves.

Wheeler: Good morning, adam.

Adam Gonsalves: Good morning. Thank you for taking this testimony. I'm also testifying in my support of the arts and culture part of the the allocation. I'm the head master engineer at traffic mastering here in Portland, one of the founders of cascade record pressing, a vinyl record manufacturing, pressing plant. Without music venues an enormous part of the client base of myself and other arts professionals and music related media manufacturers will disappear. Approximately 200 other local music production professionals that can't survive in a town where there's no money to support the performances. In addition to the absolutely crucial cultural benefits arts provide and make up an enormous part of the identity of the city and what makes Portland a stable place for businesses to move to and be made in the economic impact of the music people not receiving these funds and disappearing can't be overstated. If they disappear over 200 other small businesses disappear soon afterwards. So the devastation that would be experienced by music production professionals vanishing would be 200 small businesses that employ lots of people just falling away overnight. The point of the testimony was just to not only lend the argument for making sure that the arts and culture appropriation goes through and supporting art and culture in Portland but to punctuate the economic impact would be felt if music is not supported and are not reopening when everyone else does.

Wheeler: Thank you, adam. Appreciate it.

Karla: Next is connie wong.

Wheeler: Good morning.

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Connie Wohn: Good morning. My name is connie wong, and i'm going to use my time and opportunity and privilege to speak for those that don't have access to these kind of meetings and opportunities. As I have heard a lot of my community members here speak on the importance of arts and buildings and structures and I don't entirely disagree. I think there is a baseline of need and support that needs to be provided to people in our community that aren't able to speak up for their various organizations or themselves in these situations. As we have seen from covid, anything that could have broken in this situation is breaking. There are so many facets of support that are needed from people that do need support with the digital divide, schools, health care, all of these things but as we take the money and we appropriate it to our community that the federal government has allotted it is very, very important that we go back to the baseline of humanity and look at the people that don't even have access to the opportunity like this to speak for themselves. In the act in the things the task force have laid out they do plan to support the unhoused. That's obviously one facet that on this kind of call we're not going to see people that are unhoused speaking up. They are not in a position to speak for themselves. One thing that was brought up specifically by commissioner hardesty was the undocumented. Undocumented people deserve access to these funds and these support systems and they aren't in a position to advocate for themselves or speak for those needs, and then one area that has not been at all addressed is the unbanked. There are many people that may have jobs, may have homes, may have things but don't have a official banking systems. Those are systems that are created to create this class system. If people don't have banking systems they still deserve access to --

Karla: That's two minutes.

Wohn: To these funds and these needs. I just implore those that are involved in the task force and the commissioners to hold the accountability to humanity. Everyone that needs these. While buildings and music programs and all of these things are absolutely important the people that can't speak for themselves also need that voice and are just as important.

Wheeler: Thank you, connie. Appreciate your testimony.

Karla: Next is brian weaver.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty had her hand up. I apologize.

Hardesty: I was just going to thank connie for her testimony and tell her how grateful I was to hear someone speak on behalf of people who don't have access to this meeting. Thank you for being here today and I greatly appreciate what you had to say. Thank you.

Wohn: Thank you.

Karla: Brian weaver.

Brian Weaver: Good morning, commissioners. I'm brian weaver. I'm artistic director of Portland playhouse and i'm testifying in support of agenda item 563 and funding that supports bipoc individual artists, art organizations and venues. I want to thank the council and everyone working on this funding proposal that you included identified funds for black and indigenous and people of color artists in the proposal. I would like to add that I think it's important to state in the public document that this funding is allocated to bipoc artists in recognition of past harm done by the city and state that it is not a handout or a grant but rather a reparation and money that is owed. In doing so with a small amount of funding we'll be furthering the groundwork for a larger movement and call for national reparation. The funding allocated to support nonprofit venues its vitally important. We're a small professional group. We serve 10,000 providing extracarricular and extracurricular programming. Playhouse is one of the special gems amid thousands of others that make Portland a special city unique and hard to replicate. A neighborhood theater that folks can walk to, gold certified by the city sustainability program and awarded by the american theater wing as one the most successful start-ups in the country. We're also an endangered species. Many of our artists live close to the poverty line without savings and

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without a safety net. Its rare for a start-up theater company to find the financial stability we have established and it's the results of tens of thousands of volunteers hours, extraordinary support and vision from the neighborhood association, passionate artists and community organizing efforts that span ten years and coronavirus could kill it. Without emergency funding Portland playhouse and most other art organizations will close and while art will never die and art making and art makers will find a way to survive the delicate, beautiful, complex, diverse joyful ecology of creative expression in Portland will be hard to replicate once it is closed.

Karla: Two minutes.

Weaver: I'll just say thank you. Let me say public money for art is essential because it's democratizing and will hold us accountable. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: We appreciate your testimony.

Karla: Andrea valderama.

Wheeler: Welcome. Are you unmuted?

Andrea Valderrama: Yes. Can you here me?

Wheeler: Now we can. Good to hear you.

Valderrama: Thank you. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to testify this morning. My name is andrea valderama. I'm advocacy director for the coalition of communities of color. I'm a registered lobbyist with the city speaking on behalf of ccc. We support a collective racial justice effort to improve out comes for communities of color through policy analysis and advocacy, environment justice, culturally appropriate data and research and leadership development in communities of color. We're an alliance of culturally specific based organizations with representation from various communities of color. Existing racial disparities, socioeconomic factors and inequities means that our response to preventing and mitigating covid-19 must prioritize communities who need it most, black, indigenous and people of color. We appreciate your commitment towards our communities and allocating these critical resources to our families. I would appreciate bridging digital divide. This is central to getting bipoc out of the public health and economic crises. They are not luxuries but necessities especially for frontline communities and the organizations that serve them. Without a device and reliability internet access it's challenging to access housing assistance, challenging to look up emergency food programs, challenging to find necessary health services and almost impossible to complete education for our classes. These are essential. Public health and covid-19 response and four housing and household stability and the joint office of homeless services. We also have two additional asks that you coordinate and track hate crime. Increased incidents began in the aapi community and communities of color in Portland neighborhoods where it's been repeatedly published but there are areas of high contraction rates. Add on top of these public health and economic crises. To collect and report data that is desegregated by race and ethnicity. Without the data economic solutions cannot be made. We urge you to direct your bureaus to collect and report by race and ethnicity wherever possible. When we have accurate data and respond --

Karla: Two minutes.

Valderrama: We're all healthier. We appreciate your commitment to our communities and I look forward to working with you in all these efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it very much.

Karla: Next is lee miller.

Wheeler: Hi, lee.

Lee Miller: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

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Miller: Hello, mayor and council members. I'm lee miller with flip the script through central city concern. I would like to comment on item 563. Flip the script is a program for black african-american people who are reentering the community after incarceration. I have been recently released after doing 20 years and technology has changed so much in that time. I would like those that need to know that the chrome tablet donated to me will be a great help for me in so many ways as I am new to working with things via the internet. I am learning how to do things with the computers now instead of always asking for someone to do it for me. Yes, this is a learning experience and it also gives me my independence instead of relying on someone else to do it for me. As for now, I am low income, disabled. I receive snap benefits and I do not have a job at this time. I applied for disability in hopes to have some type of income with a part-time job. There are lots of individuals that I know of that could use something like this to help better themselves and their future. Please vote yes on item 563. Thank you for hearing my comment today.

Wheeler: Thank you, lee. Thank you for sharing your story. Appreciate it. Commissioner hardesty has her hand up.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, lee, for your testimony. It is rare for us here at the city council to hear firsthand someone's lived experience who has been part of our justice system. I have been talking to a lot of folks who keep telling me that there is almost nothing for folks who have served their time and come back into their local community. Can you talk a little bit about your transition back into the city and i'm respectful that there are a lot of people here so i'm not going to ask too many questions, but we rarely get this opportunity to ask these questions directly.

Miller: Yes. I can answer some more.

Hardesty: Thank you, lee. Were you able to get housing?

Miller: Flip the script right now the group I just spoke about is helping me to get housing as well as find some type of part-time unemployment until my disability is approved.

Hardesty: It sounds like flip the script helped you identify where you could get resources to help you survive after you came back, correct?

Miller: If it wasn't for them I wouldn't be in the position I am now to look for housing or even work from the internet to fill out applications or forms or anything like that. I thank them for their donation through ccc, central city concern.

Hardesty: Would you be kind enough to reach out to my office? I would love to have a deeper conversation with you because this is a conversation we need to have as the city of Portland. Whatever we think of our criminal justice system, 90% of people come back to the community that they left. And we do almost nothing to help make a smooth transition back into a productive society. I would like to talk to you off line. Thank you so much for showing up today and thank you for your courage to talk about your lived experience.

Miller: You're quite welcome. All I would need is information or I can give you my phone number and you can contact me.

Hardesty: I bet Karla would be happy to connect with you before you hang up and we'll make sure you know how to reach me. You have a computer, right?

