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A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **22nd DAY OF JULY, 2020** AT 9:30 A.M.

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

Commissioner Fritz left at 12:41 p.m. and returned at 12:48 p.m.

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; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Item No. 593 was pulled for discussion and on a Y-4 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS		
586	Request of John S Captain III to address Council regarding Freedom of Information Act requests (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
587	Request of John Carter to address Council regarding Portland's economic recovery (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
588	Request of Travis Athougies to address Council regarding racist signs posted on public property in the Irvington area (Communication)	PLACED ON FILE
TIMES CERTAIN		

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<p>*589 TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Authorize grant agreement with Causa of Oregon for the Oregon Worker Relief Fund in amount of \$250,000 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 20 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<p>190058</p>
<p>*590 TIME CERTAIN: 10:05 AM – Authorize contract with Lyft, Inc. to operate, procure and install system components of a bike share system in an amount not to exceed \$11,300,000 (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly) 45 minutes for 590-591</p>	<p>CONTINUED TO JULY 29, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>*591 Authorize agreement with Nike, Inc. to extend its sponsorship of Portland’s bike share system (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Eudaly)</p>	<p>CONTINUED TO JULY 29, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Parks & Recreation</p> <p>*592 Accept and appropriate a grant in the amount of \$107,000 from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service – Oregon Fish and Wildlife Office for Portland Parks & Recreation Environmental Education Programs (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>*593 Authorize a competitive solicitation for Parking Garage Management Services for the SmartPark Garages for five years (Ordinance) (Y-4)</p>	
<p>594 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 (Second Reading Agenda 561) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190055</p>
<p>595 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 (Second Reading Agenda 562) (Y-4)</p>	<p>190056</p>

REGULAR AGENDA		
596	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 (Second Reading Agenda 563; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly and Fritz) (Y-3; N-1 Hardesty)	190057
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
597	Appoint Zakari Slicher as a new member to the Plumbing Code Board of Appeal for a term to expire July 21, 2023 (Report) 20 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)	CONFIRMED
Bureau of Environmental Services		
598	Authorize a competitive solicitation for on-call construction services at Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant, Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant, and associated pump stations for up to three separate construction contracts for \$18 million for an estimated annual construction cost of \$6 million for each selected contractor (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
599	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 (Second Reading Agenda 566; amend Contract No. 30005421) (Y-4)	190059
Office of Management and Finance		
*600	Amend the contract with Environmental Systems Research Institute, Inc. for Geographic Information System software to increase it by \$1,996,000 for a not to exceed total of \$4,357,275 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30004099) 20 minutes requested (Y-4)	190060
601	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 (Second Reading Agenda 570) (Y-4)	190061
Portland Housing Bureau		
*602	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for Prov 3 Apartments located at 5505 NE Glisan St (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-4)	190062
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly		

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603	Amend Evaluation of Applicants for Dwelling Units to make technical clarifications (Second Reading Agenda 573; amend Code Section 30.01.086) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190063
604	Amend Security Deposits; Pre-paid Rent to make technical clarifications (Second Reading Agenda 574; amend Code Section 30.01.087) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190064
Bureau of Transportation		
605	Amend Title 17 and Transportation Administrative Rules to update and add clarification for the permitting and condition of driveways (Previous Agenda 575; repeal Code Section 17.28.100, amend 17.28.110; replace TRN-10.40) 15 minutes requested	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY
606	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 (Second Reading Agenda 577) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190065
607	Rename N Burgard Rd to N Lombard St to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Second Reading Agenda 578) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190066
608	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 (Second Reading Agenda 579) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190067
609	Rename NE Lombard Pl to NE Lombard Ct to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Second Reading Agenda 580) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190068
610	Rename NE Portland Hwy to NE Lombard St to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Second Reading Agenda 581) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190069
611	Rename NE Columbia Pkwy to NE Columbia Blvd to improve wayfinding in the Columbia – Lombard corridor (Second Reading Agenda 582) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190070
612	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 (Second Reading Agenda 583) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190071
613	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 (Second Reading Agenda 584) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190072
614	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 (Second Reading Agenda 585) (Y-3; Fritz absent)	190073
Commissioner Amanda Fritz		

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<p>615 Refer amendment to the City Charter regarding Public use of City Lands for Permissive Secondary Purposes (Resolution) 15 minutes requested Motion to accept amended Resolution and Ballot Title and revised Impact Statement: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<p>37495 As Amended</p>
<p>SUSPENSION OF THE RULES</p> <p>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p> <p>Motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of considering the two Resolutions filed with the Council Clerk: Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-4)</p>	
<p>615-1 Immediately cease cooperation between PPB and militarized federal forces (Resolution) 10 minutes requested Motion to make the resolution binding city policy: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-4) (Y-4)</p>	<p>37496 As Amended</p>
<p>615-2 Affirm the rights of members of the press and legal observers covering the protests against police brutality (Resolution) 15 minutes requested (Y-4)</p>	<p>37497</p>

At 1:23 p.m., Council recessed.

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A RECESSED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON WAS HELD THIS **22nd DAY OF JULY, 2020** AT 2:00 P.M.

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

Commissioner Hardesty left at 2:32 p.m.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Karla Moore-Love, Clerk of the Council; Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney

The meeting recessed at 4:16 p.m. and reconvened at 4:27 p.m.

<p>616 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Refer to the voters a five-year local option tax levy for the November 3, 2020 General Election to restore recreation programs and protect parks and natural areas (Resolution introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 90 minutes requested (Y-3; Hardesty absent)</p>	<p>37498</p>
<p>617 TIME CERTAIN: 3:30 PM – Amend Planning and Zoning Code to extend the expiration date for some land use approvals, maintain inclusionary housing rates outside the Central City and Gateway Plan Districts, and allow for virtual neighborhood contact meetings (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler; Previous Agenda 550; amend Title 33) 25 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to align start date of the proposal to extend land use review approvals retroactive to the start of the pandemic, specifically to March 8, 2017: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-3; Hardesty absent)</p> <p>Motion to extend proposal for virtual public meetings to January 1, 2024: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-3; Hardesty absent)</p> <p>Motion to reduce the amount of time lower inclusionary housing rates would continue to apply outside the Central City and Gateway from three years to one year: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-3; Hardesty absent)</p> <p>Motion to postpone effective dates of system development charges for the Bureaus of Environmental Services, Water, and Transportation: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. Motion withdrawn.</p> <p>Motion to postpone effective dates of system development charges for the Bureaus of Environmental Services and Transportation to August 1, 2020 and approve Exhibits C and D: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-3; Hardesty absent)</p> <p>Motion to accept substitute Exhibit A, Updated Findings, to reflect the amendments and testimony received: Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Fritz. (Y-3; Hardesty absent)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING JULY 29, 2020 AT 10:00 AM TIME CERTAIN AS AMENDED</p>

At 4:43 p.m., Council adjourned.

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THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, JULY 23, 2020

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

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July 22, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: This is the wednesday, july 22, 2020 morning session of the Portland city council. Good morning, Karla, could you please call the roll. [roll taken]

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

Wheeler: Yes, good morning. Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely by video and tele-conference, 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, and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to council by emailing the council clerk at cctestimony@Portlandoregon.gov. When you email her, please let her know that she cannot retire. 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 Karla, for agreeing not to retire, first up -- no, we have to hear from legal counsel. Linly, are you reading today? You are up.

Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney: You almost deprived me of my morning joy so let me get started. 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. Thank you very much, and first up after that is communications. Karla, if you could first call the first person, please, for communications this morning? Yes, item 586. Good morning.

Item 586.

John S Captain III: How are you, and thank you for having me talk. I made several applications in the request system for the Portland police bureau and it was extremely difficult to get the items I was requesting that all had to do with the murder in the park. What the thing was, is that they would actually say that you can have them for a period of time, which I could understand for a portion for investigative purposes, but after four or five, six years, and then later they come and say that it's expired, and I am not able to look at it because it's too late, so I would recommend that the commissioners look into this and ask them why wouldn't it be beginning when he was available for the number of years that, you know, that you guys see appropriate. For me, the political reporters that were written

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that I did finally get all were containing lines, and there is no mechanism really to correct that. The officers that write the lies are trying to build a false narrative in terms of the tiffany jenks murder. The fact that the police are able to lie in police reports and still get their pers and savings is beyond me. And regardless of jo ann hardesty or you being in charge of the police bureau, they are highly corrupt. It involves the courts, as well. The sad part is that lives get ruined, and as a native american, especially, at the end of this was a promise, a promise of justice. When you are dealing with a murder, I shouldn't have to ask three or four times. In addition they were able to send the mental health evaluators to me to find out if I was mental, and they came here, you know, with guns and whatever they have, guns and police cars and health advisors, and they asked if I had health insurance. I said, that's weird. I used it until obama care came, but why are you asking me that when I am trying to ask you why you are not telling the truth in this murder case. So multiple police reports were written. They are containing lies, and I don't know how to fix that. So if you are going to kick out the feds, we can get free labor and maybe they could help in the three-state murder where the girl that murdered tiffany got out in 11 days, and I have to believe if it was three black men there is no chance in heck that they would be out of jail in 11 days, period. In addition to that, the police claimed that tiffany left bags at my home. If they did leave -- if she did leave bags like they claimed, why didn't they get a warrant. It was a lie. She didn't leave any, but when they are able to do what they want, it's really dangerous for the public because her killers are still on the street no matter what anyone says. The shooter is in jail but the killers are on the street. So I just -- that's my request is that the request system doesn't work well for people set up, and I don't know how to fix that, and jo ann hardesty, I loved your comments about rocks, and thank you very much, both of you, and sorry about your mother passing away. Mine did, too, and during that time she was breathing through an oxygen tube and the police were lying, so it was very difficult of a time.

Wheeler: Thank you, john, for your testimony. I appreciate it. And it absolutely warrants looking into. And I appreciate you giving us that information, and thank you for your comments. I appreciate it.

Item 587.

Wheeler: Good morning, john.

John Carter: Good morning. I was recently rereading commissioner eudaly's reading frenzy closure letter from when she first joined the council in 2017, how opening such an establishment would be nearly impossible in today's Portland, and I think of all the people of color, facing systemic impression for which that opportunity would have been impossible even then. And I keep thinking to today where white supremacy echoes and capital supremacy reigns. It's easy to see how policing falls into the economic plan because the financialized corporate investment demands increased police support to protect and guard as capital assets. Ones that are disconnected from community ownership. We can see this trend here in Portland as the police budget has ballooned while the city's economy has become increasingly financialized and disconnected from community equity. I saw the same process unfold at warped speed while living in new york city. Increased investment in policing, decreased investment in community followed by waves of corporate cash. Transforming the city into something hardly recognizable. Portland's community, stories across the spectrum, a fabric torn first by white supremacy and then by capital supremacy, and even as we face an awakening and correction of historical injustice, the bar continues to be risen for all but concentrated wealth. Why does the city continue to invest in police and disinvest in the community? Why is it that police budgets increase but park budgets decrease. Why are opportunities created for large investment firms but blocked from the direct community on the ground? What conditions are we creating? Coronavirus has crippled the conditions even further. I ask you, what is your vision of the council for a truly

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equitable, bottoms up recovery? Is it even possible? Is it even something that you want when it's easier to just keep turning and tuning into the trend. Each morning, wake up and think please, how do we help the people for which opportunity is set to be out of reach. How do we correct these conditions? The conditions of capital supremacy? The conditions set by white supremacy. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, John. We appreciate you being here this morning. Thanks for hanging with us during some technical and difficult, technical situations. Thank you very much. Karla, our third individual, please.

Item 588.

Karla: Travis contacted us. He has canceled his engagement.

Wheeler: I am sorry, because I really wanted to hear about that. Does that complete the communications?

Karla: Yes, Mayor, that's all who signed up.

Wheeler: Has any item been pulled off the consent agenda?

Karla: We had a request from Commissioner Hardesty's office to pull 593.

Wheeler: 593 is pulled. Let's see, that's garages. Okay doke. Then with that, let's move into our -- we can't quite get there, so let's go to a second reading, please.

Hardesty: Are we going to vote on the other consent items now?

Wheeler: Good point, Commissioner Hardesty. Thank you for reminding me. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The consent agenda is adopted. Karla, could we move to item 596. We are a bit early for our first time certain.

Item 596.

Wheeler: Colleagues, we have a lengthy presentation, and extensive public testimony on this item last week. This is the second reading. Is there any further business on it before we call the roll. Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

Hardesty: I think that I made my statements last week about why I find it necessary for me not to support the proposal that we are voting on at the moment. I want to be clear. In my mind, we have people that are in desperate need of resources, and I don't believe that we did the best job that we could of making sure that people would benefit from these limited dollars that we have, so with sadness, I cast my vote as no.

Eudaly: I am also having some technical difficulties at home. And I am going to keep my remarks very brief. I just want to thank the numerous people and organizations that participated in the conversations about our relief and recovery. I think that we have come to reasonable agreement on the allocation. We do not have sufficient funds to help everyone, but I want to point out the 55% of our workers are employed by small businesses. And that while you might not consider relief to a business direct support, it is that person's livelihood, and we have thousands of small business owners who are on the verge of losing their businesses, losing their livelihood, losing their homes. So I would just argue that it's a wise investment to try to help people avert financial catastrophe, whether they are small business owners or individual workers. The bottom line is we need the state and feds to step up and do more. In the meantime, we have to invest our scant dollars in the smartest way possible, so I am happy to support this. I want to thank the PDX Cares task force, Director Branam, Callahan, Myers, Tom Reinhardt, Dr. Markisha Smith, and Director Chris Warner, and finally Marshall Runkel, who represented my office during these important discussions. I vote aye.

Fritz: Well, first, thank you, Commissioner Eudaly for listing all the staff that were involved, and I thank in my office for participating as well as Dr. Smith. I am also grateful that the more of Oregon's tax dollars are coming back from the federal government. I thank you, thanks to the congressional delegation and the leadership of the House Democrats for

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pushing for this. I don't know that they have decided how they are going to make up the difference, but perhaps they could cut the defense budget, and eliminate the departments of homeland security. In the meantime, it's good that we have got these dollars coming back to Oregon, and I particularly appreciate that we are doing the right thing and sending some of them to our partners in east county to make sure that they are helped, as well. More particularly, we've been very careful to censor black, indigenous, and people of color as we make these decisions and as we continue to navigate these important times. It's imperative we do not return to business as usual. The distribution of cares act funding gives us the opportunity to implement a new model that values the lived experience and expertise of black, indigenous, and people of color in our Portland community. This new model understands while it is important to nurture the existing partnerships in the city, it is also crucially important to find a path forward that creates new partnerships with culturally specific community-based organization that is do not currently have a connection with the city. To that end, we are committed to providing grant funding in new and innovative ways, and again, thank you to the leadership group who were very sensitive on community, and thank you, also, to dr. Markisha smith and the Portland housing bureau's information from the project proposal, for their help in getting me to understand how they are continuously including the process and the criteria. The rent assistance and household assistance are using the following mission. Create an emergency rent assistance household assistance intervention to support bipoc households, financially impacted by covid-19, to prevent them from being evicted and falling into homelessness and to support the culturally specific organizations who are serving the bipoc communities, and the principles from the which the council adopted are the foundation of the process and have been. And the intention for both household assistance fund is to provide -- to support providers and networks that have rent assistance, infrastructure, and demonstrated outcomes in providing rent assistance and affordable housing to low income bipoc households as well as providers serving bipoc communities not included in the networks, but who directly serve bipoc households in need of rent assistance and household support. So I am pleased that a lot of the money is being dedicated to that. I am also grateful that we are dedicating money to help bridge the digital divide now more than ever. We all understand how crucial technology is, as we are finding out this morning with some of our technical glitches and have been. So you know, we are challenged by the technology that we have that sometimes doesn't work. A lot of people just don't have the technology and are at a severe disadvantage. I am grateful that we are investing money in the Portland five and commissioner Fish would be very appreciative of that particular allocation. And thank you, mayor wheeler, for your leadership in this. It's been a process we once always agree on things of this making today, and I am grateful that the discussions have happened in a constructive and collaborative manner. Aye.

Wheeler: Well thank you very much. I want to thank all the people that commissioner eudaly had also thanked. I want to thank sonia on my team as well as tam diaz who worked very hard. I want to thank our collaborative community partners who worked on this. This was really an extensive process with tremendous community outreach, and as commissioner Fritz mentioned, to emphasize bipoc communities throughout the plan and process, and ultimately, through the allocation that we settled on. The vast majority of the resources goes directly to households and small business support. And has been noted households are really struggling right now. I am proud of the fact that days after we declared a covid-19 in the city of Portland, we began sending resources directly to households both for rent support as well as key household expenditures. We doubled down on that through the direction of the significant portion of our covid funds through that same support. In addition to that, small businesses remain the best, long-term economic prosperity generator in the city, and it is critical that we get them through this phase of the

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covid crisis. We have also worked very hard too make sure that Multnomah county can, actually, meet the standards that are required under phase one of the governor's reopening guidelines, that was a 20 million allocation to Multnomah county to make sure that we are addressing the immediate public health consequences of covid-19 as well as meeting those phase one criteria. I saw that as absolutely essential, and as commissioner Fritz mentioned, we have sent a, an allocation to our east Multnomah county cities so we could do the work they need to do around public health to meet the phase one reopening requirements. And since the state chose not to fund those jurisdictions directly, I believe that left us with a moral obligation as well as a practical obligation to support those cities in their efforts, and I am glad that we are doing that. I also want to make note of the fact that, as others have mentioned, the funds we have here are not sufficient. We are not solving the problems. This is truly emergency support that will get us through this phase of the covid crisis. This can't be the end, and I am glad our city bureaus are working closely in alignment and trying to figure out how they can leverage resources, where leveraging economic prosperity and business support through prosper Portland, the housing bureau has been significantly engaged in allocating resources towards rent support and housing support, and there is a significant level of support going to the joint office of homeless services to make sure that the most vulnerable people in our streets get the resources that they need. We had a spirited discussion about the question as to whether or not funding should go towards the digital divide. I think it's essential that we fund the digital divide given the reality that right now, in order to gain access to either educational or economic opportunities, in this covid crisis, that we must somewhere access to digital tools, like the one that we are using to conduct our democratic process here at Portland city hall. And I think about the children in the public schools who are being told that they probably will not come back to school or at least won't come back to school fully in the fall. That means that any young people do not have access to those digital tools. Will not have access to their core educational opportunities. And so I think that it was critically important that we supported the digital divide efforts, and last but not least, the arts venues are important not only because arts will help see us through this crisis and it's important for the social fabric of the community and the psychological fabric of this community, but there is pragmatic reasons to do it, too. If we don't support the Portland five, that contract goes back to us. We own those facilities. Metro manages them on our behalf. If we don't support them there is no reason why metro would continue to agree to operate those facilities on behalf of the city of Portland. So I think that that's a good pragmatic decision that we made there. It was not a substantial outlay. It's a relatively small thing in the overall package, but I think it was critically important. The next step for us is, since we all acknowledge this level of funding in and of itself is not sufficient, is collective advocacy through our state and to our federal governments for both legislative and financial support, for renters and for others who are struggling economically during this crisis. There is an opportunity for all of us on the Portland city council to come together and help push for and lead that advocacy, and I look forward to doing that collectively as a unified team. Proud to vote aye. And the ordinance is adopted. Thank you, everybody, for your hard work on that. We will go back to our first time certain, Karla. Number 589, please. Commissioner hardesty, you are up.

Item 589.

Eudaly: Thank you, this is it from fiscal year 19-20 budget for the Oregon worker relief fund. Civic life proposed directing the cost savings -- I am going to move on, sorry. A little discombobulated. You will recall during the spring bump it was allocated from the budget to the Oregon worker's relief fund, and the assistance program designed by community to provide financial relief to Oregonians who can't access the established unemployment assistance systems, namely undocumented Oregonians. Today we have andrea williams

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from civic life to present the contract that will award city funds to the Oregon worker's relief fund. Welcome, andrea.

Andrea Williams, Office of Community and Civic Life: Good morning, council. Can you hear me okay? Excellent.

Wheeler: Loud and clear. You are good.

Williams: Good morning, mayor, commissioners Fritz and Hardesty, I am Andrea Williams, partnership manager for the office of community and civic life. I am going to provide a bit of background on the ordinance, and then I am actually joined by a representative of the Oregon worker relief fund, Ricardo, the policy director of Latino Network, and he's going to provide more about the fund, itself. So as Commissioner Hardesty just said, this ordinance is a grant agreement for the Oregon worker relief fund in the amount of 250,000. Causa of Oregon serves as the fiscal sponsor of the Oregon worker relief fund. During the spring budget monitoring process, city council unanimously approved reallocating \$250,000 from the office of community and civic life's fiscal year 19-20 budget to the Oregon relief fund. Contributing city resources to the fund has been a recommendation from several groups including the undocumented Portlanders work group of the Portland covid-19 economic impact and intervention task force, which was convened by Prosper Portland. In addition to the new Portlanders' policy commission, who presented to council on June 24th, along with the various community organizations that are bureau partners with, through our diversity and civic leadership and immigrant and refugee programs. And I would just like to add that I think these recommendations come for very good reason. Some information for council of the city of Portland is home to over 86,000 immigrant residents making up about 13.5% of the city's population. This is according to research done by the New American Economy, which uses 2018 community survey data. And notably, over 20,000 immigrant Portlanders ordinarily a quarter of the city's immigrant population could face extreme hardship if they lose their jobs. They are ineligible for unemployment benefits and have been excluded from federal economic relief due to their citizenship status. And yet at the same time, immigrant Portlanders experience a disproportionate amount of covid-19, and the economic and health impacts. According to this research done by the New American Economy, immigrant Portlanders are working in front line and essential industries during this crisis. They represent 21% of the workforce in the restaurant and food service industry. 20% in transportation warehousing. 16% in grocery stores and supermarkets. And a little -- just about 15% in the healthcare industry. So with this grant, the city will join the state of Oregon and Oregon philanthropic foundations, in addition to dozens of community-based organizations and contributing to the Oregon worker relief fund. I would now like to invite with more details about the fund, itself.