Miller: Yes, but --

Hardesty: Jo ann@Portlandoregon.gov. If you google city council i'm the only black face there. I'll be easy to find.

Miller: Thank you very much.

Karla: Next is grace hendrix.

Wheeler: Hi, grace. You're still muted. Karla, is grace on the phone line?

Karla: We've got her on the phone and on her computer.

Wheeler: You need to unmute. If it's the phone it's star 6 on your keypad. We can hear you now.

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Grace Hendricks: Good morning. I'm grace hendrix. I'm with the apano and i'm here to speak this morning on behalf of the small businesses that I work with. Also to offer my experience in some of the challenges and successes that have been witnessing in the last four months during the pandemic. I'm sorry, could you give me a moment? I'm having technical difficulties. There we go. I'm here to speak on behalf of small business owners and in favor of the proposed small business funds allocated from the cares local relief fund. My role is business advisor to support api-owned businesses within the jade district as well as greater Portland. With the support and resources from prosper Portland and the inclusive business network. My work would normally be to support business owners with development and growth but in times of the pandemic my role has turned to resource navigating and crisis control. I have been personally able to touch and work with about 65 business owners. Some of the challenges for our api business owners have been language and access barriers hello?

Wheeler: We can hear you. We can hear you. Are you still there? Did we lose her?

Karla: Keelen, do you know what happened? Looks like she might be gone now.

Keelan: Looks like she dropped off.

Wheeler: We're having a lot of technical glitches today. Commissioner hardesty, did you have your hand raised?

Hardesty: Mayor, we did get an email saying the city is having technical problems with its computers so it may be us.

Wheeler: Who knows? Gremlins in the machine.

Hendricks: Working with the api business owners some of the challenges have been language and access barriers. I want to speak in favor of the funding allocated for the digital divide as well as small business funding. Some of the successes through apano's advocacy and communication with prosper Portland we were able to receive an award, a grant of 150,000 back in march, and this was acknowledgment of some of the hardship that was beginning early on documented since january due to covid due to racism within the jade district. This money served an obviously need toward payroll and utilities but also provided relationship building and has begun an understanding for the business owners of interdependence within our community and also trust in our local government. As we know, small businesses are the fabric and backbone of our local economy and the funding that we were granted early days of covid were significant in assisting our jade district businesses. Business owners in weathering the storm most of which are still in operation.

Karla: That's two minutes.

Hendricks: Thank you. The resilience and determination that i'm honored to see in our business owners and hopeful for the continuation of funding and support.

Wheeler: Thank you, grace.

Karla: Next is meliche graham.

Malachi Graham: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Malachi Graham: Hi. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. I'm a local musician here in Portland. I am also testifying in support of the grant to arts and culture in our city and specifically the support for our independent venues. They were the first institutions that closed their doors for the pandemic and will be among the last to reopen. They drive real revenue for local musicians and performers and as adam said before me they also pass a lot of revenue into the community as a whole. The whole arts eco-system, music eco-system specifically depends on them. They serve as incubators, cake makers, supporting artists that then develop and drive Portland's creative reputation nationally and internationally over the last ten years it has been harder and harder to make a living as an artist in Portland and live performance revenue is really at the core of a musician's income. If our venues close there's a real risk for the economy of Portland just withering away.

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These are gathering spaces for the entire city. I'm also really grateful that that funding has been paired with grants for bipoc artists. They have always driven the music culture and brilliance of this city and that's a really important part as a previous caller said as reparations for the artists. Thank you to everyone that worked hard on this package. I'm grateful for you all.

Wheeler: Appreciate your testimony.

Wheeler: After this can you give me a count, please?

Kyle Morton: Is this thing on?

Wheeler: You're good.

Morton: I'm Kyle Morton testifying in favor of agenda 563 specifically the relief programs for independent venues. First I want to thank the mayor and commissioners for letting me be here and for everything else you do. I'm a musician and I work in the music venue. This is typical, venues being one of the few businesses that encourage touring and where playing in a band doesn't look bad on a resume. I have been with a band the past 15 years. When I'm home I help manage Mississippi Studios. Those lines of work have been completely gutted by the COVID crisis. To have shows you have to have crowds. Control a pandemic you can't have crowds. Music venues are the first to close and the last to open. The first point is about economic impact for musicians. Live shows are the only way we earn money. Spotify pays literally pennies and getting commercial work is like playing the musical lottery. Musicians need to play shows. To play shows we need venues. Portland venues are special. I played on stages, going to see shows, getting to know people that work in them, sound engineers, box office attendants, bartenders, publicists. Many artists like myself who need a day job. Portland venues are special, they are not perfect. We need more bipoc venue. I'm requesting all should require equity benchmarks based on actual metrics. My last point, this is just a civic observation, we need assembly spaces. When COVID is over we'll need places people can be together in real life. As great as Zoom is there's no substitute for the three-dimensional spaces. Thank you very much for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. I'm 100% in agreement with you.

Gia Naranjo-Rivera: Good morning. This is my first time speaking to you all. I'm just completing my Ph.D in public health with a focus on human trauma, depression and promoting well-being and cooperation. My dissertation has been in partnership with the program which is in 90% of Portland public high schools. I own my own business, an emergent field of study. A Black female researcher neuroscientist at OHSU that focus on socially just programming and ways of being. It asserts that you cannot have social justice without health and vice versa. I love what everyone before me has said and I may echo some of that but I'm here in part speaking for many who are voiceless and are not able to connect to this webinar regarding adopting trauma. Since May 21 I have been involved in peacefully protesting against police brutality and I have documented numerous violations of police and neo-Nazi Proud Boys trying to harm human beings including our most vulnerable living outside of the justice center and federal court building. They have been using demonstrated and I have witnessed and experienced personally unmerited use of chemical weapons which violate the Geneva Protocol and Article 1 of the Chemical Weapons Prohibition. This happened as recently as last night to me and others. Excessive use of force including assault, shooting chemical agents, rubber bullets and more. Targeting media, youth and strong Black leaders and deploying explosives in the faces of positive, strong, peaceful Black leaders. I was permanently arrested for praying, voicing grievances against government. Targeting and harassment, illegal arrests, illegal searches and allowing neo-Nazis to act with impunity. I certainly stand with many of my friends in asking for the reallocation of funds. I have put together an acronym around my requests and the community requests.

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Karla: Two minutes.

Naranjo-Rivera: Okay, as a researcher I have been talking to many every allocation of fund I believe should not only include defunding of police --

Wheeler: Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you for testifying this morning. I'm going to ask you what may seem a hard question. Have you filed a complaint with independent police review, ipr? You're muted. Are you able to unmute, gia?

Naranjo-Rivera: I apologize. Yes. I have reported these atrocities to many folks and including the ipr, and that has been the response has been tepid, evasive and as I look at the needs for reinvestment I see that addressing these abominable acts are linked to also the need for protecting the most vulnerable with housing, food, health care, improved education.

Hardesty: Thank you, gia. Would you be kind enough to contact my office at joann@Portlandoregon.gov.

Naranjo-Rivera: I will. Thank you so much for your time.

Hardesty: I appreciate you being here today. Thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Karla: Next alan napolito.

Miranda Mishan: Hi, folks. I'll yield my time. I was asked to sign up just in case I wasn't able to participate and answer questions.

Wheeler: Thank you, alan. Appreciate your work. Miranda.

Wheeler: Hi, miranda.

Mishan: Good morning. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: You're good to go.

Mishan: Right. Thanks for the time. I'm miranda mission, the community development policy coordinator at the native american family center. We're a wrap-around agency. We serve around 2,000 individuals and impact the lives of over 10,000 each year. We offer a number of services including family services, education, health, housing, community support programs. I want to add my voice to show support for 563, specifically allocation of 3.5 million to address the digital divide. We know that the current pandemic is disproportionately impacting communities we serve and since we had to close our doors it's more difficult for our isolated community members to access our services so in a time of crisis our wrap-around services are more crucial than ever ensuring our most vulnerable can access them is a priority for us. our increased dependence poses a significant challenge. Many of our students lack stable housing, very low income and do not have the infrastructure to be successful in a remote learning environment. We don't have the resources. with the support of the city and allocation of this 33.5 million could scale up the pilot project addressing the digital divide becomes possible. Than you for your leadership.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Commissioner hardesty. Did you have your hand up?

Hardesty: No, mayor, I don't. It's still up.

Wheeler: No worries. Thank you.

Karla: Jenny stadler.

Jenny Stadler: Good afternoon. I'm jenny stadler, executive director at the academy. We're an arts and education program for adults with developmental disabilities. I'm here to support the funding of arts and arts venues for the coronavirus aid relief fund and to ask city council to ensure the most vulnerable populations including people with disabilities are prioritized. Our students like many with developmental disabilities have been deeply impacted by the coronavirus. Not only have they been the first among the first to lose employment but research is starting to show that many individuals with developmental disabilities are more vulnerable to and more likely to die from covid-19 even in nonpandemic times people with disabilities experience social isolation, under-employment,

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health issues and lack of access to opportunities to connect with others in a meaningful way including the arts. It's critical that we include them now as we think about relief funding and the long temple recovery of our city. In addition the venues and organizations with the arts and culture allocation will support are vital to our city's cultural fabric. Without funding we can't ensure their survival through what is a long road ahead. Without our treasured venues large and small organizations like fame won't have places to go back to to present and share art when this is over. This is a creative, economic survival issue. Additionally, as we at fame and many of our arts partners have demonstrated there are ways to connect and create meaningful work right now. Work that resonates deeply with what we're all currently experiencing. But we can't do it without funding as soon as possible. You can help us, your community's artists continue to thrive now and when the pandemic loosens its hold. Thank you for keeping artists and those of us who experience disabilities at the top of mind. I'm grateful to you for recognizing that without a vocal focus on the most marginalized communities many recent advancements toward equity may be lost in a time of competing need.

Stadler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Karla: Next is jim brunberg.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Jim Brunberg: Hello. Hello. Am I on?

Wheeler: You're good to go.

Brunberg: Thank you so much for listening. Thanks, mayor, commissioners. I appreciate you hearing stuff multiple times. I'm here to support arts and culture component of the budget. As a reflection of the city's values I want to voice my support for the friends of noise proposal that is part of this or may be considered in some form that will be used to help cure lack of diversity in the Portland eco-system of venues. Venues are one of a small group of business sectors hardest hit. This has been a period of heartbreak for performers who can't pursue their passions or feed their families. Often they fall through the cracks and have not been able to participate in programs so far. We have seen how we can do it better and we will. Portland is a performance arts town like nashville, memphis, austin, new york. It's a great place to live and make a living. Thousands more work jobs that support these performances. Where people from all walks of life, all backgrounds share ideas, stories, art. They share perspective. The federal money was a shot in the arm. It helped pay the rent for about eight weeks but it's gone so now as of yesterday we have help from the state. For some venues but not for all. Some are falling through the cracks. Venues can't open part way. Social distancing doesn't work in spaces that were designed to bring people together. We have had zero income for four months. Our overhead is immense. These are huge spaces. Our administrative staff is busy rescheduling and doing a year's worth of work while moving it into next year. Venues fill Portland's streets. For every dollar spent on a ticket, \$12 go into the local economy. We ask tha you approve of the spending proposal to help get these businesses and nonprofits through this and come out better and stronger on the other side. Venues are Portland's living room, town square where we will heal from this virus. It gives jobs to individuals and voice to individuals. I'm speaking on behalf the independent venue coalition which is in Portland.

Karla: That's two minutes.

Brunberg: Thank you. Many venues ranging from the milagro to the wonder. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you for your consistent advocacy and the information and feedback that you have provided to me, my team, to the economic impact task force. It's been critically important. Thank you.

Karla: Next is rosetta.

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Rose Etta Venetucci: Hello. Can you hear me? Good afternoon. Mayor, commissioners, my name is rosetta. My pronouns are she, her, hers. I'm here to talk to you about supporting the entertainment industry workers who lost their work in march. We will be out of work for over a year. Likely live events will not return for real until may of '21. Without jobs many of these workers all of the artists I echo everything you all have said we're losing our health care during a pandemic. When the unemployment runs out we'll have lost the ability to pay for health care, rent, student loans, it goes on and on. It's going to get worse. People, please, please for the people use some of the cares funding. I'm asking you to protect the city's -- nonprofit city owned theaters, p-5. Thousands of people are without jobs. daily operation of p-5 theaters. Thousands of school children depend on our theaters. For many of these diverse students this is their own access to live events. The theaters fuel our economy by bringing Broadway shows such as Hamilton -- many of the workers receive area standard wages for their skill. They get affordable health care and retirement benefits. One of our workers has a family of four. His work at p-5 allows him to pay his mortgage, food, family health insurance and more. His wife is able to volunteer at the kids' school. She fosters animals for the humane society because they have a stable home existence. It's a home for arts organizations that are our community. Home to for us to perform our art. It's home to experience them. Without training people to operate there the theaters will not be in operating order. Without funding they will not open when the shows are allowed to return. I have a lot of passion for the entertainment industry and for p-5. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

Karla: Next is Kiana Floyd.

Kiauna Floyd: Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: We sure can.

Floyd: Wonderful I'm Kiana Floyd, owner of the Maltese restaurant at 4703 Northeast Fremont Street here in Portland, Oregon. I want to thank you for allowing me to provide testimony regarding the allocation of funds to small business particularly through the Prosper Portland small business relief grant. Maltese has been a cornerstone of our community for 61 years. I'm third generation owner and the first woman as well a woman of color to own Maltese. It was previously owned by my stepfather and step grandfather. Back in April we were one of the fortunate recipients to receive Prosper Portland grant and I'm here to tell you it meant all the difference in the world in keeping our lights on, doors open and a small work force employed. When the Governor's executive orders came into effect to close our dine-in portion of our business we had the unfortunate task to send 90% of our employees to the unemployment lines. We had a tremendous, tremendous loss of revenue and yet vendor invoices and taxes were still due. It was a horrible whirlwind and continues to be so but now many businesses particularly in the hospitality industry are left with the risky gamble of we're having to spend money to make money. We have had to invest in remodeling, outdoor premises expansion to be in compliance with social distancing guidelines. As we know indoors just is not viable at 50% occupancy. We have had to invest in expensive, expensive PPE, contract environmental cleaning services to keep employees and community safe. The list of these additional costs to be in business during this time, they are going up and continue to go on and on.

Karla: That's two minutes.

Floyd: Oh, thank you. All this to say without question the Prosper Portland small business relief grant fund has been a tremendous lifesaver and has helped many small businesses including mine stay afloat during this seemingly insurmountable time. I just want to say thank you. I cannot articulate my gratitude enough. My 30 employees and their families as well share my sentiment. Thank you to the good folks at Prosper Portland as well. City, county commissioners and Mayor Wheeler, thank you.

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Wheeler: Thank you. Say hi to rashad for me.

Floyd: Will do. [laughter]

Karla: Edward knightly.

Wheeler: You there?

Edward Knightly: Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I'm Edward Knightly, a disabled gentleman living in affordable housing within Portland. I also serve on the board of directors of Beach CDC, an affordable housing not for profit. I testify today as a living example that affordable housing with access to technology does work. I had a stroke which left me partly paralyzed. Because of the opportunity and stability of affordable housing with access to technology I can testify today as a contributing member of society rather than being unsheltered on the streets of Portland. I testify that when you are living on the low fixed income technology and the internet is an essential utility. With access to technology I can research resources, do my work for society and prevent social isolation. Especially during the pandemic. I ask you to support proposal 563, please. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. We appreciate your testimony, Edward.

Karla: Next is Emma Colburn.

Wheeler: Hi, Emma.

Emma Colburn: Hi. Can you hear them?

Wheeler: Yep.

Colburn: Fantastic. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak to you, Mayor, Council members. Thank you to all the amazing testimony that has come before me. I'm talking to you today specifically to ask you to support the arts and culture allocation of the CARES Act. Specifically I would like to encourage you to prioritize this act and the Black Indigenous and People of Color Artists that it provides support through. As an artist receiving funding from the city this year as well as in the past I believe that artists are decision makers always. They do not only make aesthetic decisions they are people who make history by having a vision and putting their body on the line for that vision even if they are the only ones who believe it at first. This combination of innovative courage and imaginative curiosity is what makes artists visionary leaders. For example, their clarity of vision must be included in conversations like ones we're having how to reimagine public safety. Who better than an artist to imagine how to live together safely? As an ally I'm urging the city to invest in Black, Indigenous and Artists of Color. These perspectives on what it means to live in Portland or to be an Oregonian deserve wider platforms in order to make our city more accessible for all people. As a parent of a young Black man I'm depending on your leadership in making this city a place where all parents of all children feel that their child's confidence, creativity and passion are supported. Supporting through the CARES Act is essential. Putting these resources behind leaders of color will influence and inspire the next generation of leaders in Portland deeply needed to connect to all members of the Portland metro region as they seek to create policies that leave no one behind. Only an artist can capture the desire and compassion of the heart or the ingenuity and imagination of the mind. Business models thrive on this process.

Karla: Two minutes.

Colburn: Thank you so much. Such as yours. Rely on this ingenuity as well. Individual artists not only the organizations that represent them need direct support to be the voice that can act swiftly, align without approval and in particular Black and Indigenous and People of Color artists deserve fiscal support more than ever in this city at this time. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak.

Wheeler: Thank you, Emma. Appreciate your testimony.

Karla: The last person I show is James Kelly.

Wheeler: James Kelly, last but not least. Welcome.