Ricardo Lujan-Valerio, Latino Network: Wonderful, thank you. Thank you, Andrea. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler, members of the council, I am, the director of advocacy at Latino Network. And before I begin with my presentation, I do want to extend my thanks to Commissioner Eudaly and the leadership at Civic Life, Suk and Andrea for making this possible for our communities. I will be very quick and brief in my presentation, but you will see why this support is dire for our communities. So again, with the Oregon worker relief fund, we are composed of multiple organizations, and we have an executive committee that leads the crucial aspects of the operation. You will see the representatives of that executive committee on the screen, and all of them range from organizations across the state. For Portland, most notably our Latino Network Apano, and for the work they do here in the city. Innovation is a huge partner in Portland helping and is one of the essential partners when it comes to the software and infrastructure of the actual support to the individuals that we serve. I want to give you also a little overview of what the Oregon worker relief fund is in the first place. When covid-19 first hit, we realized a high degree of advocacy happening at the state and local level on a multitude of public benefits for our

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communities, and at the same time, organizations like , we are seeing unique challenges to our communities, and our immigrant communities. One area that we did not see a high degree of advocacy on or a solution for was unemployment insurance for undocumented immigrants or immigrants that are just ineligible for your traditional benefits or unemployment insurance, so that cost latino network and causa to get together and create a new approach that would service this population, essentially, with two drastic missions. The first one, our top priority being, providing direct cash support and assistance to those that are in financial crisis because of covid-19. And giving them disaster relief. And the second one is building community power and building the infrastructure within our communities so that our recovery in the long-term because of covid-19 can, actually, be maneuvered in an easier manner than potentially without this program. So again, the purpose is, actually, very wide. We also wanted to recognize the impact that immigrants have in our community both in the local and the state level of one in ten Oregon families have a child, and immigrants contribute immensely to the economy -- through taxes, the workforce itself, again, as some of the numbers that andrea stated in the city, there is very specific statistics on how impactful the immigrant community has been, and we've been working closely with the Oregon center of public policy to get a huge picture statewide on how that impact has been instrumental to the response of covid-19. The fact that undocumented immigrants pay over, I believe, the 81 million figure was from 2017. It's now over that amount. That has a drastic impact to the way in which the state, the city, local governments, respond to covid-19, so the fact that many of our communities put into the system but are not able to benefit in times of need was a huge, a huge concern for our organizations. So the need -- there is an estimate of 27,000 Portlanders that are u.i. Ineligible and won't be able to receive the traditional support on covid-19. I do want to emphasize that's, again, only the Portland number. The number that we estimate statewide is about 74,000 individuals that would be impacted with covid-19 and their work abilities. And therefore, financially impacted. And then you know, we are seeing an influx of hundreds of organizations, of individuals per week applying for this. And latino network alone within the span of the past two weeks we got over 400 applications coming into our organization to get some of this relief that we've been able to establish. Now, more than 87% of applicants have been waiting for five weeks in total to just get any kind of support. We ask a variety of questions when we do our navigations. One of them is how long have you been unemployed? And a lot of them, the majority of them have expressed that they have been unemployed for over five weeks, and that was the first time that our conversation with them was the first time that they have been able to get any hope and opportunity of relief, financial relief. Now Oregon work relief has gotten \$10 million out the door to immigrants. That means that we've been able to provide over 5,000 individuals and families with support that range from 1,200 to 1,720, which is the max that someone can receive. In a one-time payment. We do calculations to try to support individuals on what would be worth a month's worth of support, but we do a one-time payment for that. One of the wonderful parts about it, too, is that we are serving three major components of the community. Banked, under-bank and had non-banked, a wonderful thing that we've been able to see to the point that mayor wheeler made earlier today, of the digital divide. We've been able to empower 29% of the community members to do digital payments about through pay pal, which we partnered with to get money in the hands of our community without having to expose them physically to going to a bank and getting those payments. So we've been trying to be as innovative as possible during the time of covid, as well. It's also very important to realize who has been the most impacted in our community, and the areas they worked in. Food service being the highest, 37% of the food that we provided assistance to have been in the food service. The second one is agriculture, janitorial services, construction, childcare and others. But you can see a pretty drastic difference in

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this proportionality between the food service industry and the other areas of the economy. I continue to say, and I said from the beginning specifically for the industry, the immigrant community and the undocumented immigrant community are not often just the employee organizations but the backbone, without the kitchen staff there is no restaurant, with the staff that support the businesses, there is no business, so that was a huge number, and a huge impact, not just to the community but to the state. We have had over 100 organizations support the Oregon worker relief at the state and local level. We've also been fortunate to build a strong system and coalitions ranging from bipoc organizations to allied organizations, and that have truly made this a reality, but out of all these organizations, there's biennial significant players that are navigators that I will get to in a bit. I do want to run for you all a bit of the updates on the funding as I stated. We got 10 million from the emergency at the state level. Those were state dollars which allowed a lot of flexibility. And on June 5 we got an additional 20 million from the state. 10 of them to continue the work of the Oregon worker relief fund, and of the other ten to do a new program called "quarantined fund" to provide specific support to agricultural workers that would face quarantine due to covid-19 exposure. We have also been able to get funding from phone pick partners and some individual donors, and we are also reflecting the 250,000 from the city of Portland here, so we are looking at a total of about 33 million to date of committed and actual investments happening to the fund. This is the infrastructure need that we've been building. As I stated to council members, the mayor's office, and civic life, our duty from day number one was to provide 100% of the public dollars to the community for the first run of investments. And we were going to put the onus of the funding infrastructure and operations on ourselves. So far, we've been successful in that. We haven't met our official goal of fundraising so we still are about 400,000 shy of doing that, but we've been able to raise enough to make the operations feasible and workable. So we are very proud of that, and we will continue to do that fundraising on our own, as well. Just a quick snapshot that I wanted to show you, as of July 7, 2020, we have provided again about 10.5 million to individuals, and that's statewide. You will see the map on the screen. The lighter blue are areas that we've been serving folks at a lighter rate, and when it gets darker that's the higher density of applications we've been approving, but you will see this is truly a statewide operation and an operation that we intend to continue as best as we can so long as the funds are available. And again, these are the 20 organizations that are providing specific navigations to individuals out in the community. I want to thank every one of them for stepping up to the plate in such a difficult time just for the council's knowledge. We've been able to turn out these 10.5 million within the span of three months, and we were able to get infrastructure up and running within 1.5 months. It is for providing a lot of that software infrastructure and the legal processes, but you will see the five-step process in which the navigator goes through the first ones that a community member seeks the assistance from one of his participating cbos. The cbo navigator assists them in filling out the cbo-facing application. It's about a 35-minute process once they are able to get a hold of a navigator. Once it is filled out, it goes through our clearinghouse. A single system approval process that is reviewed by attorneys, as well, at the end of the day. Once the review process is approved, the Oregon work relief coalition refused that final approval too make sure that there is no discrepancies, that we are meeting our mission and serving the people correctly, and approve the applications then the individuals get the money either again through electronic means, or if necessary, through checks. And we mail those out. So what's next, again, I mentioned the 20 million that we received. We intend to start the operations fairly soon. So once we get those operations up and running, we will be able to continue to support as many folks as we can. Hopefully, we will be able to break that 10% service of the 74,000 statewide that I mentioned, but in Portland, we've been out of the 10.5 million we are able to serve 22% of Portlanders. That's not enough.

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As I mentioned, the need here locally is about 27,000, and we were only able to serve statewide north of 5,000. So that is all that I have for the council. I am available for any questions should you all have any.

Wheeler: Awesome. Thank you.

Williams: Thank you, ricardo, for your great work and presentation. With that, we would like to invite council to ask any questions. Otherwise, that concludes our presentation.

Wheeler: Very good. Excellent. We have a question from commissioner Fritz.

Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you. Unfortunately, I got bumped off by the technology right towards the end of the presentation, so you may have answered this question. Could you put the slide back up showing the distribution of the way you've been funding people, please?

Lujan-Valerio: Is this the one that you are talking about, commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: Yes. Thank you. So I am -- obviously, the city of Portland's funding is a fraction of the total funding. I am wondering how do we ensure the city's dollars help employees within the city?

Lujan-Valerio: Thank you, commissioner Fritz. That's a very good question. We've been able to build our internal infrastructure to really keep pace and track of every dollar that we receive to the dollar. So on the way in which we report back to the council on the expenditures of the \$250,000, we will be able to give you a direct number of how many Portlanders serve because of that investment. And be able to ensure again that it's Portlanders that are being served by those dollars.

Fritz: Great. Thank you very much. It is a great program. I appreciate all your work.

Lujan-Valerio: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you very much for the presentation. It raised a question for me, of the people who can take advantage of this fund, do you know what percentage is unbanked? And what challenges that they are having, actually, being able to access money that they are, actually, entitled to?

Lujan-Valerio: Yeah. Commissioner hardesty, thank you. It's a pretty large amount. I don't have the percentage in front of me, but it's, actually, the majority of folks that have requested checks rather than electronic payments. A lot of that, again is, because our community usually does not have the technical, the technological accessibility that most folks, have and we've been able to empower them as best as we can to not just use this as a means to support them but also to grow the capacity within the community. The percentage is pretty high on the unbanked population. Our hope is that we continue to address that. We have, actually, partnered up with a few credit unions across the state to waive any processing fees when it comes to the withdrawal of cash on these checks. So again, the operations are fairly new, so we are trying to grow and evolve as best as we can and trying to address that specific issue, too.

Hardesty: Thank you, ricardo. I would recommend that you keep really good data around that because it's not okay that people are going to have to spend a percentage of these limited resources to, actually, cash a check. If they are not a bank individual. And so it would be really helpful as we start rebuilding coming out of this pandemic to really think about how we can use our clout to actually help unbanked people be able to access those resources. And I hope that we are able to identify some credit unions that we can hold up as models, folks that actually provide banking resources for everyone in our community because almost no bank does. So I am grateful for your work, and thank you very much. Great presentation.

Lujan-Valerio: Thank you, commissioner. Yes, and we are actually, as I mentioned, the 35-minute process actually is thorough in the questions that we ask, and we are actually extremely excited to show you all once we report back on the success of distributing the

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dollars on the information we've been able to gather. It's pretty remarkable what we've been able to see. Also very heart-breaking, and I think it will help guide a lot of the decisions moving forward for this community.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Are there any other questions, colleagues? Karla, do we have anybody signed up for public testimony?

Karla: No one signed up for this item, mayor.

Wheeler: All right, very good. This is a -- an emergency ordinance. Karla, please call the roll.

Hardesty: Aye.

Eudaly: Since covid began, this issue has been a priority for me. The Oregon worker relief fund proposal estimated that 74,000 Oregonians are ineligible for employment insurance or federal stimulus because of their documentation status despite paying into this system. I want to extend my appreciation to the latino network, *causa*, and other organizations advocating for undocumented Oregon throughout this crisis. As you heard earlier and you heard in this presentation, we are coming up short in every arena with relief dollars, but this is an unprecedented start, which helps to stabilize thousands of Oregonians and their families. I feel it's very important that the city supports this fund and continues to prioritize immigrant and bipoc communities throughout our covid response. I want to thank andrea williams and suk rhee and civic life for identifying these dollars for the relief fund. It will provide stability to households that have been excluded from other forms of assistance, which is critically important to our covid response and our recovery. I happily vote aye.

Fritz: Thank you, commissioner eudaly, for your support for undocumented people throughout your time on the council, and this is just the latest in a series of practical support to show those Portlanders that we do care about them, that they are part of our community, and we appreciate their contributions to our community. I am very happy to vote, and thank you to the community organizations, it's great that so much good work is being done right there in the community, aye.

Wheeler: I want to thank the latino network and *causa*, call the people that we have heard from today. I thought this was a figure presentation, and I not only learned from it, but I think that the public at-large learned from it, it was really a good presentation.

Commissioner eudaly, thank you for bringing this forward to our city council. It's support like this that we are giving to an important group of people in our community that makes me really proud to serve on this council with all of you. I am really very pleased with this and I am happy to vote aye. The ordinance is approved. Thank you. Thanks, andrea. Next up, Karla, can you read items 590 and 591 together, please.

Items 590 and 591.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. As transportation commissioner I am excited to announce the next five years of our bike program. The proposal before council provides several enhancements to the existing program. It expands the service area with biketown coming to parts of east Portland for the first time this september. It will increase the number of bikes in the program. It will replace our entire fleet with electronic assist bikes. And it will continue and expand upon our equity programs, biketown for all, which is a low income program, and adaptive biketown, which serves people with disabilities. Nike's partnership and investment in biketown has been essential to the program's success. The reach of the nike brand has introduced many new audiences to bike share and bicycling in general. And nike's support enables us to support this world class system to Portland. So I want to thank nike for the ongoing partnership with biketown. I am going to turn it over to pbob director chris warner. Welcome, chris.

Chris Warner, Director Bureau of Transportation: Thank you, commissioner, thank you, mayor. Commissioners. For the record, chris warner, director of the Portland bureau of

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transportation. Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Very excited to bring the extension of the nike sponsorship agreement and expansion of biketown to council this morning. As the commissioner said, nike has been such a wonderful partner in this, particularly, during this period of health and economic crisis, to bring this enhanced transportation service to Portlanders is something that we at pbot are so excited about and I know that the community is. So biketown has become an important part of our transportation network. Over 200,000 locals, commuters, visitors have used biketown. To date, they have given over 1.3 million trips in the first three years of our operations. Ridership through consistently in our biketown for all, and our adaptive biketown program, which we'll be talking about later. I am also pleased to be here with lyft, who is really the industry's leader in bike share. Lyft and motivate have been strong operating partners for the past four years, and I am very excited about moving forward with that partnership. So today we are asking council to take two actions. First is authorize the extension of our nike title sponsorship agreement to 2025. For a grand total of 18.3 million. And that contract dates all the way back to 2016. And in the second council action, it will be to authorize a new operator contract for lyft, which is our provider and has been. So these two actions really allow us to do three major things as commissioner eudaly said. Expand the biketown service to more parts of east Portland, increase the number of bicycles from 1,000 to 1,500 with addition increases up to 2,500 by the end of 2021. And we will also replace the entire fleet with the electric assist bikes. Next slide, please. What this really means is that it will mean that biketown will be more accessible and the work share system will work for more neighborhoods. The expansion of the service area will include 13 additional square miles in east Portland, and also, 2.5 miles in north and northeast Portland. Also with the pedal assist bikes, they will be more accessible to people with disabilities, people new to biking, and also to our bipoc communities. Who live farther out so staff from pbot will be here with more details in a moment, and we will hear from our partners in this work, but first, I would like to assist scott schneider from the procurement office, we will discuss the part that led to the contract before you today. Scott?

Scott Schneider, Procurement Services Office of Management and Finance: Okay. Thanks, chris. Good morning. For the record, I am scott schneider with procurement services. As chris mentioned you have two items before you this morning. The first is an ordinance seeking authorization to execute contract of lyft inc. For the ongoing operation of the bike share system, which resulted from a request for proposals. I am going to provide a brief overview of that solicitation effort, and then I will hand it back to the project team to tell you more about Portland bike share and where that program is going. On september 16, 2019, procurement services advertised the rfp1328 for a bike share system. And on october 21, two proposals were received. Both were responsive to the requirements of this solicitation. The city's evaluation included the scoring of the written proposals. A physical evaluation of the proposed bike share system hardware, and oral interviews with both proposers. On may 15, 2020 the city issued a notice of intent to award the contract to lyft inc. No protests were received. Lyft has a current city of Portland business tax account, and is in compliance with the city's contracting requirements. Lyft is not a certified minority owned, women owned service, disabled, veteran owned, or emerging small business. 3% of the value of the contract will be subcontracted to local businesses certified by the certification office for business inclusion and diversity. Based on the historical data on the cost to operate the system, the confidence level for this is high. If council has any questions regarding this solicitation process, I will be here to answer those. Otherwise, I will hand it over to steve hoyt mcbeth and the bike project team.

Wheeler: Thank you, colleagues, any questions at this point? Very good.

Catherine Ciarlo, Bureau of Transportation: Hello, I am catherine ciarlo, transportation and safety division manager of pbot, and I am going to just frame up the presentation

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today by starting with some information about our nike partnership. And I guess before I do that, I really want to thank our procurement partners, scott, for your support and especially our buyer, teresa green, who helped to walk us through this process. So everything that we are here to present this morning, biketown's ridership successes to date, the expansion to east Portland with more bikes, and the transition to an e-bike system -- none of it could happen without nike's financial commitment. But beyond that funding, at a national level what makes nike special as a bike share sponsor is what they have brought us as a partner, and a participant in our system. So I want to talk a bit about that, as a global leader in design, they really have given Portland's biketown our distinct I have branding, which the city's imagination helped to make bike share cool for existing riders but also for new audiences and helped us to use biketown to celebrate the richness of the Portland community. As an example here on this slide, there is a shot of the bike, which is part of our cultural collection. I want to say more about the culture collection since it is such a shining example of how the nike partnership uses the bicycle to express our cultural identity through design. Many of you may remember the bikes on the screen here, and the celebrations that accompanied their release over the last few years. You see the native american heritage bikes, there is two of them, and the ability bike, which celebrates our community of people with a disability, and the latino heritage month bike. The ascend bike, which celebrates the asian, pacific islander, and middle eastern communities. Here to photo taken at the unveiling of the women's history month bike at city hall. A special thanks to commissioner eudaly for hosting and commissioner Fritz for her presence there. And we have heard clearly from local veterans that commissioner hardesty's representation at the celebration for the military awareness and appreciation month bike meant a lot. And then related but separately there has been a focus on design and bringing design into the community and the neighborhoods. These are pictures of our -- some of our neighborhood bike designers. Mayor wheeler was one of the selected judges for that. What's in front of you today is technically an extension of the existing nike contract, but in reality, it represents a strong renewed commitment moving forward at a time when it is not easy to make that kind of commitment. The amendment provides for an additional 8.3 million in sponsorship investments, and in addition to that 8.3 million, the city has the opportunity for up to 2 million more if key milestones are met relating to equity and system expansion. The amendment also extends the agreement through 2020-2025, and that is tied to the terms of the lyft operator contract which my colleague, steve will talk about in a moment. The invited testimony, we have julia from nike, and she will talk a bit about the nike perspective on this partnership, and unless you all have questions, I would like to turn it over to the biketown program manager, steve hoyt mcbeth.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions at this point? Seeing none, go ahead and turn it over. Thank you.

Steve Hoyt McBeth, Bureau of Transportation: Thank you, mayor, and thank you, cathy. So before I talk about the contract, I wanted to just give an overview of the bike, itself, and how people will use the system. So there is a number of similarities to our current bikes. You can lock them to a biketown station rack or to a normal rack like you can with our place right now. They will have built in rear headlights, and the basket will be able to carry about 25 pounds. So what's new is in the name. These are electric pedal assist bikes. And the reason we call them, "electric pedal assist" is because the motor only is engaged when you are pedaling. If you are not pedaling the motor disengages. There is no throttle like there are on some classes of e-bikes. When you pedal, you really feel the boost. It's like, once you start pedaling you feel like a superhero, and what that superhero status, once you get on the bike will do for you is make it easier for you to make trips, especially longer trips, and by bike instead of car. And we think that that's going to be a real assistance as we try to battle our very serious problems in terms of the climate change

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and congestion. Next slide, please. But what the thing that I really love about e-bikes is that they bring access and the joy of bicycling to more people. I think it bears repeating what our director, Chris Warner said at the beginning. E-bikes opening up bicycling to more people, and because of that electric assist motor, it may be because someone has a different physical ability, such as a senior or a person who experiences some level of disability, a lack of confidence about biking, and maybe a sense within a person that they don't have the fitness to ride or about riding in traffic. And the special sauce is really that they are fun to ride. I think that that's really our secret weapon against climate change with Biketown, is the fun factor. We do things that we like, not things that we know that we should do. And if it's fun to ride Biketown, I think you are more likely to do that instead of driving. We really learn something from our electric scooter pilots. And you know, people often have disparagingly remarked about the scooters that they are toys, and I think that that's a fair concern that we want to make sure a shared mobility vehicle is really ready for conditioning, and the e-bike will be. But the idea of something being fun and playful, actually, brought people to a small mode of transport that we had not had. We found out from the survey data that very, very high numbers of folks had never biked or used Biketown before, so we are bringing -- this is -- if scooters were the gateway, Biketown is a place that we really hope that people will find if they have something that they can carry items and really use it for a lot of their needs. And next slide, please. So there are three ways that you will be able to check out a bike. With our new Biketown system. One will be through the app, so through the app, you will be able to open, if you have a smart-phone, to open up the Biketown app and take a photo or open up the camera, and it will allow you to open up the bike directly from the app itself. You will also be able to do that through the Lyft app so when anyone who is looking for a trip within the Lyft app will see the Biketown bikes near them like they would -- like they will in the vehicles cycling, and in Portland, Lyft is the major player in our, in terms of the ride share, the ride share market in terms of the number of trips that they take, so we think that this is another way that we are, frankly, because of our partnership with Lyft, it will be reducing the car trips because we know a lot of people will open that app and who may not already experience Biketown and actually give Biketown a try. And thirdly, for folks who are Biketown for all members, people living on low incomes, they will have the opportunity to have a Biketown member card that they will be able to tap on the back of the fender to unlock the bike. Next slide, please. So there are some things changing about our pricing with our new membership with e-Biketown. The main difference is that right now -- excuse me, the main difference is that with each type of our membership, you will pay a small per minute fee ride fee for using this system. So for our users who are intending to use Biketown a lot, the annual membership is going to be really the way to go. That will be a \$99 annual fee. And then you will pay just ten cents per minute for the actual trip, itself, and for folks who may be interested in using Biketown but just don't tend to use it as much or don't want that up front commitment, there is the pay as you go plan, which is \$1 to begin the trip and 20 cents per minute, and for our people living on low incomes, our neighbors there, the Biketown for all program, there is a \$5 a month charge plus a five cent per minute. Lyft for the first months will be providing every member with a \$20 per month ride credit that they will be able to use towards trips, and then later in the first six or so months of the program, they will be transitioning to a program where Biketown for all members can bring bikes back to stations and receive the ride credit that will create kind of like a budget for them to use the system that they won't have to pay for. Next slide, please. I wanted to talk about the business points of the Lyft contract. Similar to our current system with our contract with originally with Motivate, and acquired by Lyft. There are no city funds required for the day-to-day operation or for any of the expansion or of the transition to electric bikes. That is all covered through our sponsorship agreement, primarily, with Nike as the title sponsor and the revenue that is generated from the system.