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James Kelly: Good morning. Mayor wheeler, commissioner eudaly, commissioner Fritz, commissioner hardesty. I hope that my words find you and your family safe and healthy. Thank you for what you're doing in this crisis including your leadership around the covid recovery as well as social unrest. The pandemic and the social unrest are hurting and challenging many Portland residents, businesses and communities, especially lower income and people of color. I'm james kelly, i'm the manager for kiros pdx here to talk to you about the importance of access of technology in order for children to learn. Limited access to technology has become an equity issue that is contributing to the achievement and opportunity gap. We must ensure that all residents, especially children of color, have access to technology infrastructure for learning. Kiros is gearing up for the fall and we need to address this limited access to resources needed for online educations. For far too many Portlanders especially black and brown students there is a different story. They have limited access to technology and the internet, lack of reliable access to technology and digital literacy for communities of color creates economic, social and educational inequities. Our goal is to address the academic achievement, academic opportunity and technology is needed for children of color. We hope that every student is connected and prepared to learn. I hope that you will support the 3.5 million to address the digital divide. Let's not exacerbate the disparity, let's do something about it. Thank you so much for your time and your consideration.

Wheeler: Thank you, james. Great way to end. Appreciate your testimony. Colleagues, that concludes public testimony. Is that correct, Karla?

Karla: That's correct, mayor, yes.

Wheeler: This is an opportunity for anyone who has any questions or comments. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, everyone who took time today to come and share their support for various segments of this cares act. Because I will be ultimately a no vote on this package, this will come back to the city council next week for its vote, but I want to appreciate a couple of minutes to say why. What I want to share is when this pandemic first hit, the mayor invited me to the first economic impact task force meeting that prosper led. My very first words were what a great opportunity for the city of Portland to build a more equitable city. I think many of us believe that we're going to go back to life as normal when this pandemic is up, and what we had we will never have again. As someone who was married to a musician for 14 years in Portland, I know all about musicians and the very low pay and how they engage with venues. So for me there are parts of this proposal that I absolutely support, and I really wanted to get a package that we were all united around and we were not able to get to that. Get that one done and then talk about the other pieces. My priority continues to be people. What I know is the economic devastation headed our way is not like anything we have seen before. These care act dollars is to address right now the needs of our community and in my view many of the allocations do not do that. So I look forward to the vote next week. It means it will take a little longer to get these dollars out, but I cannot support a package where fundamentally I have value differences between where we're investing dollars in this crisis. So I thank my colleagues for their hard work. I thank the committee for their hard work. But i'll leave it there. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. First I want to thank everyone that came to testify today. It was great hearing your voices and hearing your advocacy. I'm really happy with this package. I will say that I feel like I need a refresher on funding that's going to the county because I definitely have some questions and concerns during the work session but as far as the relief programs that have been created through our city process i'm very supportive. We need the state and the federal government to deliver real solutions to prevent a tidal wave

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of evictions and foreclosures that's going to make 2008 look like a walk in the park. These \$114 million are a pittance. They will make very little difference even if we devoted every single dollar to direct relief to households and for rent assistance. Because the need is so much greater than \$114 million. What we are doing is especially through the relief to arts and culture organizations, nonprofit and privately owned venues and small businesses is preserving thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of economic activity, jobs that people who are renters will need to go back to to continue paying their rent. And economic activity that the city depends on. When we have a need that's much greater than our resources we have to be very smart and strategic about how we spend those resources. And pouring it all into something like rent assistance will provide extremely short term benefits and ultimately as this emergency wears on and people continue to be unable to pay their rent it will have no long term benefit like supporting our arts and culture community and our small businesses. Look forward to the refresher on the county side of this fund but in general i'm very supportive. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner eudaly. I'll throw my 2 cents in. I look forward to supporting this when it comes back to a vote next week. Reasonable people can disagree on whether this is exactly the right allocation. I'm not casting judgment, I believe this is a good allocation. It reflects what I think are the diversity of needs in the community including direct household assistance. I remind people that 20.4 million is direct household assistance in additions there's 17 million that's going towards housing stability. That will in turn be matched by substantial state aid going to both those issues. I also feel it was very important for us to support small businesses that are absolutely struggling during the economic ramifications of the covid crisis, and as commissioner eudaly just mentioned, household stability in part is about helping people pay the rent, make essential purchases, but it's also about ensuring that people continue to have access to employment not only the near term during the crisis but over the long term as well. I can address some of the issues around the county. The county's total outlay is about 20 million. They had asked for substantially more but we ultimately agreed on the 20 million number just as a refresher that is resource going directly towards the public health emergency and specifically to meet the governor's phase 1 opening requirements. So we made a commitment given that we have the lion's share of the resources to work with the county to ensure we would be able to do all of the activities required under phase 1. We also agreed early on that we would provide resources to the east Multnomah county jurisdictions like the city of gresham to be able to do what they needed to do in order to address their public health crisis under phase 1 as well. I remain 100% committed to the arts and culture out lay as well as the digital divide outlay. If anything has changed during this covid crisis I think it's changed the way that we do work, the way that we educate our kids. This online presence is going to last much longer than frankly I would like it to. I agree with those who testified today who said they would rather we be in person. I could not agree more, but realistically for the foreseeable future access to internet technology and web-based platforms and even the hardware like the google books is going to continue to be critically important. Our outlay is not substantial. It's not going to come anywhere near solving the problem, but it's an important step in the right direction so I will look forward to taking that step next week. There being no further business on this I want to thank everybody who testified, everybody who presented. This is the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading.

Moynahan: Mayor, this is karen moynahan. Just for the record this is actually a budget appropriation, so upon second reading if it passes with three votes it would be effective immediately. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you for that clarification. We were doing some back and forth emails during the testimony anticipating that we would not have unanimity, would not be able to

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put an emergency clause on today. We asked legal council for clarification. This is different than other ordinances because it's a budget allocation of a known resource so the delay if it passes next week which it sounds like it will only be one week. So it's important to people in the community know that there's not a substantial delay in terms of getting these resources out into the community. Next 564.

Item 564.

Wheeler: Today i'm requesting council confirmation to appoint two members of the Portland adjustment committee. Caryn and ezra. It's a decision-making body that considers appeals of development development standards to the Portland zoning code. Adjustments are processed through discretionary public land use process. The committee is comprised of search individuals from the public all appointed by city council. The committee members are required to have an expertise in one of three specialties. There are currently two vacancies in the specialty of urban design, architectural landscape architecture and one in the position of public at large. Douglas hardy with the bureau of development services will present the nominations and given the lateness of the hour i'm going to ask all of the presentations for the remainder of this council session be as long as necessary to convey the appropriate information but as short as possible.

Douglas Hardy, Bureau of Development Services: Thank you, mayor wheeler. Members of the council. So mayor wheeler indicated the committee consists of seven members. Those seven members basically represent different expertise that are needed for the committee. This particular committee does hear appeals of particular land use reviews that seek to modify some standards in the zoning code so whether that's things like building landscaping, building setbacks, that type of thing, and as the mayor indicated we have currently two vacancies on the committee, one in the urban design architecture category and the second in the public at large position. The bureau of development services has worked with the office of neighborhood involvement as well as the bureau of development services equity office. We have sent out requests for cross the city basically to every land use committee, every neighborhood association in the city so we basically covered the city. And we are here today basically to present two candidates to be appointed to the committee. The first is caryn urata, in the urban design architecture position and ezra hammer. Really briefly, caryn is a licensed architect in Oregon and Washington. Currently employed as a trimet assistant project manager. She is sole proprietor for her business and has worked in a number of other firms over the last 19 years. She has two undergrad degrees from the university of pennsylvania as well as master of architecture at university of Washington. She has been involved in various neighborhood activities including with the irington neighborhood association at one time. The second candidate that we are putting forth today in the public at large position is ezra hammer. Ezra is the vice president for policy and governmental affairs at the homebuilders association of Portland. As you can see he's had a pretty multifaceted career in land use development including working as a land use planner with a los angeles council person where he collaborated with diverse community stakeholders to identify neighborhood specific needs related to development proposals. In his current work with the homebuilders association, he in part focuses identifying ways to advance housing affordability in part through his coordination with nonprofit housing advocates.

Wheeler: Eminently qualified.

Hardy: Yes.

Wheeler: We appreciate it. All of their background information is on the record. They never would have made it to this stage if they weren't impressively well qualified individuals. I see caryn is on the line. Is ezra on the line?

Hardy: They are both here, yes.

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Wheeler: Perhaps each would like to make a brief statement about their involvement on the adjustment committee and then I think we're ready to approve their appointments.

Hardy: Thank you. So do you want to go first, caryn? It looks like ezra may go first.

Wheeler: Go ahead.

Ezra Hammer: Good afternoon, honorable mayor and city commissioners, thank you for this opportunity to serve the city that I have grown to love. It's a true honor to live and work in the city of Portland. And I am extremely appreciative of the hard work that you do in grappling with the critical issues of our time. I look forward to serving the citizens of Portland with honor and respect. To ensure that they are treated with the dignity that they deserve.

Wheeler: Thank you, ezra. Good to hear your voice again. Good morning, caryn.

Caryn Urata: Is it already afternoon? Good afternoon. I remember I had to unmute in two locations. I'll keep it short in the interests of time. I too am very honored to be able to serve for the city of Portland. I'll just keep that short and sweet. I feel greatly honored and i'm humbled for the opportunity. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: We're incredibly pleased you and ezra are willing to step up. I'll entertain a motion.

Hardesty: So moved.

Eudaly: Second.

Wheeler: Further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

Hardesty: Aye.

Eudaly: Thank you for serving. Aye.

Fritz: It's nice to have these two nominations together as a pair with somebody with a neighborhood background and with a development background obviously both qualified in both areas. Good nominations. Thank you for your service. Aye.

Wheeler: These are two great individuals and I really appreciate the willingness of both of you to serve. I also want to thank you, doug, thank rebecca esau for the thoughtful recruitments. I know there were a lot of staff discussions to make sure we have exceptional candidates that can review these requests with the entire city's best interests in mind. So thank you for that. I'm very happy to vote aye. The report is accepted. The appointments are approved. Thank you both.

Wheeler: Can you read items 565 and 567 together, please.

Items 565 and 567

Wheeler: Very good. Just to clarify 565 is an emergency ordinance. 576 is a second reading. Last week environmental services staff presented on the organic waste receiving facility project. Bureau will take commercial food waste that would otherwise go to landfills and convert it to biogas to be used as renewable energy. It's a great partnership between metro and the city of Portland and helps meet our climate action goals. This grant authorizes the bureau to apply for an epa anaerobic project grant. Paul sudo from environmental services is here to talk about the grant. Thank you for bringing this forward again.

Paul Suto, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good afternoon, thank you. Just quickly on the grant it's a funding opportunity for projects that support the epa's goals of diverting food waste from landfills and beneficially recovering the energy possible so we get renewable energy. This aligns with our goals with organic waste projects. It's timely and as mentioned in the introduction we plan on applying for the up to \$300,000 amount to help offset our project costs. With that i'm happy to answer any questions about the grant opportunity.

Wheeler: Any questions? I don't see any. Karla, any public testimony on item 565?

Karla: No one registered, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. Item 565 is an emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 567 is second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you for the presentation. Next up is going back to 566.

Item 566.

Wheeler: Portland trivia fans, the bureau of environmental services operates nearly 100 pump stations around the city of Portland which moves wastewater to the city's treatment plant. In 2016 city council authorized a contract with brown and caldwell incorporated force avenue wastewater remote project. This ordinance amends that contract due to the new zoning requirements around environmental protection. Here to give a brief presentation are cyrus osborne and paul sudo from environmental services. Greetings.

Paul Suto, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good afternoon again. I'm paul sudo, engineering manager with bes. Just a quick intro in the interests of time this is a part of basically a larger program to routinely invest in the nearly 100 pump stations to provide reliable sewage treatment for the residents of Portland. I'll hand it over to cyrus for a presentation. Thank you.

Cyrus Osborn, Project Manager Bureau of Environmental Services: Thank you, paul. Can everyone hear me all right and see my screen that i'm sharing? All right. Like the mayor and paul said, we're here today to request authorization greater than 25% of the original contract value for our contract for engineering services for force pump station. This slide shows the project location. Both the existing pump station cite as well as the new location which is across force avenue. The Portland metropolitan expo center is northeast of the project site just under the view. There are multiple factors that went into the location of the pump station. The main one was it was recently rezoned to open space and is in an environmental protection zone. For background first this photo shows some of the surrounding area in the environmental zone. Difficult to access, mechanical and electrical were installed in 1974 beyond their useful life. Is in need of upgrade. So given that background, the original primary objectives were to improve pump station performance reliability access and safety and bring into current standards for operability and maintainability. As previously mentioned in 2016 we entered into a contract with brown and caldwell to provide engineering services toward that end. So far the project has reached 60% design phase, all site investigations and analysis and code and zoning review have been completed. The project objectives are largely unchanged. As far as contract status we have processed two previous amendments for a total of \$23,000. So that brings us to amendment 3 which is what we're here to discuss today. As the mayor mentioned, due to zoning we do have to relocate the pump station to meet our project objectives. And because of that we have to design utility extensions. That wasn't in the original contract. It is in this amendment. Also in working toward our land acquisition with metro, the owner of the land, they let us know that they need to put a road in the future in the area we were planning on locating our easement so we had to adjust that. That's required some design work. There have been additional items that have come up during the analysis and information gathering that we performed during pre-design that have driven other additional work including replacement of an existing air release valve to mitigate essentially water hammer in the force main, which is the pipe that conveys sewage out of the pump station. Additionally we have incorporated some additional maintenance features that have become standard for pump stations since the project started and we're also further reviewing some of the structural work that we're going to be doing in an effort to reduce construction costs related to those seismic upgrades. This slide shows the seven certified firms that have been certified by the office for business inclusion and diversity that are participating in this project. Over all we have a 38% participation by certified firms after

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the amendment and included in that is 33% participation by firms that are owned by folks who represent diverse communities. So just looking ahead, this amendment for \$317,000 would bring the total contract value to just over 1.4 million. Currently the confidence level associated with the contract value is high. Total approved budget is 8.7 million. The confidence rating associated with the project budget currently is moderate. That is just based on where we are in the project, as we go forward that rating will increase. We --

Wheeler: I think that is good enough unless anyone has specific questions. Do we -- that's a very thorough presentation. Anyone have any further questions on this item?

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor, I have one question. It's based on the last thing that cyrus said. He said you have moderate confidence in a proposal that is \$8.7 million. So as a city councilor am I to expect you to come back and say it's growing to be 4 million more and then you'll have greater confidence?

Osborn: No. So for this -- I want to clarify that with what we're approving today the level of confidence with this amendment is high. The over all project budget because we are at 60% design, that confidence how far along we are in the process dictates the level of confidence. I do think this is a conservative number for this. I think that we will -- I do think this project budget, which already had been fully approved, will be sufficient for this project.

Suto: This is paul sudo. I can add to that to hopefully address commissioner hardesty's question further, we plan on being back before council before we go into construction because the bulk of that 8.7 million is for the construction phase. Once design is completed we'll be back again to request to advertise and award a contract. So we're not seeking approval today for that 8.7 million if that helps.

Hardesty: That helps. I greatly appreciate that. I didn't want to leave this conversation with the public assuming that that was like a guesstimation of what the cost would be. Thank you.

Suto: You're welcome. Thank you. That's all I had.

Hardesty: You're muted, mayor wheeler

Wheeler: Karla, is there any public testimony on this or -- any further questions from my colleagues? Not seeing any. Is there testimony on this item?

Karla: No one registered, mayor.

Wheeler: This is first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. Thank you, it moves to second reading. We have 11 more items to go so again i'm going to ask for people to expedite presentations. 568.

Hardesty: Couldn't we move some of those to this afternoon?

Wheeler: Let's see where we are by, say, ten minutes after 1:00. Let's get through as many of these as we can. 568, second reading.

Item 568.

Wheeler: We have heard presentation, there's an opportunity for public testimony. Any further discussion? Seeing none, please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Please read 569.

Item 569.

Wheeler: The city of Portland joined many local governments across the nation in suing monsanto. Monsanto manufactured chemicals between the 1930s and 1970s which polluted the willamette river and many other bodies of water around the united states. This ordinance approves the city's settlement with monsanto. It puts us on a course to utilize those funds for environmental justice causes, prioritizing black, indigenous and communities of color disproportionately impacted by the environmental contamination. Before we move forward I would like to bring forward a substitute ordinance strengthening language around indigenous communities. I want to thank laura john for her feedback in particular on this aspect of the ordinance. With that I move the substitute.

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Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The substitute is on the table. Here to discuss the substitute is Nancy Klinger, the city senior deputy attorney, Amy von Berg from Environmental Services is here to answer any questions.