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Lyft manufactures and owns these bikes, and so we will continue to own the existing equipment which will be the biketown racks that you see in this photo in, and the station map panels but all the new stations and bikes will be owned by lyft. I think that I already mentioned this, but -- actually, I already said the last point, and I think Katherine mentioned, or Chris mentioned this earlier, but the contract will be synced with the Nike sponsorship agreement, so the terms of those agreements are kind of tied together. Next slide, please. So one of the things that we are really proud of, has been the leadership that biketown has provided nationally in terms of our equity hiring and requirements that were a part of our original contract that we have continued in our new contract, is referred to as the high road standards. And before I mention them I want to say that one of the additional benefits of the lyft contract is lyft's subcontractor for operations is Motivate, and so the staff that had been with us from the beginning had the opportunity to continue since they will still be one of the main contractors with lyft, so we are very happy in this time of COVID-19 crisis to continue to provide good jobs to some of our local community members. And then the high road standards have a number of provisions in them. Some of them dealing with minimum pay and some of them with providing healthcare to full-time workers, and one of the pieces unique to Portland, and really to -- my hat to the coalition for -- the coalition of communities of color, and specifically with Verde back in 2012 when we worked with them on creating the standards for the original contract on having this very unique sort of recruitment frame where all of the recruitment happens in partnership with workforce and community-based organizations to ensure that we really get the richness and the diversity in that workforce that represents the city as a whole. And there are specific hiring equity thresholds in the contract, as well. I will call out that 20% of employee hours must be filled by people who identify as Black or Indigenous. Next slide, please. And then we spoke about this in front of council this spring, but, you know, biketown is really an important part of our COVID-19 recovery. Especially for folks who have limited access or no access to an automobile, biketown provides them that ability to travel in a physically distant mode to be outdoors, which we know is the way that we have the lowest level of transmission, and I will just note that lyft has been in other cities with e-bikes that especially during COVID-19, they have seen an increase in trips, and especially an increase in trips among women, and we have seen in our scooter pilot currently it doesn't serve east Portland but the scooter pilot does, during the scooter pilot, we have seen the percentage of trips in east Portland as a percentage of the whole citywide trips increase, and we think again that speaks to people's desire, and especially for people who are essential workers to have an, a transportation option that does not require them to be in close proximity to other folks. To make that choice. Next slide, please. And this is my turnover to my co-worker on the project, who is our manager for our equity outreach and engagement work, so I will turn it over to you. Thanks.

Roshin Kurian, Bureau of Transportation: Thanks, Steve, and thanks to everyone for having me here. You, I am part of the biketown team. I manage the biketown for all and adaptive biketown programs as well as our outreach. I've been charged specifically to lead outreach in the Portland neighborhoods, and as we change and expand, the transportation system that includes changes to our city in the midst of a lot of change, I've been self-charged to monitor and work to rectify when we are doing harm on the streets for the most vulnerable in the communities. Our outreach work is entered in the results basic accountability process entering race, which is an issue that council has had some training in, evaluating our performative measures and success as part of our iterative process where we will continue to identify and dismantle the root cause of some of the barriers that folks face around using bike share and center our limited resources and engagement efforts on some of our most precious in the community, which is our youth, our business, and especially our bike population, those living on low incomes and with different abilities, our

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immigrant community, and thinking about a new group of folks that have become extremely vulnerable in the midst of a racial and viral pandemic. Thankfully, Lyft and Nike are the kind of partners that have consistently shown up for that work. For those conversations, to finding solutions outside of the box and connecting people and resources. The Lyft local team especially has gone above and beyond a contract in the past in supporting Biketown for all and forging new partnerships. They simultaneously nurtured the many programs we throw at them, including a transportation quality pilot program led in affordable housing, which helped us to sign up Biketown users in a sweep of transportation fare that is connected the residents to all of the transportation services around Portland. And taught residents how to use the service and the tech involved and gave an opportunity for households to move around Portland without having to think about cost. Lyft also is the kind of partner that can create Biketown partnerships that extend the reach of our affordable access program. So one huge and exciting change for Biketown is that the age to ride will be changed from 18 to 16, and thus be accessible for high schoolers. In early 2020, Lyft launched a Lyft Up bike share access program for -- with LeBron James. This provided free bike access to low income, youth through sign-up program with the YMCA. Lyft mentioned their interest in working with PBOT to use this to Biketown youth in 2021. To connect to our youth we hope to use our existing, robust, program within PBOT to develop the youth voice and reach. We'll be working with our summer works interns to develop youth education as well as programming around some of our business outreach, and they will be connected to the new and improved transportation ambassador program, which is the volunteer wing of PBOT with a BIPOC and youth focus to connect to people with jobs and new workforce and career development opportunities, especially in transportation and transportation justice focus. And because we have seen, it's important the systems we put in place are represented by those affected at all levels. So we will also be working on some business outreach in east Portland with a focus on our businesses. We will be working alongside our safe streets, helping businesses team as another touch point on the messaging, and also, announcing the new and exciting changes coming this fall. Through this outreach, before launch we hope to flounce any changes that they might see in September, provide resources for more education and feedback, and demonstrate another way for clients, patrons, and staff to get to their businesses. And engage interest in employer programs or eligible discounts and provide space to express other ways that Biketown, as well as PBOT can better support their businesses right now. I was also fortunate to be part of the contract negotiation team and feel extremely grateful for the windy road that led us to this point and with the continuation and growth of our partnerships with Lyft and Nike. It's making the transition to the new and improved system that much easier. And while our resources are absolutely limited for the enriching and expansive equity work involved with successful expansion, our team finds creative solutions and sources of support along every step of the way. As Steve mentioned, we are able to continue our Biketown for all program. He mentioned how much it will cost, \$5 a month, 5 cents a minute, and each member will receive \$20 in bonus ride time. That's equivalent to 20, 20-minute rides per month. And another example on the power partnership is with our adaptive Biketown partners who are currently stepping up and providing a location for folks to sign up for Biketown for all as a trial during this season. And during COVID, we stopped our public and partner in-person workshops, decreasing access for a cash paying, unbanked or under-banked members required to attend a workshop to sign up. I will let Craig here, representing Albertina Kerr, talk about the adaptive community in 2021 after our pilots in 2017 and 2018. I am also going to see some of my -- give some of my moments to Charlene from Multnomah County Health will speak shortly about the intersection of public health and transportation. So I will just wind up with saying our team acknowledges that Biketown's potential to engage around justice connects to jobs and

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businesses provide an outlook for physical and mental wellbeing. And speak across different levels of incomes and abilities connect our Portlanders that have been pushed out to old and new people and places. We have done so much work around keeping and building genuine relationships that connect biketown for many programs across our bureau and beyond, and we seek -- we are continuing to seek out unlikely partners, and build upon the ones that we have right now. So with that, I will turn it back to steve. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Hoyt McBeth: Thanks. I just have one -- this is just our last slide for the presentation. This sunday we celebrated our fourth birthday for -- I am sorry. Our fourth birthday for biketown on july 19. The four years has gone very fast. We are incredibly proud of the work of our community and partners both nike and lyft and all of the community partners that we have on biketown for all and our affordable housing partners. And we are really excited about something that we really wanted to do since we began this program, which is to expand into east Portland where we know the need for bicycle access and transportation access is great, and to bring e-bikes -- the fact that when we, the first day that we had them, we will be -- they will be available in significant parts of east Portland, is something that we are excited about. But I just want to say that one of the hallmarks of our partnership has been not resting on our laurels, and really always trying to find -- always respecting more of ourselves and more that we can do, and the number of innovation that is we brought nationally to bike share even though we were the 65th city to launch a bike share system. I think that speaks to that. And a big area of our focus is going to be on continuing to reduce the barriers to bicycling and biketown, especially with our bipoc communities. And also just seeing how we can really use biketown more as an instrument of climate to reduce the climate change and our congestion problems. So that concludes the end of our staff presentation. We do have a number of members of invited testimony besides public testimony, as well so I will turn it back to the mayor for that.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. Excellent presentation. Before we get to that, to the invited testimony, commissioner Fritz has a question. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you, mayor, and thank you for the presentation. There is a lot of really good things going on. You are not going to be surprised by this question, and the question is about helmets. I was concerned when we first started biketown about the lack of available of people of helmets, for people who don't have them, and particularly, concerned in the good old days when we were in city hall, and I saw so many people riding around without them. I was assured that that was not the problem because bikes were clunky and didn't go very fast, and now they are going to go 20 miles-per-hour, so what's the plan for helmets?

Hoyt McBeth: Thank you, commissioner Fritz. And actually, I have it in my remarks, and I forgot to say it, so -- and I am not trying to side step this question so I want to be sure of that, but I don't think that we have any more presentations scheduled for this year for biketown in front of council, and I just -- you were there with -- during that first vote. Even though you expressed some concerns about that, and priorities for that in terms of the funding, you were instrumental playing a behind the scenes role in creating the partnership that we have with nike, so I just want to -- this being the last time you have seen about eight or nine bike presentations, to say thank you for that support. Even as you have continued to be very -- pushed us to make sure that this is the best thing for the city. So I do want to speak to the piece about helmets. We had briefings with you and with council talked about our attempts to try to bring a helmet rental or kind of like a helmet on demand system to Portland. Unfortunately, that company went out of business and didn't -- was not able to execute on that, and that's something that I personally, as someone who always wears a helmet, look forward to doing. But I wanted to get specifically to your question because you brought this up when we presented in april about with the addition of e-bikes.

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And I want to say that the safety record of bike share nationally, and with biketown locally has been very, very high. We have very, just, if you look at the chances of being seriously injured on a bike share bike in the data, it's incredibly low. And I do want to underscore your point about just the bikes to be able to go faster, and we, actually, after that, we worked with Lyft to do some research on this question because of your inquiry about that. Professor Chris Sherry, he's at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, along with John McArthur with Portland State University, one of the national experts in e-bike share from the academic community, and he did a study looking at e-bike speeds and found that, actually, the speeds of e-bikes were only -- were less, on average, less than 2 miles-per-hour faster than pedal bikes so that the difference in the speeds isn't as high as one might expect when we are thinking about e-bikes, and the bike is only -- goes fast when you are pedaling so you are very engaged in that. And I am just reading from the study. He said that there is no definitive answer regarding whether e-bikes are more or less safe than conventional bicycling, so given that, I want to say that helmet access is incredibly important to us. All our signage and encourage users to wear helmet. I will read through my notes, and I will try to be faster, we will give away free helmets at all our biketown for all workshops that ensure people will have helmet access. In our youth related programming as we go down to 16 we will provide free helmets at all those events. We have a partnership with Nut Case, a local bike helmet manufacturer to offer biketown riders a discount on helmets. And that's, I think that's all that I will say on that. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good.

Fritz: Could I just have a follow-up? I appreciate the response. I remember when we -- when the scooters came out, there was a big dip away in Pioneer Courthouse Square, and just for the record, and for people's information, I found when one of my staff had a crash on a bike, is a regular bike a while ago, that helmets wear out. And if you had your helmet for five years or so you need to get another one. So to the extent that we can help people understand that, and that's even if you have not had a crash, just the padding inside or whatever it is called, disintegrates so that was news to me, and I just want people to know that we do want them to wear helmets whenever they are riding on city bikes and scooters. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hardesty has her hand raised.

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you for that fabulous testimony and I think that you should probably put that picture of the Commissioner on the bike and some artist collection somewhere. Seriously, though, I noticed that we are going to lower the age of consent from 18 to 16. And what I know is that when the age requirement was 18, there were a lot of under 18-year-olds using bike share. So now that we are going to lower it to 16, I am expecting 12, 13, 14-year-olds who believe that they are 16 in their mind, to be also utilizing this bike share. And so that creates more opportunity for accidents and injury, so I would like to know what was the reasoning to go from 18 to 16, and how are we going to make sure that we don't have 12, 13, and 14-year-olds with mommy and daddy's credit card actually using bike share? Let me just say before you answer that, I am absolutely thrilled that bike share is moving to an electric bike option. That will put old people like me on bikes much more readily than I would do otherwise. And so I am thrilled with the direction the program is going, so I want to be really clear about that. But just knowing how the real world operates, we did not have compliance at 18. We are not going to have compliance at 16. And so would you tell me how you perceive that working out and what you will do when we find out that there is a lot of little darlings that are pretending to be 16. Thank you.

Hoyt McBeth: Thank you, Commissioner Hardesty, and thank you for the input that you have given to staff, both at previous hearings and during the briefings we have done with you over the past couple of years. For the record, I want it to be known that I have never,

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ever thought of you as an old person, and neither do I think anybody else on the staff does. You are the --

Hardesty: I am getting older by the moment.

Hoyt McBeth: I think that the -- when you became a biketown model, I think that we know that you missed one of your calling in life. But to your question, which is serious, I think that one of the things is that to us it was very important to try to reduce the age to 16, and I will just say that there is a couple of pieces of that. One is just equity and access. Moving to east Portland we know that our east Portland high school students have lower levels of transportation access than parts of the other parts of the -- other parts of the city, and also just in terms of the climate and really trying to create this to our youth, who tend to be really -- some of our climate justice leaders to make sure that they have access to that system. We will be requiring to get to your question. I want to be honest with you that it is always challenging when we have any shared vehicle where a credit card and a mobile phone is the remote way to qualify folks. There is a parental guardian sign-off that will happen as part of that. I can provide you, as part of that registration flow, I would like to, as opposed to trying to answer this only half right, get back to you and your staff with a written answer, and then if you desire, a briefing, but just to make sure I talk to you about that process in a more accurate fashion.

Hardesty: Thank you. I appreciate that.

Hoyt McBeth: But that is -- go ahead. So that is, that is, I think that's a very reasonable and smart concern for you to have, and I will say that with your direction, we will both get back to you with more information on that and be sure to monitor that and work with our lyft operator team to do this. I will say that we are always -- we deal with this, with fraud, with biketown for all, there is always -- you are always on this continuum between if you are trying to prevent fraud, then reducing access or making it harder for people to get in by creating more layers of verification and providing more access and have more opportunities for fraud. So with biketown for all, to be perfectly frank, we have gone really hard on the access side of making sure that we have a lot of people. We have lost a number of bikes because of that, create that go access, but it's something that we are always trying to -- it's always trying to find this balance. We are talking about public safety here and not about just a capital asset, so I think that your question is well taken. Thank you for that.

Hardesty: You know, steve, I want to say I appreciate you being thoughtful in that answer because I didn't expect you to be able to pull a complete answer out of the air. It means a lot when the city employees actually help us to understand the process that you are going through to make a decision, right, because I know that that's a question that I am sure that a lot of parents would have. So I really appreciate it, and my office is here to help. And us figure out how we can make this accessible and safe and make sure that we are not putting young people in danger. Thank you.

Kurian: Might I add something, commissioner hardesty? Also to the point of the programming that we do with safe routes to school we're really hoping to develop an e-bike education and bike helmet specific education where they have to fill out a test and maybe potentially get a discounts, how working to incentivize that would hopefully bring more youth through that pathway where they learn the rules and get signed off in the appropriate channels.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: This is an interesting conversation. I want to say that I do support lowering the age to 16. We allow 16-year-olds to get behind the male who of an automobile, so I would find it hard to justify not continuing to not allow them to legally use our bike share system. But I do have questions for steve about liability for under-age users. Does that parental

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write-off include some explanation of their liability for, one, allowing their 16 and 17-year-olds to use bikes but two, if someone under 16 is using the bike what's the liability there? Whether they allow it or not. And what's the penalty?

Hoyt McBeth: I would just say we tried to lower it in negotiations with motivate originally in this contract. We tried to get the age lowered and at that point they had a concern about this issue of liability on their end of things and we pushed and made it a condition of the request for proposal because it was very important to us to provide the access to have those things. I'm getting a chat through another channel of the image that was sent and i'm afraid if I try to see if I can bring it up for myself -- i'm not sure I can. Again, I don't want to give an answer that's not completely accurate. I would like to get back to all of council with this since we have had two questions on it. We worked with our city attorney's office. They were intimately involved with every negotiation of this contract. The primary duty of our attorneys is to make sure to protect the city in terms of liability and just exposure of risk and also protect our citizens. I am fairly confident and using the bike that there's something that protects at least the city. Of course there's a question of the user itself. I would prefer if you would allow me to get back to you just to make sure that we provide an accurate information. Thank you.

Eudaly: No problem. I am interested in the question. Sometimes youth will find a work-around on their own and sometimes parents are actually enabling the unlawful behavior as we have seen with scooters with adults riding around with children on our scooters or adults activating a scooter and letting their younger child use them. We can't control for every kind of bad or irresponsible behavior but I am interested in what we do have in place. I have a question about a completely different topic, and i'm going to put katherine and steve on the spot a little bit and hope I don't make people too uncomfortable but I think it's an important conversation. You hear a lot about public-private partnerships. On one side how necessary and vital they are, and on the other side a lot of skepticism from the public about those partnerships and about how corporations may be benefiting from them. I am a shop local small business advocate. I'm a local critic of the sharing economy but i'm also the transportation commissioner that's happily bringing forward the bike share program with lyft and nike. I was hoping that you and/or katherine could talk a little bit about how important those partnerships are and why the city of Portland is choosing to go with very large corporate entities to partner with on our bike share program. I think that's the question in the public. You definitely saw some criticism when the program first rolled out. I think we should talk about it.

Hoyt McBeth: Great. Thank you, commissioner eudaly.

Ciarlo: Steve, can I take a stab at it then turn it over to you?

Hoyt McBeth: I always defer to you, katherine.

Ciarlo: Thank you. I would like to just take a 10,000 foot answer and then hand it over to steve who has so much more exhaustive knowledge of the field in general. Just from the 10,000 foot answer that relates to scooters as well, what we're seeing throughout the country as time goes on is that scooters and bike share like public transit do provide important public service, and in almost no situations can they support themselves without some sort of public investment or some sort of public subsidy. So that given Portland's history of wanting bike share and moving forward with bike share system without a lot of public investment and our current situation in which we don't have a lot of extra money lying around, we find ourselves in a situation where that kind of public-private partnership dramatically extends the type and reach of services we can offer to the public. We didn't take it lightly. We thought a lot about what we could put out there that might have been drawn more local providers but there is no way we could have gotten the system's reach without that type of sponsorship from nike. I'm going to stop there.

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Eudaly: Katherine, sometimes it does feel and i'm not talking about this situation in particular, but that we're giving away more than we get, but our partnership with nike in particular is somewhat extraordinary on biketown. Do you want to speak to that?

Ciarlo: Absolutely. In fact i'll speak for nike and lyft and I would like steve to weigh in as well. The nike partnership, they are giving us a level of sponsorship and I am quite sure that you will speak to this as well that significantly goes above and beyond the type of investments they made in many programs. They have pushed hard in the past years to connect closely with Portland culture, pushed hard on the equity front and made clear the value of the sponsorship to them is the connections to the city of Portland and the community and the benefits that it provides. Because there is such a strong investment in this community. That's meant that it's the level of generous sponsorship that we haven't seen in other parts of the transportation work that we do. So that's been -- it's also been a powerful connector with Portlanders, which has provided tremendous benefit to us just in terms of brand and vitality and excitement about the system. But stepping up here in terms of the level of commitment, four or five months we spent negotiating this contract whether I wanted this to be the case or not has made it crystal clear that lyft costs are not covered for providing this level of system, that it is passion project in many ways for them too. A building toward a suite of micro mobility options. This that sense they are giving the city a very strong message as well. Steve, if you have additional things to say --

Warner: This is chris. One other thing I would like to add is just in terms of all the things that motion talked about those are not happening in a lot of other bike share systems. It's because of the community oriented work with nike. I don't think this is your garden variety type of sponsorship. This is more of a partnership that is deeply rooted in the community. Thanks for the question because it really does talk about the ethos of the program that we set up.

Wheeler: All excellent points. This is a really important conversation and I think we could continue this but I have to point out that we have a really busy agenda today and we still haven't even gotten to the invited testimony, so I would encourage us to move along unless anyone has a very significant question they would like to ask at this particular moment.

Eudaly: I am happy with the response, and I am done with my questions.

Wheeler: Great question. Thank you, commissioner. Invited testimony. Who do you have?