Nanci Klinger, Senior Deputy City Attorney: Good afternoon. I'll try to keep this as quick as I can. The ordinance is to preapprove settlement with Monsanto company. I'll describe what the settlement does and next steps in the process. In March 2016 Council authorized the city attorney to file a legal action against Monsanto and pursue the action to conclusion in the best interests of the city. As the Mayor mentioned Monsanto was the sole producer of PCBs and toxic chemical that has become a common pollutant in our waterways. The city retained outside counsel on a contingency basis and filed suit claiming several torts namely product liability for defective product, a product that creates a public nuisance, negligence for putting it into the stream of commerce without adequate warning or instructions on safe handling. The city filed suit we have been in motion and discovery practice in the interim for years. That motion and discovery practice has been fairly extensive. Some of the rulings have been favorable to the city, some have not. This has been litigated in the U.S. District Court here in Portland. During this time 12 other jurisdictions filed similar suits. They are in California, Washington and Maryland. These various cases are also in motion and discovery, they have trial dates set but none have come to trial. Some are fast approaching and likely prompted our settlement discussions. What this settlement does, it ends the city's litigation in a favorable manner meaning the city will receive a payment from Monsanto. The proposed settlement resolves the city case against them by creating a class action that resolves not just the city claim but all cities, counties and court districts that are required by the Water Act to have municipal stormwater permit for the discharge of storm waters and located in watersheds identified. That's about 2500 jurisdictions across the country. To settle all the claims Monsanto is placing \$550 million in an escrow fund that will be apportioned among the class members including the city. Attorney fees of note are paid by Monsanto from a separate fund and do not diminish this fund. The funds will be distributed based on formula and other factors that a special master applied. That includes whether the city incurred costs by being an original plaintiff in the litigation which Portland did, whether the jurisdiction has contaminated waterways or has a clean water act permit. That requires special actions to manage PCB. Because that waterway was recently listed for PCBs and the city meets some of that criteria. All class members will receive a certain amount for sampling and analysis of their stormwater discharge. The final apportionment will be performed by special master who was agreed to by both sides and approved by the court. It will be conducted over about the next six months and funds will be distributed over about four years. In exchange, the city and the other class members unless jurisdictions decide to opt out releases Monsanto from claims of the distribution and manufacture of PCBs. This does not release them from superfund claims. It doesn't release the third parties who may have blocked the products and then improperly disposed of them. This is about Monsanto as a manufacturer of a product. The next steps. If Council approves the cities named as class action plaintiff in a U.S. District Court for the Central District of California. The court must approve of the settlement agreement. Special master reviews the application for class members to receive funds. The court approves the apportionment of how funds will be distributed over the course of the next four years but it is specified that 40% of the funds will be disbursed in the first year, 20% in each of the next three years. The city will not know the total funds it will receive until a court approves the apportionment plan but we do expect within this calendar year. The settlement does not require or direct that the funds be used in any particular

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manner by the city. The ordinance before you reflects council's expectations that the funds be focused on black, indigenous, people of color and communities disproportionately impacted by environmental contamination. In the process the co-created with the impacted communities. Bes is tasks with co-creation appropriation and returning to council with approve of the plan to use the funds. It does not specify how the funds will be used. That's the end of my presentation. If you have questions i'm --

Wheeler: Any questions for nancy? Colleagues, any questions? That was very thorough and appreciated. Karla, any public testimony?

Karla: No one registered.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Pleats call the roll.

Hardesty: It is my hope that we work in partnership with a diverse group of front line communities as we start talking about how we engage this. I wonder how this will support the work of pisa as the first rfps go out at the end of the year. I hope that we coordinate activities so we're having a big impact on our environment and climate mitigation that's taking place because I can see a scenario where we are working at counter purposes on work that we all support. So I absolutely support the focus, the settlement dollars, but my cautionary tale is everybody is using the same language and everybody is talking to the same people, and it is my expectation that we are going to have outcomes that will be radically different than outcomes in the past as we have limited who has access to these funds and these opportunities. So I vote yes. But I will be paying attention to how this process moves forward and will be very happy to support efforts of engaging as many voices as possible in this dialogue about how we invest once again another limited pot of money. Thank you.

Eudaly: Well, I strongly supported this action against monsanto to hold told them accountable and i'm happy to support this. The settlement shows that when you fight we can win even against massive multinational corporations. Very happily vote aye.

Fritz: Congratulations to nancy and our legal team for getting this settlement. I appreciate your work. Aye.

Wheeler: I also want to thank nancy for your leadership and your advocacy on this. I also want to remember that nick Fish was a strong proponent of going after monsanto. In fact I believe he was the one who got the ball rolling on this. I think he would strongly approve of the work you've done and would have appreciated the settlement. I'm happy to vote aye. The ordinance is approved. Thank you. Next up is 570.

Item 570.

Wheeler: Lester spitler is here to very briefly describe this item. Good afternoon.

Lester Spitler, Chief Procurement Officer: Good afternoon, mayor. Good afternoon, city council. I'm lester spitler, city chief procurement officer. This is an exemption from the competitive low bid process for construction projects that are categorized alterations work, roofing and a category we are calling mep, mechanical electrical and plumbing services. These services are primarily for the facilities division within the office of management and finance but will be open to all of the infrastructure bureaus for these types of needs. It is an alternative delivery method, really an indefinite delivery indefinite quantity. We go with a request for proposal that has individual unit prices where contractors respond with a multiplier on top of the unit. We're asking other criteria questions such as what is it to work force this came out of a briefing with commissioner hardesty earlier this week. We'll be asking contractors who respond in return for getting this exclusive work for five years what sort of efforts are you going to do to make sure that you hire a stable work force focusing on women and minorities in the trades they will be performing and how can we create journey level positions as a result of this work. Apprenticeship takes from four to six years. These contracts are five years. If these contractors are able to perform a stable work force we'll be asking them to commit to certain actions and efforts and then we'll be asking for

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reporting as a result of that. So the value of this as it really encourages collaboration between us and contractors awarded these contracts. It's an efficiency, transparent and auditable. Benefits to the contractor is it's really a relationship based contract with the city. They participate in the scoping process for job -- it creates a steady flow of work and levels out their peaks and valleys between the bigger projects. It's an opportunity to keep crews fully utilized. These contracts are three years with two-year options. Good performance is rewarded with more work. if you recall a year ago we asked council for a similar exemption for job order contracts for asphalt and concrete work. Here are the eight contracts that we awarded as a result. Primary users of those contracts are pbot and parks and recreation. Here is the amount of work that those contractors have gotten in the past year. You can see the little gold is the number of projects on the right and then the amount of over all work they have gotten on the left. We're trying to do a good job spreading the wealth and those contracts that are embracing this new way of doing business, those contractors are tending to. we certainly have had some hiccups here and there, issues to resolve but we have have been able to collaboratively do that with the contractors. This specific rfp, we have already conducted lots of outreach. On june 17 we presented to the latino business on july 1 we presented to the national association for minority contractors, Oregon chapter, and july 10 we presented to the Oregon association for minority architect and engineers meeting. We have an information meeting next thursday, the 23rd. We'll be walking through how to respond to the solicitation and what it will look like if contractors are awarded for engaging the work and building those price proposals and collectively developing those scopes of work. I'm happy to answer any questions. That's my presentation.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any questions for lester from my colleagues?

Hardesty: I have no questions but I just want to thank lester for actually rethinking how this rfp could actually take people from pre-apprenticeship to journeyman. Especially if it's a five-year contract. We're never going to get those kind of outcomes unless we actually write it into the rfp. This is an opportunity for us to really start getting the outcomes we say we want with these contract set-aside programs. As lester knows i'll be keeping a close eye on it to see if we're having the outcomes we want. If there's not an rfp, it won't happen. I'm very excited lester took it as an opportunity to improve the program rather than not. So thank you, lester, for being open and I look forward to what we get because we make this investment. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Karla, any public testimony?

Karla: No one registered, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. I just want to say that i'm glad lester that we're going to be expanding the job or contracting program. It's really good and it's been working well for the categories of projects council authorized the program for last year. I really appreciate that update. This is the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Thank you. Next up is 571, second reading. Very good. Thank you. Colleagues, this is second reading. We have heard presentation and had an opportunity for public testimony. Any further business on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you. Next up is 572.

Item 572.

Wheeler: All right, we have dennis james from pp&r's property and business development group on the line to answer any questions. Hi, dennis.

Dennis James: Hi. Thank you, mayor.

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

Karla: There is none.

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Wheeler: Call the roll.

Hardesty: I want to -- I appreciate the information that I was able to get in advance, dennis. Thank you so much for being available to derek to answer some of my questions. Aye.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: Well, like the mayor acknowledged commissioner Fish on the last item I can never see the words gateway green without thinking of nick and the work he did. Also linda robinson and the good folks out there. Aye.

Wheeler: Gateway green park of course is a very special and unique park in our city park system, currently undergoing construction to add all kinds of new amenities, paths, drinking fountains, rest rooms, benches and more. One of the things that really makes gateway green unique is its location between i-84 and 205 just north of the gateway transit center. It's also directly adjacent to trimet's max red line which is by the way the only part of trimet system that is single tracked. Trimet is doing their own construction project in the area which includes adding a second track and there's been these conversations between bpr and trying that on how to best coordinate these two projects. So this will solidify the iga between trimet and the city of Portland to figure out -- solidify the roles between the city of Portland and trimet. This is a great interjurisdictional partnership on a fabulous park asset. I'm happy to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thanks for all your great work on this. Appreciate it.

Suto: Thank you very much.

Wheeler: 573.

Hardesty: Excuse me. It's 1:11. And i'm hungry.

Wheeler: Let me clarify something. On item 573, it says 15 minutes requested for 574 and 575. Do 573 and 74 go together?

Eudaly: Yes.

Wheeler: Why don't we do this. Call 575 first, Karla.

Item 575.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: I'm pulling this back to my office to be rescheduled in light of our time crunch today.

Wheeler: Without objection. Call 576, Karla.

Item 576.

Wheeler: This is a second reading. We have heard a present presentation and public testimony. Is there further discussion on this item? Seeing none, call the roll.

Hardesty: I am very happy to hear that the frog ferry now will be a nonprofit versus a for-profit. I remove any objections I have. I look forward to seeing the recent. I vote aye.

Eudaly: So last year when we weren't able to fund frog ferry's request, pbob agreed to provide a small amount of matching funds if they did the work needed to secure grants, to move the feasibility study forward. They held up their end of the bargain. And I feel it's our obligation to hold up ours. I vote aye.

Fritz: Aye.

Wheeler: Yeah, I to thank commissioner eudaly for bringing this back and what you just said is exactly right. And I see susan is joining us on the call. I want to thank you, susan, for your continued advocacy and leadership. I think it's a full vision. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Commissioner eudaly, do you have any objections if we move 573 and 574 to the front of our two o'clock p.m. Agenda?

Eudaly: I need to make sure matt is still available. Because we were hustling to make this work for him today.

Wheeler: Can you hang around for about 45 minutes?

Matt Tschabold: Yeah, I can come on right at 2:00.

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Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: We will move 573 and 574 right to the front of the 2:00 p.m. Agenda and with that, thank you, everybody. We are adjourned. Until 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 1:14 p.m.

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JULY 15, 2020 2:00 PM

Wheeler: This is the wednesday, july 15th, afternoon session of the Portland city council. For the record, commissioner Fritz is absent on council business this afternoon, she is attending the league of Oregon cities as our representative and so she has been previously excused from this afternoon's festivities. Other than that, please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Here. Under Portland city code the city council is holding that meeting electronically all members of the council are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city made several avenues available for public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available to the public on the city's youtube channel. Portland and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to the council by e-mailing to council clerk at cc@Portlandoregon.com. Taking thighs steps needed and limit in-person contact and physical -- promote physical distance. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens public health safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communication. Thank you all for your patience, plex guilt as we manage through this difficult due to the city's business. With that we'll here from legal counsel on rules of order.

Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney: Thank you, mayor. To participate in council meeting you may sign up in advance with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also sign up for public testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The published council agenda contains information about how and when you may sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. Your testimony should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist, if you are representing an organization please identify it. Presiding officer determines the length of testimony, individuals generally have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct such as shouting, refusing to conclude your testimony when your name is up is interrupting other's testimony or council deliberation will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given to further disruption may result in the person being placed on hold or ejected from the remainder of the electronic meeting. Finally, please remember that council is being recorded. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner hardesty proposed a new rule that anybody who violates the council rules has to read the rules of order and decorum at the next council session. Let that be a fair warning to everyone. We have a little bit of unfinished business from this morning's session and we have matt here if people will give us some forbearance we'll do items 573 and 574 before we get to the afternoon agenda this will not take long. 573 and 574, please, Karla.

Items 573 and 574.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

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Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. I'm going to turn this over to matthew, policy and planning manager at the Portland housing bureau to present a brief overview of the changes and answer any questions council may have. Welcome, matt.

Matt Tschabold, Portland Housing Bureau: Thank you. For the record matthew with the Portland housing bureau. And I know we are running a little bit behind schedule so just to kind of give a quick summary as council will recall, last summer the fair ordinances were adopted in the housing bureau was given administrative rulemaking authority in the fall we begin our rulemaking process. Where we sought to clarify any aspects of the code where members of the landlord industry or renter community were seeking additional clarity while maintaining the policy intent established in the fair ordinances last summer. Bureau of published permanent rules at the end of january of this year to go into affect on march 1st when the fair ordinances were implemented. Through that process there were a number of questions and clarifications that were requested by industry and community that upon consultation with the city attorney's office, it was determined that they would be best made understand code itself rather than trying to create a complex administrative rule that refocused the code language. So, given that we've already been pushed to the afternoon I am happy to go through the two ordinances section by section and talk about each of the code changes. Or i'm happy to simply answer questions if there are any at the discretion of council.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty, do you have a question?

Hardesty: I would just say that I don't think it's necessary to go through it item by item. But if you could give us succinctly what are the -- how are the changes impact viability of the program?

Tschabold: They're all technical in nature. Won't impact the viability one way. It's simply aligning some language between city code and state statute in more appropriate way then swapping out some words that were confusing to stakeholders like processing applications versus accepting applications. It's purely technical in nature.

Hardesty: I believe you, that's all I have.

Wheeler: Thank you, matt. Karla, there are any -- is there any public testimony on 573 or 574?

Karla: No one had registered, mayor.

Wheeler: Matt, as I understand this having gone through it, these are all technical -- basically bringing our codes into alignment. 574 likewise is nonemergency ordinance it moves to second reading. And commissioner eudaly, thank you for your flexibility in terms of moving these to the afternoon. Matt, thanks for hanging around we know I have to go. Thank you very much for sticking around to finish that business.

Tschabold: Of course.

Wheeler: Very good. Next up. Karla read items 577 through 585.

Item 577 – 585.

Wheeler: That's all we have time for today,. [laughter] commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor and once again my apologies, Karla. I'm sure there's a good reason why we had to present these all individually. While I hope to bring forward some much more exciting street name changes at some point in the future, today we are introducing these ordinances to standardize street names in the columbia-lombard corridor in northeast Portland to improve wayfinding. And here to present on project are --

Andrew Aebi, LID Administrator: Hello, good afternoon, mayor and commissioners. Thanks for having us today. Are you able to see the presentation?

Zef Wagner: I'm at bureau of transportation this has about a two-year process of responding to years and years of complaints from neighborhoods, businesses, community organizations, trade organizations in the columbia corridor. About auto confusing street system. People don't always know which street they're on if they're trying to call about any

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sort of issues that they're having. And just one of those consistent problems for many years that we decided we'd like to respond to because we've been doing some corridor planning work in the area more focused on capital projects. We kept hearing about this. We felt that like it was important to respond to it. And I think commissioner eudaly teed us up well what we're aiming for here is not a very exciting street renaming. These are sort of common sense street renaming proposals. I'll let andrew talk about sort of how we've developed this.

Aebi: This first slide just gives you an overview, the street renaming in the columbia lombard corridor you can see this is a very large area stretching from interstate 205 on east and kelley point park on the west. The orange line that you see there is columbia corridor to the north and then blue line to the south of the lombard corridor is the south. Lombard street also carries distinction of being u.s. Highway 30 bypass. And interest in lombard for that reason. That's why what we wanted to do standardize street renaming both for columbia and lombard so they have a uniform street name throughout the entire corridor in particular lombard street would be a uniform name for the u.s. 30 bypass.

Wagner: Just to point out -- put a little more clearly, or a little more succinctly. Lombard, what this blue line on the map here currently changes name four times. All as you're just driving straight on a single road you're not turning and changes name four times. Columbia boulevard on here changes its name three times. That's something we like to avoid in the city. Portland is better than most cities I would say at avoiding that. We have streets that are long and straight and stay in the same name. We want to continue that spirit in this area. I'm going to go through just some of the specific locations and folks that we engaged with to sort of run these ideas past them. Up in the river gate area in st. Johns, this can be a very confusing section. Lombard which goes through st. Johns is the main street, people are very familiar with that. Changes to burgard road just past peer park. Only runs for a mile before hitting columbia boulevard. Then it turns at a t intersection becomes lombard again. It's lombard then burgard then lombard. If you're driving on columbia boulevard here and you're just driving straight mysteriously becomes lombard for another mile or two up to kelley point park. So, with this changes we would be changing burgard on this map to lombard changing lombard to columbia boulevard. It would be much more intuitive system. We wouldn't need this sign any more that points in opposite directions. I would reached out to a lot of the industrial property owners and businesses out here, freight committee, the port, neighborhood associations and just generally speaking the message we got from people was nodding heads. This is kind of a no brainer, seen as a no brainer by a lot of people. Something that they have been wishing would be addressed for a long time. But never quite seemed to rise up in importance. So we're glad to propose taking care of this. As I was doing outreach related to the rest of the renamings that we're proposing today, I went to the st. Johns neighborhood association and a number of residents brought this issue up of a section of columbia boulevard that's essentially a frontage road, up a hill and behind a line of trees from what we think of as columbia boulevard, five lane arterial road there's this quiet residential street that's not really visible very much from the main road. You can see the photo there. And people on this street have said that delivery drivers have very hard time finding them. They will get packages sent back because the driver of the truck can't find their home. It's not really obvious from the main part of columbia boulevard how to get up into this neighborhood. And so people had a lot of concerns about that would rather have something that indicated a local street. So we're proposing to rename this to johnswood drive which is what the same street is called just west of here. So it should be -- it should indicate to people more of this tree-lined quiet residential street.