Warner: Julie, you're up first.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Julia Brim-Edwards, NIKE: Good morning. Mayor wheeler, commissioners, i'm julia edwards, nike senior director for public affairs. Oregon's been our home more than 40 years and our roots run deep in the state and here in the city of Portland. I want to thank you all for the invitation to participate in this morning's council meeting to speak in support both of the next phase of biketown and to the partnership we have developed with the city, Portland bureau of transportation and biketown riders. Before I say -- I just want to pivot back to the earlier conversation. This might be my last opportunity to thank commissioner Fritz on this particular topic for the support and partnership and always I thought of her this morning when I pulled out my biketown helmet because I knew it was a topic that would come up and I really appreciated her advocacy over the years for the safety of biketown riders. So we'll miss your voice but I know we all will be remembering that as we move ahead. I want to start this morning by expressing our appreciation to commissioner eudaly for the partnership we have experienced the last four years. It's been strong and deep and it's been grounded in vision and innovation and a commitment to work together to create a biketown accessible to all of our community. Leveling the playing field for all is part of nike's purpose to create access for all while embracing sustainability. When it began in 2016 nike was a founding partner and sponsor for biketown and as part of our continued

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investment to uplift communities and advance purpose in our home state, nike will be extending its sponsorship pending approval of council a biketown through summer of 2025. In our four years at biketown we co-created multiple collections of limited edition bike racks to live with the vibrant orange bikes. We were especially honored to elevate the limited edition collection including the locally inspired community design challenge and awareness raising culture collection. Which were highlighted in this morning's presentation. I loved all the pictures. Just brought back lots of memories of the rollout, the launches and the designers and local communities we worked with. The culture collection was inspired by be true bikes launched at pride month in 2017 and I know mayor wheeler participated in that launch of the first bikes. In winter of 2018 nike sponsored the biketown design challenge inviting artists and community members to create designs sell braying Portland's five regions and neighborhoods. Incorporating iconic Portland elements and creative concepts. I loved riding the southeast bike celebrating images and iconic art from mike. I know others around the city did as well. Those five winning designs were 50 of the fleet bikes. biketown program which in partnership with albertina kerr increased access to people with disabilities. Engage and celebrate Portland's rich and vibrant community known as the culture collection. All these designs celebrate the diversity of Portland's bicycling culture and our broader community. We appreciated the mayor and individual commissioners participation in elevation of these bikes as they were launched. We plan to continue the legacy of give voice to Portland's neighborhoods in phase 2 of biketown. Our goal is to continue the legacy of biketown of giving more people in our community, I think this proposal that you have before you this morning does that, more of our neighborhoods so there's access to affordable, active and sustainable transportation options and we do that in strong partnership with the city. Thank you again for the opportunity to participate this morning. I know nike has been honored to partner with the city in rolling out what I think is really an iconic and special version of bike share in Portland, and i'll close by saying we're looking forward to the ride ahead. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, julia. Thank you for nike's support. This is outstanding and we really appreciate your leadership on this.

Warner: I think we have a representative from apano. Hopefully they are here.

Wanna Lei, APANO: Good morning. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for bringing me here. I have worked at apano as a chinese community organizer for five years and I have managed transportation projects for the last two years. When we moved into our new office the 82nd apano staff only had three parking spots. The 48 unit only has ten parking spots. The traffic is getting worse on division and 82nd. There are more apartments, affordable housing and small business in the jade district. Transportation is really important in our growing community. A we want to make sure all the residents, workers and students have a safe, convenient, easy option to get to work, to school and everywhere they need. In december 2019 pbots staff and I with east Portland residents at apano. The focus group was conducted in english, chinese and none of them have ever ridden an electric bike before. As part of the the event they tried out the electric bike and gave feedback on what they liked and disliked. Participants were really excited to try the bikes even four seniors and I also have continued to community members about supporting e-bikes in our community. I'm also part of the biketown operation committee. Excited that we have overcome the two difficult problems e-bikes faced in jade district. Those will be the big steps for electric bike use with people who have a language barrier. We want to advocate they have access to all transportation options. Our mission is cooperation with all partners to be able to provide easier ways to have support and education options. Thank you so much for the opportunity to let me speak for apano, speak for our community. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Warner: Next we have idaa antonio from hacienda.

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Aida Antonio: Hi, everybody. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Antonia: Great. Good morning, to you all. I'm ida antonio. I'm representing -- and the cully neighborhood. I'm so happy to be here to talk about my experience and the experience of the community especially the cully neighborhood when it comes to biketown. I think the talk about expansion and all of this great upgrade basically is so exciting. It's something people really look forward to. There has been a lot said about biketown that I would like to add to. You know, I think one thing that's been really big for me is that I was born and raised in the cully neighborhood. I was a resident in low-income housing a majority of my life. I loved my bike. I loved my bike. I loved to go to school on my bike. If my mom let me I would do it. So to think about how biketown has made a presence in the cully neighborhood has been so thrilling for me because it wasn't there ten, 12 years ago when I was 15, 16 years old. And i'm seeing our residents are so interested they are engaged with the idea of biketown being in the cully neighborhood as corrine mentioned earlier we were involved with the pilot for the transportation wallet this past year and we have seen such a huge spike in interest for biketown. Residents ask how can I use the app, how do I use the bike, are there classes I can take. They are very eager to become more experienced with biketown. This whole conversation around expansion and adding more bicycles is just really thrilling. I'm excited about where this is going to go. I know that our residents are excited. We have got lots of different students that need to commute to madison high school, grant high school, jefferson high school, and the somali latino community that need to get to work. We have columbia, lombard, killingsworth and sandy all very important intersections there that I think biking definitely needs to be a part of the conversation when we talk about other transportation options in the cully neighborhood because currently we only have one bus, bus 72. I think if we are going to want to encourage our community to think about other transportation options, you know, biketown is it. What better way than to keep people active, to create community, to encourage people to engage, to think outside of driving. I think there's a lot here and definitely want to make sure that we're part of that conversation. I'm speaking on part of the cully neighborhood when I say seeing biketown and pbot at those intersections means a lot to us, it really does.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Warner: Next is char lean in going from reach and Multnomah county health.

Charlene McGee, REACH: Good morning. Mayor wheeler, members of the Portland city council, i'm charlene mcgee. I have the privilege of working as Multnomah county reach program manager. Reach stands for racial and ethnic approaches to community health. We are one of 31 grantees funded nationally by the cdc to address the racial and ethnic health disparities within Multnomah county's black, latino and immigrant population. Within our grant we have three different strategic areas. Nutrition, communicable linkage and physical activity and built environment. Social cohesion, and economic development. With that work we work to ensure in partnership with our community to ensure that we're leading with the strength of our community, preserving the culture and ensuring that disparities are being addressed within our physical activity bucket our work really works the bridge public health, transportation in the built environment recognizing the intersectionality of transportation in terms of health and at times a necessity to get to and from school, to access healthy food, to transfer safely to everyday destinations including parks, housing and to walk around the neighborhood. So for the current grant that we have this is our second round of funding one of the demonstrated successes from the rich work that we did in partnership with our partners the city of gresham we did supported their first active transportation plan through that research we learned that for every dollar spent to achieve their 2040 active transportation target included in the transportation plan there was a \$2.48 benefit. So two times the investment. We also know that with access to active

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transportation it reduces health care costs both for the new pedestrians and the bicyclists. We recognize the positive impacts on our environment as well. In Multnomah county when we look at ten leading causes of death eight has chronic disease and we see connection between transportation related measures to those different health disparities so that includes we think about our community members who may have asthma or experiencing chronic disease improving the environment has health benefits to them as well. Within the economic benefits we know that household transportation saving is a benefit as well as external cost of eco-travel. Additionally with the introduction of the e-bike with this partnership with biketown we know that e-bike would allow community members who may be experiencing health ailments to be able to ride bikes and engage in active transportation. As part of our reach work, we are also part of a national effort through a program launched called healthy people active nation. That effort is the national campaign looking at increasing the number of physical activities of residents throughout the country to 60 minutes per day. This is another opportunity that we are excited about knowing that it will promote increased physical activity within the community. So it would be remiss as a public health professional to not acknowledge that in the midst of covid biking is definitely a mode that provides low exposure, relatively low exposure once an individual engaging in that activity is adhering to public health guidelines including wearing a mask, practicing physical distancing, and certainly wearing your helmet. With our continued and growing partnership with pbot we're definitely intentional really about advocating and ensuring that the black experience is centered in active transportation policy programs and investment. Part of our reach deliverable for this round is that we develop a transportation southeast report within that report we recognize another stark disparity around black and brown bodies have been injured, fatalities and citations. So this is definitely a very important part of the conversation to ensure that with this support we ensure that that works continues to be brought forth. We do ask that you also consider allocating resources to support infrastructure development and maintenance that are equity focused that promote safety and use of public space and roadways. Especially with the expansion in east county we know that there are parts of our city that have infrastructure that could benefit from additional development efforts. We welcome the opportunity to develop transportation safety campaign that is focused on eliminating disparities and inequities, certainly promotes the health benefits of biking and engaging in active transportation. We are excited about the opportunity to expand the biketown for our partnership to explore a prescription bike program where we will partner with our communicable staff including community health workers where our doctors and reach partners can prescribe bicycle use to promote health benefits and help our community. Additionally, lastly, we do want to encourage and welcome ongoing partnership with biketown and pbot so that we can maximize the benefits of this program and opportunity and go back to the -- we sponsored the city of gresham's first juneteenth celebration and we were able to secure I believe more than 50 bikes and engage the community in bike riding out in east county. So thank you for your partnership and we look forward to the work that is ahead. Thank you.

Warner: Thank you. Our last speaker is craig rush from albertina kerr.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly has her hand raised.

Eudaly: No, sorry.

Craig Rusch, Founder Director of Curb Bike: Shall I start?

Wheeler: Please.

Rusch: Well, good morning. Commissioners, mayor, guests, i'm craig rush, the founder and director of kerr bikes which operates the adaptic biketown program here on behalf of albertina kerr centers and the manager ryan ross who could not attend today's hearing. Kerr bikes is a program of albertina kerr centers, an organization that serving children with mental health concerns and children and adults with developmental disabilities. We feel

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incredibly grateful to be part of this amazing program. I think at this point we would just like to share what has been happening since we were last here. I think ryan presented a couple of years ago after the pilot program had ended. So this is our fourth summer, and we have seen growth in the program every year. Last summer in 2019 we had almost 200 rides with over 1,000 hours of riding time. 90% of those rides were by people who identified as having disability. 80% were first time unique users. We have grown the fleet over the years with generous donations from Portland parks as well as private organizations giving us a total of 26 bikes now including two recumbent e-trikes provided through a nike grant in 2019. Given the success of the program we're eager to discuss how we can continue to improve and potentially expand the adaptive biketown program. To that end I think at this point we propose that we reconvene the work group that we originally engaged with prior to the initial pilot. The goal being to reach more adaptive riders in more parts of the city and be able to meet their needs with at highest standard of service. Some ideas we might want to include, explore include should there be a more programmatic approach to what we're doing? Do we consider docking stations for point to point trips? Should we expand to include other centralized hubs or kiosks at transportation centers? Do we expand to other parts of the city that are underserved? How do we incorporate additional adaptive electric bikes into our fleet and what do we do to continue coordinating between adaptive biketown and efforts with the direction of the biketown program? We're really looking forward to knowing the best way to serve our communities going forward. It's been a difficult year with the coronavirus, of course, and to date kerr bikes we're down 87% less revenue that the same time last year. Right now because of the coronavirus we have only had 12 riders this year. Of course many of our riders being part of the vulnerable population who would be most impacted by what's going on with covid-19. Fortunately we are able to continue operating the program given the generous grants and contractual funding we have with pbot, however if we want to improve and expand this program over the coming years we're going to need additional resources to help with outreach, public research, additional partnerships and to offer more hours, more riding time, scholarships and to explore new equipment. That might increase ridership or add to the rider experience. We would love to be able to serve previously under-served communities of east and north Portland and offer them the same recreation opportunities but without additional resources. It's going to be hard to figure out how to make this possible. Just as you hear other testimonies keep these things in mind as we think about the adaptive biketown program. We're incredibly grateful to the city of Portland, to pbot and to nike for making this possible. We know our riders feel the same way that we do, so thank you.

Warner: Thank you, craig. That concludes our testimony.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, director warner. How many people are signed up for public testimony?

Karla: Five, mayor.

Wheeler: Due to the lateness of the hour and we are barely into our agenda this morning we will limit public testimony to two minutes each, please. I'll point out the council rules. Testimony must pertain to the two ordinances that are before us today or we will have to ask you to stop. Thank you.

Iain MacKenzie: The first person is ian mckenzie.

Wheeler: Good morning.

MacKenzie: Good morning. I'm ian mckenzie, a member of the bicycle advisory committee. I'm only speaking on my own behalf because the committee was never consulted or informed about the changes you're being asked to vote on today. That's unfortunate because there are issues that should have been vetted especially as an emergency ordinance. I'm really excited about the introduction of the e-bikes. The

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expansion service area is welcome if insufficient. what i'm concerned about is the cost of the new system. Today you can buy an annual membership to biketown for \$99 which covers 19 minutes of riding a day. Soon every minute will cost 10 cents over and above the \$19 membership. It will instead cost \$9, almost twice the price of a trimet day pass. Most people probably don't use biketown that much but for pay as you go members the cost will go from 8 cents a minute to \$1 to unlock plus 20 cents a minute. It will triple the cost of the commute. We should remember people are likely to be people who work jobs with early or late hours and cannot necessarily rely on trimet at the end of their working day. Maybe to some people it will be worth it but there was no public engagement to back that up. If we were adding it as an option I would have no problem with a premium cost being added to it but wee scrapping all the bikes the city bout and replacing them with e-bikes that will cost more to use. Other cities such as d.c. And san francisco have kept lower price traditional bikes when they added electric bikes to the system. If trimet or the Portland street car were proposing a large fare increase or any fare increase we wouldn't expect it to be announced thursday morning with a final vote the following wednesday. That shouldn't happen for biketown either.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate your testimony.

Karla: Next is paul frasier.

Wheeler: Good morning, paul.

Paul Frazier: Good morning. Thank you, commissioners and mayor. I want to start out just saying I really appreciate this alternative testimony format. It's allowed me to be more engaged. I would not be able to testify if this was a regularly scheduled council meeting so I would encourage us to take this trying time of covid and apply it to how we can boost engagement generally. I share ian's excitement for e-bikes and also share his cost concerns. I really do think I testified for rip and talked about things being on the margins of using economics to shift behavior and I think it's a big economic change that no longer does an annual membership get you free rides. There's been models in new york where you get free rides up to a certain amount of minutes with an annual membership so I would really just encourage us to look at that. I'm also concerned about the biketown for everyone becoming biketown for some people with increasing the cost for that program as well. I think if we're going to look at price, helping with pricing we should look there first and I think I would welcome the \$20 grants but what happens after that? I welcome returning bikes to stations to earn credit, I would ask those be generous and we're not placing undue burden on those with already hard situation to earn credit. I appreciate the concern around helmets. I sent a link to the county clerk. Helmets are a red herring. It led to a decrease because when there are more people out there it creates a better sense of safety, drivers have to pay attention and injuries go down. We need to look at safety by design offering protection for bikers. It's abhorrent to me the city has already had to pay out millions on a wrongful death lawsuit on north lombard. It's labeled as vancouver. You have a 45 mile an hour arterial. Just to look at us to get creative, push the boundaries, lower the costs. I know that we have to go as people staff testified we are going as fast as we can but I think we have seen lately perhaps the old speed isn't fast enough.

Wheeler: Thank you, paul.

Karla: Next is cliff culpeper.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Clint Culpepper: Thank you, council, for hearing from us today. I'm clint culpeper, transportation options manager at Portland state university, an early partner of biketown. Biketown has been an amazing resource for the city and the Portland state community and i'm excited to see adoption of electric bikes. The service area expansion and i'm especially excited to see the lowering of the age requirement. Certainly if we are allowing 16-year-olds to drive automobiles we can trust them to ride bicycles. Portland state has been a

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huge proponent of bike share and that has been shown by the nearly 1800 students that are biketown members. Even with classes being held remotely since march our students still took over 21,000 trips in the past year traveling nearly 40,000 miles. With covid's huge impact on public transportation it is clear that bicycles are a necessary part of any resilient transportation system. Biketown has provided safe transportation for thousands of users during this time and not pushing those folks into automobiles. To commissioner Fritz's comments about helmets and as paul mentioned research continues to show the danger to people riding bicycles shows the danger is not a lack of helmet use but rather automobile speed and size and lack of straight faced infrastructure. I expect council to support all efforts to improve the bicycling network if they are truly concerned about safety. I strongly encourage council to consider devoting funds to lower the user cost of biketown. As ian mentioned we have huge concerns about how the usage fees will cut off access to many Portlanders and are dismayed there was no public input in this large change. Bike share is a vital piece of the city transportation network and if we want to take our climate emergency seriously we need to remove barriers to sustainable transportation, not create them. Current events in our city have provided us with a few ideas of where you might be able to find those funds. I yield my time. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, clint.

Karla: Next is katie golden.

Wheeler: Good morning, katie. Are you unmuted?

Catie Gould: Hi. All right, i'm katie golden testifying. We have long awaited the arrival of e-bikes in Portland but were concerned about several elements in the contract. While we support the contract over all most importantly the conversion to e-bikes and geographic expansion we do so with the following reservations. We're disappointed that prices to use the system rose significantly in every category even for the biketown for all program for the low income riders. Biketown's 2018 report stated these numbers only make up 7% of biketown users but take 20% of all trips. We have no doubt that Portland letters find greater value in ebikes but we're concerned the hikes will have a chilling effect on ridership and decrease access among people who use the service the most. Better alternatives could have been reducing instead of eliminating free ride minutes for members, increasing annual membership rates instead of permanent rates, price cap on biketown for all rates. These should have been brought to the public with feedback from users and affected communities. The proposed geographic expansion is badly needed but still insufficient. Last year pbot testified the goal would be for city-wide access but it still may not exist. We also support expanding adaptive biketown and adding widely available trikes which could provide more options for people who cannot use two-wheel bikes. As a whole we're disappointed this is the best the city could do. We're in the midst of a pan democrat their has devastated transit ridership and are falling behind in meeting adopted emission goals particularly in transportation. We urge council to make this process more transparent before entering into future negotiations. If our current negotiation process doesn't allow us to do so or the limitation against using city funds is acting as a barrier to achieve our goals it's time to rethink how bike share is implemented in the future.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Fritz has her hand up. Do you want to wait until the end of public testimony or go now?

Fritz: After the testimony. Thank you.

Wheeler: I think we only have two other folks signed up. Why don't we get through those two individuals. Thank you fort testimony. Appreciate it.

Karla: We have one more. Michael harrison.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Michael Harrison: Good morning. I'm michael harrison, director of local relations at ohsu. Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of pbot's proposal today. As the state of

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Oregon's public academic health center we take public health very seriously and as charlene mcgee from the county pointed out all too well how people commute to work is very much a public health issue. Ohsu has developed a significant transportation options program including paying employees to bike to work, for example, and our reverts paying off. According to a 2019 employee survey, 17% of our employees bike commute. This is particularly impressive when our main campus is located at an elevation of 500 feet. The steep terrain prevents all but the most physically capable bikers from reaching our main campus. We fully support the proposal to expand the geographical service area of biketown and convert the fleet to electric bikes. Electric bikes would make cycling and accessible option for more employees as well as the larger public and we applaud the effort.

Wheeler: All right, thank you. Karla, that completes public testimony?

Karla: That's correct, mayor.

Fritz: Thank you. I appreciate the testimony. I have a couple of further questions. Number one why wasn't there any public engagement on this?

Cairlo: I would like to ask mr. Warner to address that.

Warner: I would just -- go ahead, katherine.

Cairlo: Okay. I'm unmuting myself. My apologies. Thank you, commissioner, for the question. We have spoken indirectly with the bicycle advisory committee about the enact e-bikes were coming, and we have presented to council the contract that the contract was coming. It is true that we have not presented the details of the contract to the public and really that's been about the contract negotiation process and us working through it under our contract limitations and contracting requirements. Then also looking at the resource constraints and doing what we can to get the most bikes and the most area for the city. Our intention is to do significant outreach this summer as we roll out the system and that outreach will include a great deal of incentives and partnerships through our front line community partnership effort with nonprofit organizations as well as just reaching out to riders to help them understand the change and ask what's working for them and what's not. We did put out a map for year 1, but that map for year 2 will change undoubtedly based on what we hear back from system users, from our organizational partners and from the public. So you know, what you're seeing is that balancing process between negotiating a contract and needing to get public input once we have the pieces on the ground and we can really help shape the next steps based on how those are being used.

Fritz: Thank you for the answer. This is a five-year contract, right?

Cairlo: Yes, it is.

Fritz: Is there any particular urgency to have it pass today rather than having some community input? In particular I thought the testimony about why we are having all e-bikes rather than allowing people the option of having a lesser expensive one and the concerns about the cost for users. Is there an urgency we pass this today?

Cairlo: I will speak to the urgency. I would like steve to talk about the why all e-bikes because in his role as north american bike share association chair, he can really speak to what has happened in other communities. But in terms of passing today, what we are hoping is for continuity in system ridership. We have set up a schedule that would allow us to bring online the new systems as we phase out the old system and do so while there's still time to have good weather, good riding weather. So there is urgency here in terms of sort of moving it forward with respect to the contract but obviously we also need to hear that council is comfortable.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner eudaly has her hand raised.

Cairlo: I didn't quite answer commissioner Fritz's questions but commissioner eudaly, maybe you could add in and then --

Eudaly: Go ahead and finish.