Aebi: This is a little bit further to the east, lombard place is industrial street and main connection between lombard street and columbia boulevard. We use places to designate secondary north-south streets we use court to designate secondary east-west street. This

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is just really a technical change. To change place to court be in alignment with street code that says the geographic orientation for place and court. I would also point out that the street network in this area is pretty confusing. And while this street renaming doesn't address it, we are looking at capital improvement options in this area and by doing the street renaming now we'll have the name squared away before we start it future project in the area should we in fact do that.

Wagner: This is a little farther east from there, northeast 42nd avenue bridge over lombard. This is a really nice one to address because again lombard just becomes Portland highway when you cross under the 42nd avenue bridge. Then it becomes killingsworth street just a mile later. So there's this odd remnant portion of Portland highway. From what we can tell the only reason this exists is because 42nd avenue used to be the city boundary before the 1980s. So in the annexation of the 1980 west when cully was brought into the city, this was never taken care of. Arguably part of that annexation would have been nice for that to include the renaming. So we're really trying to address that and we've heard from a lot of these neighborhood associations and groups that this can be really confusing because nearly everybody thinks of this section as being lombard. And i've seen news reports where if there's a crash on this section, the news will refer to it as lombard. And we wouldn't want a situation where if somebody is driving down what they think is lombard and they see a crash or something and they want to call an ambulance, we wouldn't want them to report the wrong location because of how they're thinking of it in their head. Also we're not sure we want to call it a highway. It's a street for the whole rest of the section and think it would be more appropriate to keep it lombard street. And then this is the other end of Portland highway in the heart of the cully area. Where if you're just driving straight on Portland highway, it just becomes killingsworth street at this t-intersection. Then there's another section of killingsworth that is smaller, more of a neighborhood collector street. This triangular area between cully Portland highway is the living cully plaza that you are probably familiar with. Affordable housing development is going to be constructed there. And we've done some outreach with living cully they liked this idea of differentiating the odot owned state highway 30 bypass. From the neighborhood street that really serves the cully neighborhood would be the front door of that building. So in our proposal, both Portland highway and killingsworth the highway portion, five lane portion, would become lombard. But the narrower neighborhood collector portion of killingsworth would remain killingsworth. That would just help people with their mental mapping of the area. Andrew will talk about this part.

Aebi: So, the next slide just shows an area where we completed a couple of knee-jerk capital projects in the last 15 years. The two big projects that we did in this area were the east end connector project which is kind of that diagonal dashed blue line that you see there on the map. Which it used to be the columbia boulevard cross railroad tracks to connect to the freeway. And we changed that so now it goes underneath the railroad overcrossing. Then about ten years ago we completed a local improvement district which 92nd drive used to be a dead end street then we punched it through up to alderwood road to connect cascade station in that area. Similar to what jeff was talking about with the annexation further to the west, the street names really didn't keep up with the infrastructure improvement, is that we did to this area. So this just gives you an overview here that columbia boulevard, existing columbia boulevard is solid blue line and then rather than the old columbia boulevard name being on that remnant street that is shown in pink there, we want to change that name of the street in pink to columbia boulevard -- excuse me, columbia court. Basically want to swap names so that the new portion of columbia boulevard that is shown in that dashed blue line really becomes columbia boulevard gets renamed from columbia parkway. That area in pink that still carries columbia boulevard name has much lower traffic volume, mainly used for local access. Similarly that dashed

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green segment that you see which is again old remnant area of columbia boulevard, we want to rename that to 92nd drive because that's -- 92nd drive that is connect to 92nd drive to the north. And last but not least, orange line that you see there to the south which is killingsworth would change to lombard. And this kind of gives you a ground view of what we're talking about so upper left picture you see if you're headed southbound on i205 you see the sign killingsworth street, people are really expecting to go to either columbia or lombard not killingsworth. If you look at that picture in the upper right you can see where that split is, the street to the left instead of being killingsworth would be lombard. Then that street coming off to the right there we would rename that from columbia boulevard to 92nd drive. Then picture in the lower right another example of that old remnant columbia boulevard with very low traffic volumes on it. That would become columbia court. Last but not least picture in the lower left shows the main five-lane arterial coming off of I highway 205. Irony of this is that overhead sign that you see there says northeast columbia boulevard but pointing to a street that is not columbia boulevard. The street is actually columbia parkway. We simply want to rename that to columbia boulevard, bring it in line to the street name on the overhead sign. Then the other big piece of this, this is really the heavy lift on the project. We have wonderful partnership with odot they have been collaborative and responsive on this, hats off to them. When we change the name of killingsworth street to lombard street, then we have to also change freeway signs. This is a good thing because this is the perennial source of confusion that people drive on 205 and their trying to get to lombard street but signs all say killingsworth street. One of the major aspect of this project is changing these ten freeway signs that you see on the right side so that it's changed to lombard. And then just wrap this up, this is the final slide. The table at the top just shows you just recap for you all the street names that are changing. So you can see columbia boulevard becomes 1.8 miles longer. And lombard street becomes 1.6 miles longer as well. Columbia and lombard are third and fourth longest street names by name in the city of poured land those would still remain of third and fourth place. Burnside is second longest street in the city of Portland that wouldn't change either. Then killingsworth point here for you but killingsworth currently 4nd longer street in the city of Portland I think what that speaks to is people are really looking, they're driving on 205 they're looking for street that long and connect to a lot of destinations. And lombard street clearly fits that bill as fourth longest street in the city of Portland. Killingsworth is not. Then if you look at the slide there at the bottom, you can see where we did some traffic counts along various alignments. The future lombard street at 82nd avenue has highest traffic volume by far of all of the street segments, 37,000 daily trips a day. We felt like it made sense to attach street name to exit 23b on i-205 to corresponded to where most of the traffic was going. Then if you look at the bottom you can see what we think is the neighborhood collector portion of killingsworth street not the five-lane section but quiet neighborhood. Where people are really thinking when they see that street sign. That only has 12,000 trips a day. It's in line with folks lengths of streets and traffic volume as well. If you just refer back up to the chart on the top there you can see equity was big piece of what we were doing here. Really the way the street naming system in this area currently works we're sort of literally telling people to get lost in diverse and underserved neighborhoods. We want to change that. So that people can wayfind their way around our diverse neighborhoods much more efficiently. Most of those equity scores are up eight, nine, ten range on a three to a ten scale. Then as was mentioned earlier almost all of these areas were annexed to the city in the past 35 years. So we're just bringing the street names up to the same convention that you see in other parts of the city as well. That concludes our presentation. We have number of testifiers with us today. We're happy to answer any questions you might have.

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Wheeler: All right. Great presentation. Any questions or anything else commissioner eudaly you'd like to add? That was I thought you made a strong case. Karla, anybody signed up to testify on any of these items?

Karla: Yes, mayor we have six people I believe signed up.

Wheeler: Six people?

Karla: Uh-huh.

Wheeler: Let's give them three minutes each, name for the record.

Karla: First person is christopher ryanman.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Christopher Reimann: Hello. Can you y'all hear me.

Wheeler: Yes.

Reimann: I actually had a quick question if it's okay before I started my testimony. I believe I heard at the beginning of this meeting that there was a time for like open public testimony. Is that true?

Wheeler: It has to be related to the subject at hand.

Reimann: No, I understand that. Sorry. In the -- I understand that now I should say when I was initially signing up I thought that there was no option for that. I just signed up for --

Wheeler: It's a little weird, christopher, there is a separate -- so you can testify on the first readings of ordinances and resolutions as you're doing now. There's also something called communications that can be --

Reimann: Okay.

Wheeler: People sign up for communications in advance as well. That can be on anything anybody wants to talk about.

Reimann: In that case I don't want to be disrespectful to the process my testimony does not relate to this. I will respectfully back off.

Wheeler: Karla, who is our council clerk she can reach out to you and put you in the communication slot.

Hardesty: I would also say if it's in writing he could actually e-mail it to all of us.

Wheeler: Good point, commissioner.

Reimann: Thank you commissioner hardesty, I will do that.

Wheeler: Thanks.

Larry Mackin: Owner of Mackin Auto Body. We've been in business for over 75 years. We have a location off of Cully Boulevard. I'm very much in support of the name change. That's all I have to say. Our customers have a difficult time finding our location.

Steven Yett: I'm with Investments LLC and we own property off northeast Portland Highway, we own property east and west of Cully boulevard. Looking at this proposal, it has zero effect on our operations so we have no opposition.

Mike Vial: I am the chairperson of the st johns neighborhood association. This was resented a few months back and the reception to the proposal was positive. There were no negative responses, everyone was either in favor or indifferent of the proposal.

Pia Welch: Very strong support for this project. When Andrew presented this, I turned it over to our drivers that have to negotiate around this area. It will be a great improvement. Thank you.

Corky Collier: Executive director Cullier. This will considerably improve navigation around the city. Thanks to Zef Wagner. My suggestion is to approve this.

Wheeler: Appreciate it. Thanks.

Eudaly: Thank you to everyone. This is where my grandfather lived and my family business is. I often think it is amazing that we have existed with issues to clean up.

Council adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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