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Cairlo: Steve, will you answer the question about pricing and the question about

Hoyt McBeth: Sure. So in terms of our existing bicycles, it's not financially feasible for us to continue to use those bicycles with the new electric bicycles. They operate on a different back end system by a company that's not affiliated with Lyft. To do that would mean we would need to remove the controllers that are on the back of each one of those bicycles. Put new ones on, which would be a cost of several hundred dollars per bike. More probably than the bikes are worth. And be very, very difficult and costly for us to do and require us to renegotiate the contract to do that. Secondly, the reason that other systems that have done that that one of the people in the public who testified is that they had the same operator, the same supplier from one contract to the other. That would be that. The piece about the cost of this system, I think Katherine talked about this a little bit. For one e-bikes are a much higher value in terms of how many people we can bring on to them and how many trips we can shift. We see ridership add other systems at about 3-1 ridership level. In aggregate we get a lot more bang or our buck with e-bikes in terms of the investment and number of people that are able to use them and are able to choose them. That's part of the reason for us to go to a fully electric bike fleet, to expand the access to that. The pricing piece is something that we'll certainly not champion on the program team of higher costs. It's a product of I would say two things. One electric bikes share systems are more expensive to operate so the cost which is in line with other e-bike share systems across the country is comparable to that. Then secondly, we really ask a lot of in this proposal, back to Commissioner Eudaly's question why we have an operator who is a large publicly traded company. When you ask for a lot you need a company with financial resources to deliver on that. We also asked for a lot in terms of going into east Portland for this first phase. It's a very large expansion of our service area. We have talked before about like transit as density goes down the cost of operating a system goes up because there's just not as many people at any one particular point to use that bike. It's like pushing a moon. We wanted that and part of that is going to increase the cost of actually operating system for our operator because of the large system and we have further expansions that we are planning in the next years, next year to be exact, so the cost of operating it goes up. I think that I just want to come back to is our commitment on the staff side. We want everyone whether that's on Biketown for all or just anybody, a barrier not be to use Biketown be the cost. We have never turned anyone away on Biketown for all because of cost and have covered the cost of people. I committed as program manager to make sure nobody is never able to use it because of cost. One thing we didn't talk about as part of this proposal is in our negotiation with Lyft we were able to secure a portion of the sponsorship money for PBOT. It's a small portion but we expect it to grow over the coming years and one of our big targets besides making sure we can cover staffing costs of the program is to look at how it can use the remaining money toward buying down the cost for people who really need that and I think there are two focus areas are Biketown for all users then what I would call our work force users, folks who do not qualify for public assistance but still are really could be considered part of the working poor. Those are the folks we want to make sure have access to the system. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz, did you get your questions answered?

Fritz: I appreciate the answers and I'll support the ordinance because of my respect for the staff and the bureau.

Eudaly: Thank you for those who gave testimony. I'm surprised this wasn't brought to the bicycle advisory committee. I'm disappointed that we're hearing anything but complete enthusiasm from the community advocates. I have a lot of questions now. I don't feel like I can get them answered in this session, so I'm going to move to remove the emergency clause so that we have a week to get these questions answered and bring them back and

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katherine, i'm going to assume that one week delay is not going to prevent us from rolling it out.

Cairlo: Yep. We will --

Hardesty: I second your motion.

Fritz: Could I suggest instead of removing the emergency you just set it over to next week? If you can get your questions answered it can still be an emergency next week.

Eudaly: Sure. Thank you, commissioner.

Wheeler: Very good.

Hardesty: I withdraw my second.

Eudaly: I move this item to next week's agenda.

Wheeler: That's teamwork. Commissioner eudaly is going to have this continued to next week. Correct, lynley?

Rees: Correct.

Wheeler: This item, items number 590 and 591 are continued to next week's session. Thank you. That was a really good discussion. I appreciated that very much. Now we will move back to the regular agenda. Item number 597, please, Karla.

Item 597.

Wheeler: Colleagues, today i'm requesting council confirmation to appoint a new member to the plumbing code board of appeal. Zach zurcher, it's a privilege to recommend such a qualified member to provide guidance to the bureau of development services. Zach has lived in Portland the majority of his life. He's a small business owner and operator and has experience both in residential and light commercial projects. Zach's specialty is residential service repair and remodel. He takes pride in providing exceptional customer service and lasting plumbing solutions. Terry white with bureau of development services is here to answer any additional questions. Thank you to terry, rebecca and bds for a successful recruitment process. Good morning, terry.

Terry Whiehill: Good morning. Actually I think zach is here with us also.

Zak Slicher: Good morning.

Wheeler: Good morning, zach.

Slicher: Good morning.

Wheeler: Thank you for being here. If my colleagues don't have any immediate questions, could you tell us about yourself and your interest in this important plumbing code appeals board?

Slicher: Yes, forgive me this is my first zoom conference so i'll do my best here. Thanks for giving me the time and the opportunity. I have been in Portland for 36 of my 38 years of life. I started plumbing in the Portland metro area about 15 years ago. Since then I have been involved in working -- I was actually a part of the union and then I went off on my own to start my own business. Yeah, that's pretty much it. I'm just excited to have this opportunity to be a part of the appeals process, and chief plumbing inspector mckenzie james, who referred me to this, i'm grateful to him as well.

Wheeler: Thanks, zach. We really appreciate you stepping forward. We know there's a lot of technical aspects to this. This is a really important board of appeals. You have exactly the right experience so i'm very happy to recommend you. Any further questions of zach or terry?

Hardesty: I make a motion to accept your report.

Wheeler: Thank you. Do I get a second?

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Karla, please call the roll.

Hardesty: Thank you, zachariah. Is that your name?

Slicher: Zachary.

Hardesty: Beautiful name. Thank you for your willingness to serve. I vote aye.

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Slicher: Thank you.

Eudaly: Thank you. Aye.

Fritz: I can assure you my first session was not nearly as smooth as that. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Aye.

Wheeler: First of all let me concur with my colleagues, I think it took me the first ten zoom meetings before I got to the point where you are right now so I appreciate the speed with which you learned. I would expect that from a qualified plumber.

Slicher: All right.

Wheeler: I'm very happy to accept this appointment and I thank you for stepping forward. I vote aye. The report is accepted. The appointment is approved. Welcome aboard.

Whiehill: Thank you all.

Wheeler: Next is item 598. I'm looking forward to bringing this to council but there's some additional information we would like to gather before we bring it to council so i'm pulling this back to my office. Karla, if you could read 599, a second reading.

Item 599.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is a second reading. We heard a presentation and public testimony has been provided. There any further discussion on this item? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you very much. Next item, Karla -- actually, before we move on there is a logistics item I neglected to add. Commissioner eudaly, I would like to suspend the rules at this moment and I would like to acknowledge you to add two four-fifths item to the end of this morning's agenda. Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Section 2-113 and city code section 3.0 it.03.3.5 provides matters not appearing on the agenda may be considered under suspension of the rules at any session. I move to suspend the rules for purposes of considering the two resolutions I filed with council clerk at the end of this morning's agenda.

Wheeler: We have a second. Call the roll on suspension of rules.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The rules are suspended. Commissioner eudaly. Do we need a motion, lynley, to bring each item to the agenda?

Rees: Is the intent to have these happen now rather than at the end of of the agenda?

Wheeler: No, at the end of the agenda. Do we need to make a motion or no?

Rees: No. By suspending the rules they are now on the agenda and Karla has assigned numbers to them at the end so you're good.

Wheeler: Thank you all very much for that. Thank you, commissioner eudaly. We're on item 600.

Item 600.

Wheeler: Thank you, Karla. This ordinance will amend the contract for the city's enterprise licensing agreement, the ela, with environmental systems research institute incorporated sometimes called esri, and it sets pricing for use of the sri software suite for a four-year period to the fiscal year 2024. We have matt, gis program manager, here to present. Welcome.

Dan Bauer, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good afternoon, mayor and commissioners Fritz, hardesty and eudaly. I'm dan bauer, deputy chief technology officer for the city of Portland. Matt and I have joined you to present this.

Wheeler: Thanks.

Bauer: We're here seeking authorization to amend our existing agreement with environmental systems research institute for geographic information systems software. To increase that by a total of 1,996,000 cumulative for a four-year term which extends the agreement through june 30, 2024. The city has a long-standing history with esri, and it's

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key technology in our gis program relied upon by many bureaus such as pbot, water, bps, boac, fire, omf, police and others. Included in the pact submitted for this ordinance is a letter of support signed by the directors of six of the bureaus demonstrating how important this technology is to their operations. Esri is the industry standard and leader in geospatial mapping and provides a complete set of desktop, server and web based gis applications widely used to support critical city functions. If you're not familiar with it you may be familiar with some of their software if you use things like the john hopkins coronavirus resource center or our city's own Portlandmaps.com. Currently over 2,000 city staff members have software covered by this contract on their computers. It provides the mapping engine for many services including Portlandmaps.com extensively used by the public. Every day the applications are used across the city for functions such as support for our first responders, keeping city utilities running, processing permits and implementing planning policies. These applications can be expanded in the use of data even more so with new products added under this amendment including web based scenario planning tools, data visualization applications and web-based applications for public engagement. I will now introduce matt freid, the city corporate gis manager, to describe recent examples of the value the city has received from this agreement.

Matt Freid, Bureau of Environmental Services: Good morning, mayor wheeler, members of the city council. I'm matthew freid. I manage the corporate gis program in the bureau of technology services. We manage the contract and provide gis application data and supports city staff and I would like to share a few recent examples of how the applications are used by the city. Mayor wheeler recently sent an email announcing the city was named to the 2020 what works certification honor roll. He mentioned several examples of projects that helped us qualify including the planning of the distribution of the covid-19 grocery store poster to specific language group areas and distribution of open data. The self-Portland addressing project excluded to plan an update over 7,000 addresses as part of this project and help communicate changes to other agencies and the public. They are already in use for planning the columbia lombard wayfinding project that you're going to take up. Also the pops amanda permanent system upgrade uses applications directly integrated into the new version of the amanda application now that they upgraded to this recent version. All of the licensing needed for this project is included in this contract and many other city systems integrate directly with the esri platform. Thank you.

Bauer: Thank you. Lastly I would like to call out funding for this is included in the five-year budget plan and there are no additional unbudgeted costs needed. I would like to also mention that in light of the current budget situation we have renegotiated with esri and have reduced the cough for the first two years by 5% and the total contract cost by 3%. We are happy to go over any questions you may have.

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

Karla: I believe we do. One moment. No, no one registered for this item.

Wheeler: This is an emergency item. Please call the roll.

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

Fritz: You had me convinced when you said Portlandmaps.com. That app by itself is well worth the price. I'm glad we're getting other stuff as well. Thank you for your work. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Next item, 601, second reading.

Item 601.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this is a second reading of a nonemergency item. We have heard presentation and there's been opportunity for public testimony. Any further business? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

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

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Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thanks to everybody who worked on that. 602, please, Karla. Colleagues, you're well familiar with the format of these particular items. We'll turn it right over to dory van bockel. Good afternoon.

Dory Van Bockel, Portland Housing Bureau: Good afternoon, mayor, commissioners. Thank you. I'm dory van bockel, the manager of the development team with Portland housing bureau. Again we have before you an application for the multiple unit limited tax exemption program through inclusionary housing. You remember any buildings of 20 or more units are subject to inclusionary housing as of february of 2017. Developers have different options in order to fulfill those requirements. Otherwise market rate buildings. This particular project is going to be between 15% of the units at 80% of median family income for the 99-year duration, and with a 22 unit building that's fully residential that amounts to just three units that will have restricted affordability. So the units that are affordable are representative of the total units in the building so what would already be built so that's 15% of each of the bedroom types resulting in one studio, one one-bedroom unit and one two-bedroom unit. The multi tax exemption is one of the financial incentives provided to this project for inclusionary housing for those who opt to actually provide units rather than pay a fee in lieu. Each multi application as it's called does come to city council for approval. In this situation because the building is outside of the central city plan district only the units that are affordable receive the tax exemption. The other 19 market rate units and the land will be fully taxable. So that amounts to for this particular project a total tax exemption around \$40,000 over the ten-year period. If you're looking at it over 99 years of the affordability restriction period that's about a monthly tax exemption benefit per unit of \$11, and there's an average difference in the rents over that if we're extrapolating out from current rents compared to the market and affordable rents of about \$135 a month that the rent would be reduced year after year. Trying to keep it brief but this is adding to our pipeline of affordable units. This is the 86th project. We have got about 650 units that are coming on the market as a result of the inclusionary housing program. I'm here to address any questions.

Wheeler: Thank you. Anyone have any questions for dory? Seeing none, Karla, is there any testimony on this item?

Karla: Yes, mayor, one person signed up.

Wheeler: Name for the record.

Hyung Nam: Hi. I'm representative of Portland metro people's coalition. I just want to bring up as we're dealing with all this police violence, whose city is this and who do we serve? This is such a low bar for inclusionary zoning. We should be demanding 50 percent of units be affordable not at 80%. Mfi is almost 90,000 a year. 80% mfi would mean people making 70,000 a year and very few people I know make that much money. We are gentrifying the city and no wonder the police are brutalizing people and arresting unhoused people. This is what they protect. Just like we were talking about earlier with these public-private partnerships we are just giving away way too much. You have the power as the leaders of the city. We should be municipalizing and creating land banks and up and down our public resources instead of giving away all these things to private developers. I mean wdc properties mark madden donated \$5,000 to mayor wheeler when he ran for mayor along with many other developers. The Oregonian did that series about commuted by money. I can't breathe because we are polluted by money in the city. We need to reimagine how we do politics and run the city not only rethink public safety reimagine how we do things. This neo-liberal system does not work for us. Think about what martin luther king said about the giant triplets of racism, militarism. Who do we serve? Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Is there any more public testimony?

Karla: No one else signed up.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further questions? Karla, please call the roll.

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Hardesty: I absolutely couldn't agree more. I continue to ask questions about whether we're getting the right return on investment with this program. I will look forward to next year when we do a study to determine whether or not the city has gained anything from having this inclusionary zoning process. I absolutely think that we are getting a lot less than we could. I will vote for this because as you all know i'm waiting for the study and we do need the study and we need to do better. We will never, ever, ever reach our housing goals of affordability if we keep doing this nickel and dime thing. I agree 80% at 70,000, not even close to providing housing people can afford to live in in Portland. I vote aye.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: I believe that the program is set in state law so we probably need to get a state law change in order to be able to address the concerns. Hopefully that will be on our agenda for next year. Thank you for implementing the program by state law. Aye.

Wheeler: I support this. They brought before council today brings the total number of otherwise private sector market rate buildings in the inclusionary housing approval pipeline to 86 making a minimum of 648 units affordable. I want to underscore this again, these are otherwise market rate units. So I agree with you this is not supportive housing, this is not low-income housing, but in my opinion it still fills a niche that would otherwise not be filled in the absence of this program. Could this program be better? Yes, I believe it could be. Does it need an analysis? Of course it does. That's why I have advocated for it, supported it but we need to agree as a council trying to do a market rate analysis in the middle of a pandemic won't give us good information. We have reached a consensus to delay the study until we have the opportunity to do this hopefully sooner rather than later in more realistic market environment. I'm happy to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thanks, dory. Next item is 603. We have a long list of items ahead of us but they are going to go really quickly. 603 is next. Second reading.

Fritz: Mayor, if we were in city hall I would be taking a walk to get tea because I didn't review the record for any of the second readings so i'm wondering i'm going to step away from the computer and you can tell me when you're ready for me to come back.

Wheeler: On which items? On the four-fifth items?

Fritz: There are two regular agenda items and then I could take a walk since I haven't reviewed the record onto all of the second readings on the renaming.

Wheeler: This will be easy. I believe you're referring to item 605 and 615 both of which I believe are going to be pulled. Are those the two items you're referring to?

Fritz: Yes but mine isn't pulled. 615 is not pulled.

Wheeler: 615 is not going to be pulled?

Fritz: Correct.

Wheeler: 605 first, Karla.

Item 605.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: I'm baffled why we just jumped ahead. Is this second reading?

Wheeler: 605 is -- amend title 17.

Rees: This is the city attorney. I think the confusion is we skipped 603 and 604.

Wheeler: Yes. I did that at the request of commissioner Fritz.

Eudaly: Okay. So we're on 605.

Wheeler: Correct.

Eudaly: I'm pulling this item back to my office and will bring it back as part of a large packet of title 17 changes.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Fritz, you're saying you do want to hear 615 today, correct, the resolution?

Fritz: Yes, please.

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Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you. I apologize for the confusion. If we were in city hall I would be able to take a walk and not vote on the second readings but because we're online that makes it more difficult if they are in and out. I'm very happy to bring this resolution to the city council to refer city charter amendment to Portland voters for the november 3, 2020 ballot. The charter amendment will authorize incidental public use of water bureau properties outside of the bull run watershed. Wait a minute. I'm not done yet. This would be allowed only after approval by city council following a public process led by the water bureau in partnership with the Portland utility board to determine and set in city code and in stone the appropriate secondary uses of public property managed by the water bureau outside of the bull run watershed. This builds on the work commissioner Fish initiated while the bureau was under his leadership to assure that water bureau funds are used for the purposes that they are intended. It's important to me that this work is completed before I leave office at the end of the year. That's why i'm bringing it now rather than waiting for the charter commission. Last year I led successfully the passage of two charter amendments to clarify the authority to enter into mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions. This was in response to the troubling court ruling that questioned council's authority to make decisions in the interests for uses of the water fund. I'm excited to bring before you this resolution which aligns with council's shared values and would benefit the public. First I need to introduce amended version of the resolution, the explanatory statement and impact statement. My staff and I experienced new city-wide technology challenges and have seen incorrect language being filed in the resolution. The title refer to is incidental uses which we believe is more understandable than permitted secondary uses and that was posted in the agenda item. Since filing we also refined the expire planer to statement language to better reflect the requirements of title 2 of the americans with disabilities act thanks to jonathan simeon in the office of equity and human rights -- for their expert advice. The impact statement is revised to be more explicit on equity considerations community engagement and fiscal implications. I would like to move the amendment to the resolution exhibit b, impact statement as a package unless anyone would like to discuss them separately.

Rees: Commissioner Fritz, this is linly rees. May I clarify some terminology you used? The exhibit b substitute is the ballot title, not the explanatory statement. Just to be clear there.

Fritz: Oh, dear. Exhibit --

Rees: Am I correct about that?

Fritz: I thought exhibit a was the charter amendment language and exhibit b the explanatory statement city posted with the amendment language.

Rees: I believe it is the ballot title, commissioner.

Fritz: So am I moving to change exhibit a, lynly?

Rees: No, commissioner, you are in fact -- your amendments were to exhibit b, but that's the ballot tight, not the explanatory statement.

Fritz: I apologize. Thank you. Yes. I move the amendment to the resolution, the ballot title and the impact statement.

Hardesty: Second.

Fritz: Thank you. Can we take a vote on that?

Wheeler: Karla, please call the roll.

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

Fritz: Thank you, colleagues, for being patient with me. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. Motion is on the table. Thank you.

Fritz: So council may recall that I considered moving this measure to the ballot last year with the other two. Based on community input, I decided to focus on the first two. We didn't hear opposition and public testimony, rather focus on the amendments we passed last

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year. Because we did -- endorsed sending the question to voters. As one member said, the public should decide the appropriate uses of public lands and ratepayer dollars not -- setting their own agenda. We will now consider the charter amendment.

Astrid Dragoy, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Commissioner Fritz: Good morning, I'm senior policy adviser to commissioner Fritz. I'm here to review the resolution referenced by commissioner Fritz. The water bureau provides excellent water every minute of every day to Portlanders. This resolution, if approved, would add another community benefit. It would allow limited public use of some properties outside of the bull run watershed closure areas. These are properties owned by the city of Portland, managed by the water bureau and could include community gardens, picnic benches on grassy areas near water tanks or other public uses to connect neighbors with their water utility. In 2014, a ruling in Multnomah county court decided the city charter does not clearly provide authority to the city council to designate these lands for public using ratepayer money for maintenance. Currently general fund money is needed to allow the public to use these for green spaces, food cultivation or picnic areas. General fund money is needed to comply with accessibility standards required by title 2 of the Americans with Disabilities Act request when public access is allowed. General fund money is often not available because there are many other competing city needs. This charter amendment would clarify the council's authority to allow public access to use these city owned lands. If the measure passes the resolution sets binding city policy requiring a public process to discuss allowed public uses and set parameters and limitations in code. It also -- to the Portland utility board and the city council. The public's incidental use may result in associated costs for the water fund for maintenance and accessibility, ADA improvements, required when public access is allowed. The impact on rates will not be determined until the public, the Portland utility board and the council decide what is allowed and what isn't. Also, the timeline to be set for making ADA improvements could affect the rates. The fiscal year 2021 budget prior to COVID-19 included a request for \$1.5 million for ADA improvements spread over five years. That amount spread over five years would not result in rate increases. If passed, the proposed amendment would clarify council authority to permit or prohibit incidental uses by the general public of city lands controlled by the water bureau provided the lands are outside of the bull run closure area. Karen Spencer, a Portland utility board member will provide public comment. This includes my staff presentation and we welcome questions.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any questions? I don't see any. Karla, is there public testimony on this item?

Karla: We have two people. The first one is Karen Spencer.

Wheeler: Very good. Karen, two minutes, please.

Karen Spencer, Portland Utility Board: I'm Karen Spencer, a member of the Portland utility board, which as you know is the community oversight committee for the water bureau and bureau of environmental services. I'm delighted the public voted to support moving this ballot measure forward to the voters. The remarks that I am about to give represent the individual views of myself and Ted Labbe, the executive director of the Urban Green Spaces Institute and my colleague on the public. Ted and I have coordinated our remarks for presence to you. Again, we are speaking as individual city residents today. I thank you for your service on this issue. As we grapple with the impacts of the growth in our population, we should also consider our needs for natural areas and access to natural areas that do not interfere with the water system. During this pandemic we have seen the importance of having natural open spaces available for our residence. They should meet ADA compliance standards so they are physically accessible for everyone. Access to nature benefits health, cognitive performance, spiritual well being and connection and fostering community well being and providing avenues for having high quality interactions with one's neighbors. Reclaiming spaces for access is very expensive and using natural

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spaces is a much more affordable way that our community needs. When it comes to public land, there is an expectation that government works in a coordinated fashion for the benefit of its residents. During the water filtration hearings we had last year, a number of residents testified about the close of the barge park -- I mechanics this to display the distrust in the local community. The water bureau had not managed the land, the local residents blamed the water bureau for the closure. I believe that the distrust created by the closure only served to heighten tensions. For this reason, I believe the water bureau should be restored for its relationship involving the use of these lands. Thank you for considering our views in support of this ballot measure moving forward. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, karen. Appreciate your testimony. Karla, next individual, please.

Karla: Floy jones.

Wheeler: Good afternoon, floy.

Floy Jones: Good morning, floy jones and today I am representing water accountability trust and reform. We are the organization that supported commissioner lloyd anderson's lawsuit and just to educate a little bit on the historical perspective, when commissioner anderson agreed to support this lawsuit he told us of the history that when the city first began creating debt for its water and sewer users, the commissioner wanted to make sure that money was only being spent on water, sewer and stormwater, not unrelated items. And so we are proud that we succeeded on many, many items of misspending and that money was returned to rate payers. Commissioner Fish had argued that the remodel of the rose festival building using ratepayer dollars would be a great deal for water users. Of course, not a great deal for water users. And in light of the lawsuit, money was returned from the general fund to the water fund. So this obviously is designed to be able to allow city council to use water funds as a blank check which will, of course, add -- you just cite the \$1.5 million, not the tens of millions that has been spent on unrelated projects. Yes, dodge park. That was remodelled and it is a great party place for the water bureau. It just so happened in 17 years I have been out to dodge park twice when I used to be there a lot as a child. On one of those occasions the water bureau bus loads of employees, they sent the caretaker away and were there for their party. What is the chance of going there twice in 17 years you went there on the day the water bureau was having a party for themselves. The same with pal butte. Those tens of millions of dollars. The court case didn't rule there was no incidental use of water bureau property allowed, it was the use of water bureau funds that was disallowed.

Karla: That's two minutes.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. All right. That completes public testimony. Are there any further questions. Very good. Thank you for the testimony. Thank you for the presentation. Karla, please call the roll on the resolution as amended.

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

Fritz: Thank you, colleagues. Thank you to commissioner Fish who made sure the funds were spent on projects related to water and provide the benefits karen spencer mentioned. Thank you to mike stewart director, incoming director, cecilia human, the water bureau finance manager for amazing support on this measure. I'm grateful to the ada title 2 policy coordinator within the office of equity and human rights for his careful review of the ada access we are attempting to address. Maya hamm and two city attorneys who have been able to provide me and council with this charter amendment to accomplish for what we intend to accomplish and to stress future council, which I won't be on, will have to approve every expenditure under this charter change should it pass. In terms of setting the parameters and getting an annual report each year as to what was spent on this function should it pass. So I do believe this is the appropriate checks and balances. The fact that the Portland utility board recommended strongly that we send it to the voters because as I

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said in my opening, the voters should decide this question, not lawyers. Thank you very much, everybody. And thank you my senior policy adviser and my chief of staff. Aye.

Wheeler: Good teamwork. Thanks for the hard work commissioner Fritz and your entire team as well as the bureau team. I vote aye. The resolution is adopted as amended. And commissioner Fritz, just to clarify, do you want me to text you when we are getting close to the items or are you listening in the background?

Fritz: I'm going to take a walk and I will be listening in the background, but will be muted and remain muted. I hope the city attorney counts as that not being present.

Wheeler: Sounds like she'll get exercise in the process. We now have a bunch of second readings. **Item 603.**

Wheeler: All of the items we are about to read are second readings. They have had testimony. Call the roll.

Hardesty: Aye.

Eudaly: I would like to thank my senior policy advisor. I vote aye.

Wheeler: I vote aye.

Item 604.

Wheeler: Amend security deposits, prepaid rent to make technical clarifications. Karla, call the roll.

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

Wheeler: aye. The ordinance is adopted. Colleagues, now we have one, two, three, four, five, six, seven we have nine ordinances in a row, we cannot vote on as a package. We will start with item 606, please.

Item 606.

Wheeler: These are second readings. Any further discussion. Call the roll.

Hardesty: Aye.

Eudaly: Well, these very small and technical name changes, may seem boring to some, but are exciting for those who live, work and play in parts of the city. It creates confusion for emergency services, delivery, et cetera. So I want to thank andy abby and zach wagner for proactively fixing a confusing wayfinding program and for seeing it through. Thank you as well to community members to support the changes. I vote aye.

Wheeler: I appreciated the testimony and presentation last week. In particular, the bureau did a great job of making it clear that in an age of gps navigation, how complex it could get very, very quickly on these particular streets, particularly for first responders, where minutes make the difference between life and death. So i'm glad the time was taken by you, commissioner eudaly, and by the bureau to sort this out and come up with a commonsense solution with the support of the community. I'm happy to vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. 607, second reading.

Item 607.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye.

Item 608.

Wheeler: second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 609, please.

Item 609.

Wheeler: Second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. 610.

Item 610.

Wheeler: second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. It is adopted.

Item 611.

Wheeler: Second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted, 612.

Item 612.

Wheeler: second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted.

Item 613.

Wheeler: Second reading. Also a second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 614.

Item 614.

Wheeler: second reading. This is a second reading. Please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance. That brings to our four fifths agenda items.

Karla: We have the pull item 593.

Item 615-1.

Wheeler: We'll do it last. Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. The items coming before us were introduced on the four fifths agenda meaning all my colleagues agreed to bring those two resolutions forward today on short notice. Thank you, colleagues, for your willingness to bring these forward quickly.

Given the urgency and time frame there is no presentation. I'm going to introduce the first resolution, we'll discuss it and vote on it and follow the same process for the second resolution. Here is a summary of the first resolution. This resolution resolves that all members of the Portland police bureau should not provide, request, or willing receive operational support includes embedding in an federal command center, sharing or receiving information from federal forces, engaging in policing or crowd control measures from above federal forces. Any agent or employee representing constituting executive order from the president be they from department of homeland security, federal protective service, u.s. Customs and border protection or any other service. I'm bringing this forward because we are in the midst of a pandemic and an economic crisis our city is now enduring a violent federal paramilitary occupation. Many elements beyond city council's control, we must take every action available to us to combat violations of those constitutional and human rights of our residents. As this resolution says, the Portland police bureau exists for the protection of Portland residents and is fully accountable to the elected city council as specified in Portland city code 3.20.020. In short, any coordination or collaboration between the ppb and the federal occupiers needs to end immediately. Thank you, colleagues, I will open the resolution up to council discussion.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Commissioner Fritz has her hand raised.

Fritz: Thank you for bringing the resolution. I would like to move a friendly amendment to add the final be it further resolved this is binding city policy.

Eudaly: Second.

Wheeler: Motion from commissioner Fritz, second from commissioner eudaly. Call the roll on the amendment.

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

Wheeler: The amendment is adopted. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you very much commissioner eudaly for working on this resolution and bringing it to us today. It is really clear that we, as a council, must take a strong stand

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against Portland police bureau collaborating and cooperating with this federal goon squad sent to Portland to stymie people who are demanding changes in our policing efforts. It has been absolutely appalling seeing what has happened in this city over the last week. It is appalling to find out that the Portland police association union president continues to lie to the public on a daily basis about the lack of cooperation by Portland police personnel and every night on the street in the city of Portland it is the federal goons that start throwing the military grade teargas during the time of a pandemic and it is Portland police officers that are continuing to abuse community members on the street. And it just makes me crazy when I see people who are sworn to protect and serve continuing to lie to the public about their involvement. It is clear that the missionaries sent here by 45 were sent here to silence people who wanted to exercise their first amendment rights. It is clear, I read in the article yesterday, that this so-called acting director of homeland security actually targeted Portland because of us pulling out of the joint terrorism task force and because we did not provide aid at the detention center when i.c.e. Was arresting children and putting them in cages and Portlanders stood up. If Portland does not stand up now, and if we, as a city council, don't hold our own police officers accountable for this egregious behavior, we will be -- we will go down in history as having failed in our obligation to protect community members. I still have the question why was Portland police not protecting Portlanders when these federal goons came in and started attacking us, rather than joining the federal goons who were attacking peaceful protesters. I want to make sure it is on the record, there are no riots. There are not people tearing things up. Downtown Portland. The little acts of resistance should never be responded to with the excessive force we see every night on our streets. We are failing miserably at protecting the people of Portland. Portland police association welcomed their involvement as well as the Portland police bureau. As well as the mayor. I have heard the mayor say he also welcomed their involvement. This is not the city I want to live in. This is not a city that will accept intimidation by people who are paid by taxpayers. I want to make sure that we are absolutely clear that I will make sure that any Portland police officer that I see participating in this activity that I can identify, since none of them have name tags and numbers, that will be a little difficult to do, and they are hiding behind these federal goons and pretending they are not abusing community members. Let me be clear, the opening came for 45 to send in this malicious squad because of the overaggressive actions of Portland police. We cannot put the blame totally on this federal secret police force. The blame should rest entirely on Portland police bureau and their lack of deescalation skills, their lack of ability to engage communities where they are, and their lack of desire to protect Portlanders who are under fire every single night. I am just appalled at the police bureau we have today. Hopefully I will be able to manage the police bureau so we have a better police bureau tomorrow. I'm done.

Wheeler: Can I clarify. Are we in closing statements or are we still in discussion?

Eudaly: Discussion. Yeah. Mayor, can I speak?

Wheeler: Yeah. Commissioner eudaly, you have the floor.

Eudaly: I'm trying to get in the habit of lowering my hand as soon as I am acknowledged. There we go. I want to take this opportunity to counter the narrative being driven by the president and some media about our city being under siege from protesters, being on fire, or torn apart. I want to thank the many, many community members all over the city posting on social media to counter that narrative. I'm going to read a report from a reliable source of what happened last night. At least 2,000 protesters were out last night, this is in downtown Portland, near the federal building and the justice center. They were peaceful. It was a block party and a way for the community to unite around these issues. With little provocation, the feds came out shooting and flash banging all around the area with the sole intent of scaring everyone into leaving. I want to emphasize even the most violent nights, the vast majority of protesters were peaceful protesters. The teargas affected 90%

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of the people there. When people returned about an hour later the feds came out again. This time they shot munitions and so much teargas directly into the park. Hitting people who were sitting, relaxing, eating, cooking. These people were no threat. And there were lots of injuries. A national -- this person personally saw members of the national press bleeding from their injuries and local press thrown to the ground. The medics had a line near the park of people needing emergency medical care. And this is all for protesting.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Commissioner hardesty, you have your hand raised again.

Hardesty: I failed to put it down.

Wheeler: No worries. Any further discussion on this item? Karla, is there any public testimony on this item?

Karla: The way we register for testimony, people did not have a way to sign up.

Wheeler: You just never know. I feel obliged to ask. Call the roll.

Hardesty: I hope this resolution sends a very strong message to the community that we will not tolerate police abuse whether it is from federal goons sent in by 45 or our own local police force. It is unacceptable that we are -- they are providing assistance to this federal secret police force, which is why I made it clear and created a directive that my fire bureau will in no way participate in any police action until we are assured that the police actually are working for the benefit of the community. Thank you, commissioner eudaly. You know how it makes me crazy when we do last-minute stuff, but this is absolutely vital that the city council send a strong message that these federal goons do not speak for us and we absolutely reject the notion that the city is under siege. The city is under siege by paramilitary private police force and our own police force not respecting the rights of community members to peacefully assemble and demand change from their government. I'm happy to vote aye.

Wheeler: Chloe, you are muted.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. I want to take a moment to focus on the gravity of our own situation. Not only is the trump administration violating the constitutional rights of Portlanders but attempting to use Portland as a proving ground for fascism and they plan to invade cities across the country, that are political targets of the president. This resolution serves as a statement of our opposition to their presence in our city, a direction to our own police bureau, a template for policies that other cities could advance and a national call to action. I'd like to thank my policy team, hanna holloway, andreas oswell, jamie due hamel and my chief of staff moving this forward so quickly. Thank you to noah seigel, p bot's director of public affairs and thank you to my colleagues on council for their support and your policy teams who made it possible to get this item ready for today. Before I make my vote, I want to make something very clear. I stand in solidarity with protesters defending black lives, demanding racial justice and the transformation of our justice system. But whether you agree with the protesters or not, if you believe in the constitution of the united states, you must oppose the actions of this president and the violent suppression of individuals exercising their constitutional rights. I vote aye.

Fritz: The person in charge of our country and federal law enforcement has shown contempt for human life for the last three and a half long years in office. We have seen him remove nursing babies from mothers and put children in cages. We have seen him encourage white supremists and is hate mongers, failing to take life-saving actions to stem the covid pandemic and endangering communities with rallies and pressure to reopen. We should not be surprised he is sending in federal officers knowing the city council has no authority to control or expel them. And I disagree with my colleague, commissioner hardesty, I think he would have done it regardless. He needs something to point to to rally his base. It is hard to say about people who encourage people to hate. It is even worse when those perpetrating violence against Portlanders and further insiting unrest are federal

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officers sent by the person in charge of our country, who acts more like a petulant child than a president. Sending officers into a volatile situation seems calculated to magnify protests and indeed it has. The actions of federal officers is reprehensible. Portlanders must be smarter than the hate mongers. We reject white supremacy. We believe black lives matter and peaceful demonstrations are necessary to support the movement. People who commit violent acts are not welcome here, whichever side of the confrontation line they occupy. Those responsible must be brought to justice whether they wear a badge or not. The council is opposed in the federal invasion. We are engaged in 2 frontline and others in discussions to find solutions. There will be further actions by the council to address the challenges we all face and in the meantime we must work to be united and find those solutions together. I appreciate the leadership of each one of my colleagues who care so much about justice being done. Aye.

Wheeler: I appreciate this four fifths item being brought forward, commissioner eudaly. Thank you for taking the lead on that and steering this along. I don't agree with everything my colleagues have said, but I have been deeply disturbed by reports that members of the press have been targeted by law enforcement including city officers. In my opinion, such targeting violates fundamental legal protections afforded by our constitution, access to accurate information by reporters on the ground is critical to social change and media must be able to do their job without the fear of interference from law enforcement. In the middle of june following such reports I direct the police bureau not to target members of the press. I stand with my council colleagues in affirming that city employees must adhere to our direction in the law and never target law abiding members of the press. I also want to say this. I agree with the thrust of this. Our community is under attack. Members of the community are being violently assaulted by unaccountable paramilitary forces deployed by president trump. These violent troops are under no obligation whatsoever to adhere to our values, our laws, our policies or even the terms of the u.s. Department of justice settlement agreement. They were not invited. They are not welcome. They are not properly trained. And they refuse to leave. Therefore, I have no reservations about directing the Portland police bureau to continue to reject any or all requests for support from these federal interlopers. What is happening on our streets is not only an assault on Portland values, but on american norms. This is not the way we do things in our country. I've joined mayors from progressive cities around the country calling on the administration to immediately remove these soldiers and calling on the senate and the house leaders to immediately investigate what looks very much like constitutional violations towards americans. I will use every legal option in my power to expel these troops from our city and make our streets safe again. I have directed city attorney tracy reeve to explore and pursue every possible legal remedy to stop this intervention and protect our community from the horrors the president is unleashing against its own people. And I will direct chief lavell to issue an order consistent with this resolution to his bureau effective immediately. Again, commissioner eudaly, thank you for your leadership on both of these. I'm pleased to vote aye. The four fifths item is adopted. Next four fifths item, please, Karla.

Item 615-2.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. As a reminder, we'll follow the same process with this resolution. I will introduce it, open for discussion and we will take a vote. This resolution resolves that the city of Portland condemns any intentional targeting of the press and legal observers who are otherwise engaging in lawful conduct and have the right to document police conduct during the protests under the court's july 16 stipulated preliminary injunction and affirms local law enforcement officers are prevented from arresting or using physical force against members of the press and legal observers. I'll open the resolution up to council discussion now. If there is no discussion, we will move on to the vote.

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Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty has her hand up. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. I will say what I have to say during the vote.

Wheeler: Very good. Karla, is there any public testimony on this item? I'm guessing the answer is no.

Karla: Correct, no one was registered.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Hardesty: Thank you, commissioner eudaly for this second resolution. I was shocked when I talked to chief lavell and he lacked the knowledge that media was a first amendment right to be able to record and report on government's actions. He did not believe that media had the right to stand and record and document police activity and he said when the police give an order, everybody is supposed to follow that order, media or not. I reminded him that we have a constitution and we have a first amendment right that protects reporters and requires them not just protects them, but requires them to report on government action. Thank you, commissioner eudaly, because I could not get it through his head and even with the federal judge putting a moratorium on moving, removing media personnel from these actions, I absolutely know that Portland does not believe that people have rights to actually record what police are doing. This was before the federal goons showed up. And so, again, though the federal goons has exacerbated a very tense situation, the fact that the chief does not know that the media has a right to record their actions, makes this resolution vital. It is absolutely critical and I am thrilled commissioner eudaly have brought this to vote for this council. The fact I couldn't convince him the media has this right, the federal force couldn't tell our police department that the media has this right. It is vital that the city council speaks loudly and clearly that Portland police is required to follow the constitution as well. I wholeheartedly vote aye.

Eudaly: Thank you, commissioner hardesty. That is concerning. I think clarity on the constitutional rights of protesters may be training we need to add to other required training for the bureau. I just want to really appreciate my colleagues' willingness to bring these items forward today. We often spend weeks, months, even years developing policy and it typically goes through many rounds and it rations and amendments are brought, but these are urgent issues that are unfolding on our streets every night and we needed to address them as quickly as possible, so I am deeply grateful for your input and your willingness to help me move them forward. The violence perpetrated against members of the media by federal occupiers is completely unacceptable. Freedom of the press is a fundamental constitutional right and a tenet of our society. The press holds government for its actions and lack of government accountability for police violence is what led millions of protesters around the globe to take to the streets. We unequivocally need local press, independent journalists and legal observers to document the actions of the ppb and federal occupiers. Without their commitment to reporting the facts we wouldn't have accurate documentation of law enforcement assaulting Portlanders, targeting members of the press and violating their constitutional rights. I want to thank every member of the press and our legal observers who are risking their safety every night to report on this natural uprising for justice, for black lives, for transformative changes to law enforcement and now the federal occupation of our city. We should not have to risk your safety to do your job. Your government should protect your constitutional rights. And I am hopeful that the action we take today will make you safer on our streets. I look forward to the ppb's strict adherence to this resolution. To all Portlanders, please consider supporting our local media outlets, all of whom have been hard hit during the covid-19 crisis. They need our support and we clearly need them. Once again, I want to thank my policy team and this time I need to add my communications director, margo week, who was instrumental in this moment for all of the work to move this forward. Thank you again to my colleagues on council for your support and to your talented staff. I vote aye.

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Fritz: So the constitutional is a complicated document, that is why we have an Oregon supreme court and a u.s. Supreme court. I was really glad to hear -- under the previous resolution he directed our city attorney to pursue all legal means to oppose what is going on. There is debate, which is why there was the temporary restraining order on what the media has the right to do and what not. There are some who suggest that when an area is closed, the media does not have the right to remain. I believe it is a complicated issue. They may seem as clear as daylight on the face of it and when you dig into them, there is more to be considered. I'm pleased to support this resolution and also to work with my colleagues and the mayor to find our way to the solutions that are going to work for Portlanders. Aye.

Wheeler: I gave my speech earlier. It covers both of these forfeit items. It still holds true for this one. Proud to co-sponsor. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. The resolution, i'm sorry, is adopted. Thank you. Now we have one more item left. That is the one item, Karla, that was pulled off the consent agenda. That was 593, is that correct?

Karla: That's correct.

Wheeler: Read that, please.

Item 593.

Wheeler: Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Okay. This ordinance --

Wheeler: Who pulled this one, Karla?

Hardesty: I did.

Eudaly: This ordinance authorizes parking management services for the smart park garage for five years, authorizes the chief procurement officer to facilitate the competitive solicitation process in order to obtain the most responsible and responsive offer for providing parking garage management services for the smart park garages and here to provide further information is michael jacobson, smart park general manager.

Chris Armes, Bureau of Transportation: Hi. Actually, this is Chris Armes.

Eudaly: Welcome.

Armes: Michael is not in the office so I'm here to answer any questions you may have. As commissioner eudaly said, this council action would allow us to advertise our vendor to operate the garages. Our current contract expires March 31. And so we are in the process of drafting the RFP now and we hope to advertise it in September and have a selection in December which would give us time to finalize any contract negotiations and have it in place by the time our current contract expires.

Hardesty: I'm sure if the mayor was unmuted, he would allow me to ask the question right now. I do have a couple of questions.

Wheeler: Of course I would.

Hardesty: My first question is I have intimate knowledge of the history of this smart park contracts. What's different based on COVID-19 and us knowing that parking revenues will be drastically reduced for a while to come? How will this contract be different than other ones in the past?

Armes: Well, we're looking at changing the technology in the garages so our current contract with central parking is to provide operations, janitorial and they provide a lot of services such as the pay stations. We are working to use the same machines that we have on street in the garages that will allow us to maintain them in-house with our current workforce. And we're working on implementing mobile payment through parking kitty so the on street and off street systems are the same. So the services themselves will be slightly different and that is we'll transition out of the current system and into this new system with this technology.

Hardesty: Where is this major contractor, where is their base?

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Armes: I believe central parking is owned by sp plus, which I believe is in nashville, tennessee.

Hardesty: I am actually old enough to remember when this rfp used to be written for one particular company.

Armes: Yes.

Hardesty: That was back in a bit before the vera katz days. I had this pulled because I just wanted to make sure that as we are moving forward with this new contract, that it was a competitive process, that it hadn't reverted back to being written in a way that only one company would benefit from it. That it would be something that would also prioritize companies owned by bipoc community members. I appreciate the information that you have shared today. Clearly we are only today providing authorization to go out and do an rfp. But I just want you to know that this is something that I will be paying close attention to because it's really easy for these contracts to morph into a sense of entitlement for one individual company or organization. It took us a long time to decouple this from who thought they were entitled to this contract. So I have no problem with supporting going out for an rfp, but I just want to make sure that as we are being thoughtful about the new world we will live in, that we are making sure that we are prioritizing bipoc communities and that we are being as deliberative as possible in reaching out to the most vendors possible. So I thank you, chris, for your presentation. And thank you, commissioner eudaly, for understanding the need for me to put this on the public record because this is something that we cannot allow to continue to happen at the city of Portland. That a vendors think they have a sense of entitlement to public dollars. Thank you so much. That's all my questions, chris.

Armes: Okay.

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

Karla: No one would have registered.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Hardesty: Again, I am very grateful that transportation is really thinking what is going to be different coming out of this pandemic. We know people will drive less, we will have a lot less parking revenues for a long time to come and hopefully this contract will reflect a new vision about where we are moving. I vote aye.

Wheeler: You are muted. Commissioner eudaly, you are muted.

Eudaly: Thank you, chris. I vote aye.

Fritz: So commissioner hardesty, i'm smiling because I think people in transportation bureau are smiling. Every time this contract has come in the 12 years I have been here has been hugely controversial and indeed the parking garage wars. Probably the first one was the pivotal time. I think certainly while everybody who is there now and there the 10 years managing the program would make it a single bidder because we will know this is an important contract. I still, well, I did when I was occasionally driving to city hall, I missed having the attendants saying good-bye to me and hello to me with the automation. Probably in the age of covid, that is not a bad thing they are not in contact with a lot of people, but I want to thank them for their service and their friendliness and their kindness. So thank you commissioner eudaly and thank you to the transportation staff. I would have to say the long-suffering transportation staff in this particular instance. Aye.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner eudaly. Thanks to the transportation bureau. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. And we are adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 1:23 p.m.

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Wheeler: This is the July 22, 2020 afternoon session of the Portland city council. Good afternoon. Karla, please call the roll.

Karla: Good afternoon, mayor. [roll call taken]

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

Wheeler: And now we need to read the electronic statement first. Under Portland city code the city council is holding this meeting session electronically. All are attending remotely. There are several avenues for the public to listen to the broadcast. The meeting is available on the youtube channel, www.Portlandoregon.gov/video and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to the council by emailing the council clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communication. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the city's business. With that we'll hear from our city attorney on the rules of order and decorum.

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Wheeler: Thank you for that. Our first item today is item 616. Karla, please read it.

Item 616.

Wheeler: Today is an exciting and important day for the future of our parks and recreation system, and for the legacy of our good friend and colleague commissioner Nick Fish. During the development of the fiscal year '19-'20 budget commissioner Fish shared with council the parks base and operational funding gap that could not be solved with merely one-time fixes. Council made the difficult decision to reduce the parks budget but also directed the bureau to begin to work to fix the structural issue. As a first step commissioner Fish and director Long led a work session last November to talk about the park system that we have today, the one we want to have, and what we need to do to get there. Parks staff took the council's feedback and continued to explore a range of options that would improve services, make our system more equitable and ultimately stabilize the bureau's budget but of course covid-19 changed everything as it has for the entire city budget for many

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Portlanders and for businesses of all sizes. Portland parks and recreation has been hit especially hard and we know that recreation activities, special events, and even more than that have been canceled since march. The same structural problem the bureau's dependence on fees that caused the gap last year has reared its head again. As things stand today Portland parks and recreation is likely unable to reopen pools or community centers or to offer camps, classes and swimming lessons of the kind we're used to even in the summer of 2021 because of the extended closure. At the november work session I said that parks needed to make a play for history and one that we can be proud of for generations to come. And so today i'm proud to propose a five-year operating levy for voters to consider. This is a critical first step toward fulfilling our shared vision for more stable parks bureau that can better serve all Portlanders. Before I turn it over to director dena long for a brief presentation on the details of this proposal we'll hear from several Portlanders who cherish our parks system in this brief video.

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Wheeler: Thank you for sharing your stories. Director long, this keys you up for your presentation. Good afternoon.

Adena Long, Director Portland Parks and Recreation: Thank you, mayor wheeler. Good afternoon, council. I appreciate the opportunity to work with you to advance Portland parks and recreation's vision of building a sustainable future. I would like to begin with some acknowledgment of my team who helped us get here today. They are also available to answer your questions if needed. Thanks to sarah huggins who has managed the levy process to date, todd loftgren our deputy director and claudia our finance technology manager. Our division managers have also joined us today. Thank you to our invited guests and the community members who have signed up to give public testimony. We appreciate the many ways you support our efforts. Let's get started on the presentation. We appreciate the opportunity to be here today to ask city council to refer a measure for a five-year operating levy to the november 3, 2020 ballot. Our colleague and friend late commissioner nick Fish would be proud that we are having this conversation. Let's be clear, this conversation is about the future of Portland parks and recreation and by extension the future of Portland. It's about making Portland a healthier, more equitable community. Due to the covid-19 public health emergency, our challenges are greater than ever. The need for solutions is more urgent. Portland parks and recreation and the role we play in the community is at a crossroads. Next slide, please. Equity is achieved when one's identity cannot predict the outcome. Our community continues to face inequities whether visiting a neighborhood park, accessing nature or learning how to swim. Equity has been and continues to be at the forefront of our management decisions and we have made progress. For example, system development charge funds have allowed us to build new parks in under-served community like east Portland. We have made our work force more reflective of the Portland community. Employees of color are now 32.6% of our total work force. We have increased the percentage of full-time employees of color by 12% over the last five years. We have prioritized equity in contracting for disadvantaged, minority and women owned and emerging small businesses. In fact we have achieved 46%, more than double the city's 20% goal. Equity will continue to inform how we address upcoming challenges and opportunities regardless of our funding levels. But we know that we have much more work to do and to make real progress we need more resources. Next slide. We appreciated the opportunity to have a work session with city council last fall to discuss the future of our parks and recreation system. We highlighted how service levels change over time with three different levels of funding and showed that without additional funding our service levels will continue to decline. At the work session city council told us to pursue all person tif funding so we could provide the system Portlanders need and want. We also talked about the inequities in our system, especially for Portlanders of color and east

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Portlanders. I want to share two examples how our parks system is not equitable. Next slide. Portlanders attended classes, camps, swimming and other recreation programs over two million times last year. But to provide those programs we have to charge fees which means that many Portlanders have not been able to benefit from them. Cost is more of a barrier to Portlanders of color and east Portland residents. Next slide, please. People want their parks to be clean and to feel safe. But safety is more of a barrier for Portlanders of color and east Portland residents. This levy would make our parks more clean, safe and welcoming. Next slide. Since last fall we began exploring additional funding opportunities based on feedback from the november work session. We reorganized to implement a difficult budget and as of march 1 were on track for a balance the year. Then covid-19 hit and everything changed. We pivoted quickly to protect the health and safety of our community and staff while responding to the pandemic. We have continued to show up and serve the public especially for our most vulnerable neighbors. We expanded our free summer meal program, offered shelter for people experiencing homelessness, opened our rest rooms 24 hours a day and turned on drinking fountains early. I'm proud of the work our team has done during this public health crisis. Portlanders have flocked to our parks and natural areas. Now more than ever it's clear our parks and recreation system is central to the community's health and emotional well-being. Next slide. We are doing our best but due to covid-19 Portlanders have seen painful service level reductions. We have closed our community centers, indoor and outdoor pools and playgrounds. We had to lay off or not hire most of our casual and seasonal staff. Many of our culturally specific and most popular events and programs have been canceled like the stand with refugees and immigrants event, Portland world soccer tournament, summer free for all, and recreation and environmental programs. The public health crisis has magnified the fundamental flaw in how we fund parks and recreation programs. In the recreation division fees pay for more than 40% of recreation services to the community. Without new funding we may not have a way to serve Portlanders next summer with the programs they have come to expect. We would struggle to keep our parks clean, safe and welcoming. To maintain our natural areas and trees which are important to clean water, protecting wildlife, and diminishing the impacts of climate change. Next slide. Mayor wheeler and I believe an operating levy is a necessary solution to bring us out of this current crisis and a first step towards fulfilling commission are Fish's long term vision for sustained parks and recreation system. Over the past few years we have had ongoing effort to collect feedback from the community. Most recently in late may we conducted a public opinion poll of likely voters about potential funding options. We heard that Portlanders love their parks and value them as a priority. This is consistent with what we have heard in other community engagement processes. Our proposal is a five-year operating levy of 80 cents per 1,000 of assessed value, a reminder to the public watching today that assessed value is different than market value. For a home slightly above median assessed value of 200,000 people would pay about \$13 each mon. We expect to raise an average of 48 million each year which will allow us to restore recreation programming for all, protect and grow parks and natural areas, and invest in stronger community partnerships. To deliver these enhanced services our general fund budget cannot be reduced. Next slide. With levy funding the bureau could end its dependence on fees. We could restore recreation programming and jobs and build from the ground up a new equity focused model. We could also safely reopen community centers and pools and resume programming for the summer of 2021. And if covid-19 is still with us, levy funding would make us resilient enough to offer programs in a safe manner. Next slide. For example, our new recreation model could off free swimming lessons for all families that qualify for free and reduced lunch. Free programming through sun schools and free summer and after school camps for low income families. Expanded age and culturally specific programming like growing our teen force program to serve more youth. A

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levy would keep the doors open at Multnomah arts center, community music center and the interstate firehouse cultural center and fund operations of a north Portland pool. Next slide, please. Our maintenance team is 11% smaller today than it was ten years ago. During that same period the city's population grew 13%. The levy funding the bureau could take much better care of our 11,000 acres of parks, 8,000 of which are natural areas. We could keep parks cleaner, safer and more welcoming for all. Our urban forestry team could plant additional trees in parks and natural areas and care for the 1.2 million trees already growing in these areas. This important work ensures clean water, protects wildlife and diminishes the impacts of climate change. Next slide. For example, with a levy we could provide more young adults with work experience through youth conservation and internship programs. Develop a strategy in partnership with communities of color and east Portlanders to make parks safer and more welcoming. Create new opportunities for stewardship and environmental education partnerships with marginalized communities. Improve cleanliness in parks and restore and protect natural areas. Fund the operations and maintenance of new parks built by our system development charge program where today we need to ask council for general funds. Next slide, please. With levy funding we would center community decision-making oversight and partnerships to deliver an equitable parks and recreation system for all Portlanders. We have already begun this work. In the past months we have been engaging the community and we will continue to do so through the next year. One of our community meetings included 150 participants focused on services for new Portlanders. We would provide community grants to support stakeholders and service providers, community oversight would include annual reports and an independent audit. We will partner with you, city council, to annually review and approve our plans for levy funding. Next slide, please. Our parks and recreation system is essential to Portland's health, wellness and connection to one another. I have only been in Portland a short time, but I have spent my entire professional career dedicated to providing parks and recreation services to the public. Commissioner Fish brought me here to help build a sustainable and equitable parks and recreation system for all Portlanders. We are now at a decision point to invest in our parks and our people. My best ideas come from the community so mayor wheeler, i'll turn it over to you now so we can hear from community leaders how this investment would transform their lives, their parks and their city. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, director long. Colleagues, my office has received many messages from community members and colleagues in support of this proposed levy. I would like to take a minute to read excerpts of letters from two community leaders unable to join us in person then commissioner hardesty, i'll get to you. I see you have your hand up. In the interests of time I won't read the full letters. They have been shared with council offices and will be entered into the official record. Metro president lynn peterson said on behalf of council we especially appreciate how you and your staff have been nimble in the develop of this to responds appropriately to the challenges of the moment and to do what you have heard from the community to center equity and deliver programs and services. And in his letter of support, deon jordan reminded us of a quote from his dad, former commissioner, what people don't understand they won't value and what they don't value they won't protect. What they don't protect they will lose. Before we get to invited testimony, commissioner hardesty, you have your hand raised.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you for allowing me to speak before you get to public testimony. As you know I only have a half hour left and I have to go to the governor's task force on police training reform. I want to make a statement about my concern both about this levy and how it is being presented today to the public. I'm actually taking offense at utilizing commissioner Fish's name to promote this parks levy. The last time I talked to the director of parks they were directed to go out and look for and give the public three options

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of what we could -- how we could permanently fund our parks system. I told the director to her face i'm a strong park supporter and I need to be in the loop. Then I hear from metro council president that the city of Portland is moving a parks levy to the ballot and as a city and city commissioner to be shocked would be an understatement. Now I find out that this levy has been thrown together in a back room somewhere and a letter went out from the parks director and the mayor that basically sounded like a threat to the community. If you don't pass this levy, we won't have parks. I'm appalled by that as well. I'm appalled that we are being asked to vote on a levy that does not fully fund parks and it did not give the city council the opportunity to do their due diligence to determine whether or not in this covid-19 pandemic environment that this was the highest priority of the city of Portland. I have seen nothing from parks that says that they have done any analysis about how covid will impact parks programs. If the director believes park programs will operate like they did last year, then she is misinformed. I am absolutely appalled at the full court pressure of running this through a ballot that will have over 15 billion of ask for people who are unemployed, facing eviction, who are facing houselessness, and this feels to me like an under-handed deal with no input at all, not from parks employees or from the people who are elected to serve the city of Portland. I want to be very clear, I am a strong supporter of parks, but I will not be bullied into supporting a half-baked plan that does not fully fund our parks operation and will still make you dependent on the general fund. If this is the way the director of parks operates, I have lost all confidence that we will have the kind of parks system that I expect us to build. I want to be very clear, I in no way even if I was here would vote for something that was created in a back room with no input and no conversations we have elected leaders. To have the arrogance to come around and say this is what we're going to do without input -- i'm just appalled at the whole situation. I'm appalled at the tactics used to develop this levy and I want to be clear I will in no way vote for it, I will in no way support it and I will make sure that people know that this was not a deliberative process at all. This was a small group of people that decided that this was the best route. When I asked the director, well, you told me you were coming back with other options. We need money: Guess what. The entire city needs money. The fact that you need money is not a good reason for us to rush this to the ballot. If this is the way some directors operate, I have to say I have no confidence in the information I get out of parks any more because if you would misrepresent yourself as somebody who is actually seeking input then don't get input i'm absolutely appalled. I'm a no vote. If I was here I will be a no vote and I will actively campaign against this measure because it had no input from the people who have been elected to lead this city. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz, you have your hand up.

Fritz: I just have to say that I have been involved. I was offered briefings several times and took them. Obviously we're here to discuss the merits. So I know that appreciate that commissioner Hardesty is careful about invoking commissioner Fish's name. He and I both loved parks. I still do. I know that commissioner Hardesty does as well. I think were he here he would definitely be speaking up in support of director Long. Just to say there's more to be considered I will make more comments when I get back, but my recollection of the discussion we had in November which was probably the last time commissioner Fish was in city hall with all of us just before he went out on leave in December was it was very clear there would continue to be need for general fund and that there would be other things explored. One of the other things that was being explored back in November was a restaurant food and beverage tax. Obviously with the covid decimation of the restaurant businesses that's now off the table. There could be some other options explored. Parks has traditionally used serial levees for a very long time. In terms of how it will affect people many homes in Portland are already maxed out in property taxes so it will take levees such as the children's levy considering there will perhaps be another funding stream for

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preschool is perhaps a reasonable thing to do. I would prefer that we talk about the merits of the proposal.

Hardesty: Thank you, commissioner Fritz. Let me just say that as a member of the city council I have an expectation that what a director tells me is the truth. And it was not. So when it's not and then I have to hear from another government that we're moving something forward that is not the way I will participate in our government -- governance of the city of Portland. Commissioner Fritz, you told me when you heard about it you were told it was on the ballot. It wasn't that you were involved in the conversations that went on ballot, you were told it was headed to the ballot. Let's be honest about what it is we're being asked to do and why. We're being asked to support this because parks is desperate but parks has not done the planning necessary to win the support of me and maybe they have of you. But not of me and not when I find out Powell conceptual design plan side of city hall that what I was told directly to my face by the director is not in fact what's happening. When people do closed door deals I will never be a part of those back room dealings. I'm a no and I'm gone. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. Sorry, trying to gather my thoughts. My recollection of the conversation last year during the work session on sustainable funding was that the option that rose to the top were general obligation bonds and I raised that issue with director Long and she gave me an explanation that was satisfactory to me. There's multiple criteria we have to look at and a big one right now is allowable use because of the crisis that parks is in with funding. But we're also concerned about volatility, whether the tax is progressive or regressive and what kind of compression it's going to put on over all system. I'll just say that it's frustrating that we continue to have to advance solutions like this when the real problem is the state and federal government not making everyone pay their fair share, and we keep having to come back with items like this and this fall there is a funding measure frenzy on the ballot. All of that being said, I believe that parks and our community centers are absolutely essential under normal circumstances, but will be indispensable when it comes to our resiliency through this crisis and our recovery. So I'm really interested in -- I guess the council and the public needs to understand why this is the best way forward in this moment. And so anything that director Long or any of the other presenters can do to convey that information I think would be really helpful. We have a lot of hard choices on the ballot this fall. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. I'm going to jump in here, this isn't part of the presentation, but I have a couple of thoughts. First of all we have known for two years -- this is not in response to your comments, commissioner Eudaly or commissioner Fritz. I'm now framing my own thoughts. We have known for two years that the parks bureau is running significant structural deficit and we have heard for several budget sessions in a row from the public extensively about the importance of the park bureau. In fact parks issues raised to the top of the list in each of the last several budgets that I have presided over and we as a council engaged together in a conversation under commissioner Fish's leadership about how we were going to make our parks system, which is beloved by the people of this community, how we were going to make that system sustainable for both the near term and for the long term. We looked at as director Long said three specific scenarios. As a council we were unanimously in agreement that we would not let the parks bureau continue to deteriorate, that we would get ahead of the financing issues that the parks bureau was struggling with, commissioner Fish was doing an outstanding job of leading that effort. I don't think it was ever a secret that it was going to lead to some additional financing mechanism. I assumed that that was a given unless we were planning on breaking out the old printing press. There's been extensive public participation and engagement and I'm sorry that commissioner Hardesty did not stick around to hear some

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of the other comments that were going to be made or the public testimony, but this should have come as a surprise to nobody. Finally, i'm just going to say this as a matter of decorum. We are the city council. The bureau directors work for us, and it is our responsibility to work with them and make sure we have the information we need, that we are provided what we need, that our staffs are collaborating effectively. This is the second bureau director in two items today where the bureau director has been impugned. I just don't think that is acceptable behavior for us as commissioners. If we have a problem with the veracity of a bureau director we should take it up in person first and if we believe there's really a problem of trust or veracity there then maybe that is the appropriate time to take it beyond that, but I hope that in the future that these differences of opinion regarding policy will not boil over into a personal condemnation of our bureau directors. So on that happy note I would like to start introducing some of the folks from the community who have been engaged in this process. I thank them for their engagement. First Jules Bailey, incoming chair of the Portland parks foundation. Good afternoon.

Jules Bailey, Incoming Chair Portland Parks Foundation: Thank you, mayor, thank you to the city council for taking time to consider this very important measure. I'm Jules Bailey. As you mentioned i'm the incoming chair of the Portland parks foundation. I am also former elected official with eight years in public office and former county commissioner. I want to begin by congratulating Director Long and her staff. I have been part of a number of processes to bring funding measures and other measures before the public. I was involved with the housing bond through the county. I currently serve on a number of organizations considering the measures that will go before the public this fall. I have a very high bar for this kind of process. Director Long and her staff have worked exceptionally hard to bring in the public, to have extensive public meetings, to work with stakeholders, to bounce ideas off the public and interested parties, modify based on feedback and to really craft a plan that I think is one that Portlanders can get behind and that I hope all of you will get behind. I appreciate the public process that went into this. As a former county commissioner I actually want to start not with parks but with libraries of all things. I saw firsthand what a difference it made to have a dedicated stream of funds for libraries when I was a county commissioner. I also saw what a difference it made as a parent bringing my young kids into libraries and the reading programs, the community programs, and all of the services that libraries provided. It would be hard for me to imagine going into a library where it might be free to walk in but there was some sort of tiered scale where we had to pay to check out books or pay to be in the programs that they offered. Yet sometimes that's the situation that we face now and in the future with parks with an inequitable access to the programs that parks offers. So why should parks be different? If libraries are in some sense temples for our minds, parks are temples for our bodies and our souls. Whether we are exercising or just contemplating or whether we're there to play or just breathe or whether we're gathering in parks for birthday parties or for protests, parks provide a space for the community to realize our community desires and dreams. I have always had access to parks growing up in Portland. I grew up on Mt. Tabor. I took swim lessons at Sellwood. My family now has access to Gabriel Park, Southwest Community Center, Multnomah Art Center is a hub for our community but that's not true for all Portlanders. Frankly I can't express it any better than the people that you had in your video and the people that are coming behind me about the importance of equity and access for parks. But I fundamentally believe and what I want to leave this council with is that every Portlander deserves clean air and clean water and especially with climate change access to a place to cool off in the summers. Every kid deserves access to safe playgrounds. That every community deserves community pools, art centers and facilities. And that frankly especially with school a little bit uncertain now every family deserves access to camps. It's very important for Portlanders to understand and have confidence that their parks system will be robust, it

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will be available to them and that most of all that they will be able to access it no matter who they are in Portland. This levy and this small ask that it makes of voters is one that I think this council can be proud of to put parks on a firm financial footing for the future that will leave a legacy that shows parks are indeed the pride of Portland. Again I congratulate the bureau and the council on this important step. I fundamentally support it and the Portland parks foundation will be an organization that will be right alongside you to help make sure this is a successful effort in november. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Jules we appreciate it. Thanks again for your tremendous leadership. Next Bonnie Gee Yosick, Portland Parks vice-chair. Welcome.

Bonnie Gee Yosick, Vice Chair Portland Parks Foundation: Thank you, Mayor Wheeler. Mayor, commissioners, I'm Bonnie Gee Yosick, I have the privilege of serving as vice-chair. As you know, the board is comprised a diverse group of individuals unified under a mission to bring a city-wide and long term perspective with issues involving our parks system. As you heard the future of Portland parks and recreation face as crossroads. Burdened with the structural deficit now facing severe program revenue loss due to the pandemic decisions and circumstances outside the bureau's control have created a budget gap so large that without sustainable funding our parks and recreation system will fundamentally change for the worse. There is a choice that could mean a new future for the people of Portland. A choice that would prevent a material deterioration in parks programming, services, access and facilities. We ask you to refer the operation levy for parks and recreation to the november ballot so voters have the opportunity to invest in our parks system. In these fraught and unusual times the importance of parks and open space infrastructure has become even more apparent. These public spaces have become for some their sole respite and for others their literal nourishment. Parks staff anticipate a five fold increase in the lunch and play program serving an anticipated 500,000 meals to food insecure youth this summer. You heard from director Long about the community centers open to provide much needed temporary shelter for individuals and increased access to drinking water and rest rooms. Strong and equitable systems are an essential infrastructure for healthy communities. They promote public health by improving water quality and mitigating the impacts of urban heat islands. They teach children to swim and be creative and they keep our seniors active. We go to parks to celebrate, to learn and to play. For that to be equitable or effective it must be adequately funded. We recognize this levy as a first step toward that adequate funding. We support referral of the levy to the november ballot and look forward to your decision. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you so much. Thank you for your leadership. Next we have the urban forestry commission chair. Welcome. Thanks for being here.

Vivek Shandas, Chair Urban Forestry Commission: Hello. I hope you can hear me.

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Shandas: Thank you, Mayor, commissioners. I'm Vivek Shandas. I'm testifying as a resident of southeast Portland. I'm professor of Portland State University and I also serve as chair of the urban forestry commission. I will note just in light of previous comments that I did serve on the Sustainable Futures Task Force last fall which brought together a number of community members to discuss -- a group of community members to discuss multiple options, bonds, taxes, et cetera, and it involved an economic analysis by Portland State University to examine compression and the number of equity issues on the table. We had several activities and honed in on the levy as one of our primary areas of interest. I'll just note that given light of previous comments. I'm here to support the levy for a couple of reasons. First we know parks are instrumental to Portlanders while we have general understanding of this reality and with earlier testimony today I'm a data person and to validate these claims for my own peace of mind I needed to look into what data were available for the parks. So I was astonished upon analyzing Google's mobility reports.

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These are reports that google has made available for this 2020 year partly as a response to covid to understand where people are spending time by using the well understood phone data that google collects. These are all compiled together and what I was astonished to see is that in Portland and in all other cities across the country with 300,000 people or more, that people were consistently and constantly using parks from february all the way through today. In fact, what we are starting to see with that is that people were using parks more so than all other land uses in any of these cities. So that to me was very interesting at least from a data point to understand that green spaces play a very therapeutic role for Portlanders. While decades of research points to the fact that parks and green spaces have been playing a very therapeutic role for human health and well-being, covid and these mobility reports has made their therapeutic effects quantifiable. While it will ensure parks are open, well maintained and safe I believe it will be bring unexpected and invisible benefits to Portlanders that will help keep our city cooler during the hot summer months as well as our streets less flooded during the intense seasonal rainfalls. The levy pushes us in a promising direction and more than anything else helps us understand the soc therapy and reduce the effects of a warming planet. I would like to mention I would urge the design of the levy to take into consideration a number of things that I spent a lot of time thinking about. One is the urban forest. While we know that parks have forests we also know that many of our streets have street trees that act as an urban forest. In the design of this levy I would encourage decision makers think carefully how to enable the maintenance of street trees in this levy. It's something our commission has been working for years to try to understand. We had a small bit of resources to bring together a group of stakeholders to understand the options for moving forward on street tree maintenance program that still has yet to find rooting, if you excuse the pun. If we are able to center historically underserved neighborhoods, low income communities and communities of color in this street tree maintenance program I think this levy will send us really quickly into a direction that will help us safeguard the parks, safeguard the trees and really enable a thriving and sustainable future for the city of Portland. Thank you for considering my testimony today and I look forward to hearing your deliberation. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Really appreciate your leadership on this. Super cool backdrop, by the way. Colleagues, I also want you to know I have spoken with commissioner elect carmen rubio, who also serves as executive director of latino network, about this levy and while she's out of town this week i'm very excited that we have her deputy director david martinez here with us to speak. Good afternoon.

David Martinez, Deputy Director Latino Network: Good afternoon, and thank you for the opportunity. I guess to start i'm david martinez, i'm the deputy director here at latino network. We went through a lot of internal discussions regarding this levy like many community based organizations we are responding to a tremendous need from our community members in this time of covid and the pandemic it's such an unknown on the scale of need that is out there. I recognize -- we recognize this is a very difficult decision, a very difficult time. Having said that, after discussing and really thinking of what would help and provide support and provide opportunity for our community, we are in support of this levy and what I want to do is read testimony on behalf of carmen rubio and myself. So for a number of years now our organization has partnered with the Portland parks and recreation bureau to offer safe spaces and positive activities for youth both during and outside the school year. Right now many youth lack safe space and activity to engage in during these summer months. The lack of programming disproportionately impacts black, indigenous, latinx and other communities of color, low income and east Portland neighborhoods. Latino network summer academia provides youth ages 8 to 18 with positive, healthy educational summer activity and our teen night programs provide a safe space on weekend nights during the school year. Portland parks and rec played a central

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role both in activity and public spaces and the programs rely on having access to parks and community centers to keep our youth safe, stimulated and connected. Ending these partnerships will have a serious impact on our community in a time when we need it most. Our communities are now unfairly faced with bearing the brunt of previous decisions by losing access to these services and coupled with the potential economic fallout of covid. For these reasons we are supportive of council referring the Portland parks and recreation levy to the november ballot on the condition that it prioritizes support to black, indigenous, latinx, asian, pacific islander and other communities of color and low income and east Portland communities the most. We are at a crossroads where we must make hard decisions to ensure funding is in alignment with our values, center community and the parks facilities serve all equitably. Worry compelled to state that we also have some reticence about whether this is the right time for a levy in the midst of budget constraints and a pandemic. After much consideration, we balanced this concern with the reality of the long term impacts of a declining public resource that is one of the most positively utilized resources by low income and diverse communities. If we are honest we need even more ability to truly equitably serve communities that goes beyond the scope of this levy but this provides the necessary stabilization. The coronavirus pandemic has already devastated our youth and deprived them of the benefits of having continuous access to Portland parks and recreation spaces and programs. Extending permanent closures would heavily impact the emotional and physical well-being and safety of our students and their families. We have firsthandly seen the value of our city parks, community centers and programs for the community we serve and beyond. We know that these services are especially essential to our community during this global pandemic for both mental and physical health and over all well-being. We are in support of the Portland levy, Portland parks levy. Thank you for this opportunity to share testimony.

Wheeler: David, thank you so much for your testimony. We appreciate you being here. Thanks a lot for your leadership. Good comments. Next up, we have tom clay, the head of the labors local 43. Tom, good afternoon. Thanks for being here.

Tom Colett, Laborers Local 483: Good afternoon, mayor. Mayor wheeler, commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is tom paulette, lead field representative for local 43. I'm not the leader of the organization, that's our business manager.

Wheeler: You're here right now so that makes you the leader now.

Colett: I appreciate the faith in our leadership. Labor's local 43 represents hundreds of front line park workers who work at community centers, sun schools and parks and wildlife locations throughout our great city. When the public thinks of Portland parks and recreation they think of our members who staff the front desk, remove trees from the right of way on icy nights. We're happy to be here today speaking in support of the parks levy, a first step toward sustainable funding of the bureau. We also understand the gravity of the movement. Without the passing it's highly unlikely our beloved community centers could reopen threatening to place large numbers of workers on to unemployment in a time of pandemic and little economic opportunity. With over 4500 workers in fiscal year 2019 or 44% of the entire city work force, parks is the largest work force in the city according to the city of Portland demographics dashboard. Our work force is one the most diverse bureaus in the city. Again from the city of Portland demographic dashboard for fiscal year 2019, 32.6% of the work force were people of color and 56% were female. Parks work force is young. 61% of employees in 2019 were under the age of 30. Parks' jobs are traditionally a pipeline to full-time city employment breaking down barriers to living wage jobs in the city. Parks jobs are also community jobs. Our members are a lifeline to the elderly, communities of color, teens, multilingual communities and low income families. Parks viewed through the lens of its impact is the single largest social service our city provides

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and hundreds of thousands of Portlanders rely on parks for education, fitness, community involvement, climate controlled spaces, shower facilities, and even their daily meal. Over the last decade parks has struggled with budget woes. Services have become more popular funding has not kept up. This resulted in reduced service -- large layoffs and now with the advent of the pandemic a crisis so large it threatens the integrity of the entire parks system. Swift action must be taken to ensure our services are shored up and jobs are not lost. This levy that increases with home value will maintain park services for low income Portlanders and save lots of jobs. Local 43 strongly urges a yes vote on today's referral. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, tom. We appreciate your leadership. Next is rachel whiteside from pro tech 17. Good afternoon.

Rachel Whiteside, Protect Local 17: Hello, mayor, commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Just as background professional and technical employees local 17 represents roughly 900 members at the city of Portland. Most of which also live and recreate in our city. I'm here today speaking on behalf the more than 50 employees represented by pro tech 17. These employees staff over a dozen parks programs including the nationally renowned international test garden, community gardens, natural areas, our award winning environmental education programs and numerous other programs that help support the city's climate action plan and equity goals. Our members have chosen to work for the Portland parks and recreation bureau because of their dedication to the bureau's vision and to their community. Pro tech 17 members care deeply about the programs that they have developed and more importantly the people that they support. Our members for example in the natural area stewardship program work with volunteers to help restore natural areas, encourage natural species regeneration and provide safe park trails to visitors. They engage with young environment leaders in the community through volunteer naturalist training, paid work programs and science based field trips to inspire the next generation of public employees. Programs like these advance the city's climate action plan and they create an essential school to work pipeline within our community. Pro tech 17 is in full support of moving forward with refer the operational levy to Portland voters in november. This is a key step towards achieving the sustainable funding that this council has indicated is a priority. During these uncertain times it is absolutely critical that parks and recreation has a reliable source of funding that will allow them to return to full operations as soon as our public health officials indicate that it is safe to do so. Parks and community facilities provide essential resources for disadvantaged populations and our investment in these programs is a key component of the city's commitment to equity. Certainty and stability in both availability and access to these programs is crucial to their efficacy. Lowering barriers to entry by reducing reliance on fees is good policy for advancing these goals and places parks in a stronger long term financial position. Portland's parks, natural areas and employees are a vibrant thread in the beautiful tapestry that is our community. These essential assets connect people to place, self and others. Maintaining access to these services and facilities for all Portlanders is vital to advancing the city's equity goals which are of paramount importance at this challenging moment in time. Portland's residents care deeply for this legacy. We ask that you please give them the opportunity to maintain this treasure for future generations. Please vote and support of advancing the parks operational levy. Thank you for your time today.

Wheeler: Thanks very much. We appreciate it. Rob martineau is our next invited testimony. We have two other individuals after that. Rob, good afternoon. Thank you for being here.

Rob Martineau, President AFSCME Local 189: Good afternoon, thank you. Thank you city council. I want to offer a little bit of history on this. This is something that predates this council by quite a ways. I'm rob martineau, president of afscme local 189. We represent

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about 1,000 employees in the city of Portland. I'm also Portland water bureau employee and have been for 21 years maintaining our fantastic drinking water system. With that I was thinking about these comments earlier and I started at the parks bureau in spring of '99. I took a seasonal job there and it was a good job. I was amazed at the breadth and depth of the parks. It was amazing to see just what Portland's park system was. We fixed tennis courts, delivered materials to ball fields, fixed fences, cleared debris, fixed walking paths. I spent that summer just in awe of what Portland had across its city. As my seasonal time was coming to an end and I was looking for more permanent work I recalled what people had told me in my first few days on the job. That the city could be a really good place to work but if you can go anywhere but parks, do it. They are always under-funded, jobs are on the chopping block and we're always short-handed. This has gone on for far too long. We all know that the current system for funding is not sustainable and for too long we have deferred critical work, robbed peter to pay paul and we haven't treated Portland parks and rec like one of Portland's jewels and it is. The rec centers support us through these good jobs, through open spaces, community programs, these programs increase the safety and they promote the health of all Portlanders young and old. We have let this go under-funded way too long and now parks needs the reset that this levy can provide. We have got to keep these critical services in place. Ultimately, these are the people's parks. It will be the voters who decide. So please support this referral and let the people have their vote. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, rob. Appreciate it. Next up is -- Portland parks and recreation youth conservation corps. Welcome.

Dim Cing, Portland Parks and Recreation Youth Conservation Corp: Hi. I work for the youth conservation corps. It's a job for teens that involve working on trails, trees and mostly habitat. If I start off I applied for this job wanting to help the environment so this was two years ago. Back then I saw a lot of things on social media talking about global warming and how animals were going to die. This made me want to put my feelings into action leading me to apply for the youth conservation corps. This job won't change the world but at least it will impact a small percentage that are the parks I have worked in and will work in the future. Although city of Portland will have better taken care of parks. So going on about how this is a paying job most of my coworkers come from many backgrounds including low income families. This money helps them by paying bills their parents are struggling to pay for. Although it is paying job it is a learning opportunity which I extremely value the most. Going on into about how it's racially diverse, I have met a lot of people that have changed my perspective which improved my team working skills and communications. This will help me a lot in the long run considering i'm only 15. Last of all, this work has helped a lot of parks in many ways as well as visitors. Visitors will now have a better experience and better looking parks because of what the youth have done and give further opportunity to want to come back and enjoy their time. In conclusion I really hope you guys continue to fund youth conservation crew so that others can experience this opportunity as well. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thanks, we appreciate it. Last but not least, isaiah johnson, the teen recreation leader at east Portland community center, a former teen force participant as well. Thank you.

Isaiah Johnson, Recreation Leader EPCC Team Forest Services: Thank you for your time. Good afternoon, you guys. I'm isaiah johnson, a recreation leader with teen force. I worked for teen force nearly five years beginning when I was 16. It was my home away from home. To many the community center and pools are a place to work out, swim, play basketball and enjoy classes that Portland parks and rec has to offer. For myself as well as many other teens and their families teen services provides much more than a place to play. My experience was like many others in the Portland area. Growing up in a working

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family often meant I was on my own most of the time. Excuse me. Without teen services and the safe space they provided for me and my friends there was a high probability I could have been involved in the wrong things, however teen services are more than just safe space. Being an african-american male it's often challenging to answer the question of what do you want to do when you grow up. They have a diverse group of staff so it was incredible to see that I could become someone I looked up to. Now having transitioning from experiencing the program as a teen to working for team force I see the amazing benefits the force has to offer to the youth. I get to make a positive impact daily on the youth of our future. This is personal to me because I was once one of these youth and have a younger brother who can experience teen force. He can see people like him, have a safe place to play and enjoy free time rather than possibly be involved in something detrimental to his growth as an adult. Without the levy my brother and many others could no longer have access to a safe, positive space where they can grow, learn mentored through the amazing people that they are. As staff we get to watch young adults become amazing people they get to know their families. This is where the community centers truly become a community. Recently I was asked a question by director Long that stuck with me. Do you have ideas about how additional levy resources could make the park system more accessible and inclusive? It can make parks accessible to all families. Often cost is a barrier and I can relate to this. Additional funding can allow us to expand our reach to specific age groups. Oftentimes myself included youth are tasked with taking care of younger siblings. For many years when he was younger we were not able to enter the community center. With the current structure this excludes many youth and their family. They have no way of bringing younger siblings in to access the programs and facilities. I believe the levy would be great for parks and recreation as well as teen force. So many families would be negatively impacted without the parks. It would be a huge loss to the community and the youth that depend on us every day. We can see the effect of the community centers being closed due to the current pandemic. They are a lifeline. The recreation for all component of the proposed levy will allow Portland parks and recreation to provide an outlet and support to all communities of Portland. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, Isaiah. We really appreciate it. Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: I wanted to particularly thank Isaiah. I appreciated all of the union leaders lending their support and thank you for being here, but Isaiah, you're just making me smile. The teen program I agree is fantastic and hopefully it's growing a lot of future parks employees. Remember when we went from using paper resumes which was really inequitable to just opening it up at the Mt. Tabor community center and how they came to explain why they would be good at working for parks. So thank you for coming and your support.

Wheeler: Thank you. Are there any other questions before we open this up to public testimony before we do that I want to thank all of our invited testimony. That was very important testimony. We appreciate your taking time to be here on this important referral. Commissioner Fritz. Welcome.

Fritz: I do. Thank you. I just have a few questions for Director Long. I think the public will want to know this. First I'm really impressed with the presentation. Really impressed with how you are centering equity. This is not the same old same old park levy as was done before. You're looking at how do you build the programs that are most important with this levy, so thank you for that. People have asked why are we not doing parks districts. Could you tell folks why we're not doing a parks district?

Long: I'm actually going to ask that question to Sarah Huggins, my colleague who is managing this process. She can speak about it most articulately.

Sarah Huggins, Portland Parks and Recreation: Thank you. Good morning. I'm Sarah Huggins. I work for Portland Parks. Back in November we investigated many funding options and one was a parks district. A parks district involves if not just a funding source

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but also a change in governance structure so under current Oregon law the current city council could not be the governing body of a parks district, it would need to be an independent body or Multnomah county commission. Parks makes up 10% of the city's land and so this is we have many labor contracts as well so this would be a major process to put a parks district in place given the timeline that we're working on to refer something for a november ballot. That is something we'll continue looking at for the longer term but not something we could put in place short term.

Fritz: Thank you. I remember that we did discuss that at the work session but obviously that seems like a million years ago. Thank you. I have a couple more questions. The levy focuses on operational dollars but parks also has a significant deferred maintenance backlog. How is that going to be addressed?

Long: Thank you, commissioner. Yes, as you recall or may recall when we first started looking at alternative funding the deferred maintenance backlog was really our most pressing concern. Because of the covid-19 really sort of illuminated how vulnerable our operational model was we had to pivot towards the levy. So we anticipate that the sustainable future process will continue. This is one step. We recognize that this is temporary, than it's very specific to operational funding and we understand and agree that we absolutely need to address the deferred maintenance which we currently estimate at half billion dollars. The work will continue as we move forward. I'll see if any of my colleagues have anything to add to that.

Fritz: Let me ask a follow-up question in the meantime. As you just mentioned the levy is time limited and we have seen a serial levy model like the children's levy to be successful but still a nonpermanent funding source. Could you mentioned the sustainable future. Could you give us more information about that?

Huggins: Commissioner Fritz, this is sarah huggins. We are going to continue looking at a variety of funding sources ultimately the long term goal would be to put a permanent funding mechanism in place. We have both continuing capital needs as well as operating needs but a levy gets us five years and we can look at a recurring model like the children's levy as you mentioned and we can also look at other funding sources that we need, income tax, food and beverage tax and other solutions as well.

Fritz: You called me commissioner Fish. It's been a while since anyone has mixed us up. It brings back memories.

Huggins: Excuse me.

Fritz: It's an honor. Finally, I know from being in charge of parks how we managed the bond measure in terms of oversight and public accountability. Could you summarize what the measure calls for in terms of ongoing looking into how this money is going to be used?

Long: Yes, we also similar to the 2014 park replacement bond we will create an oversight committee comprised of community members to make sure that we remain accountable to what the levy has stated we would provide to the community. We're also going to arrange to ensure that we have independent audits and every year we'll be coming back to the council with our budget and the levy expenditures will be included in that budget. So there's quite a few sort of touch points where we can be held accountable to ensure that we're using the resources from the public in an appropriate way.

Fritz: Thank you very much. I don't have plans -- it's a really big deal to serve on these oversight committees, the committee does a huge amount of work and we want to make that opportunity available to people who haven't previously been involved but i'll definitely be watching it closely. Thank you.

Long: Was that a volunteer opportunity?

Fritz: An angling, but as I say I have had my turn with parks. It would be a great honor for whoever gets appointed to that committee. [laughter]

Long: Thank you.

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Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Fritz. With that then we will turn to public testimony. Karla, how many people are signed up today?

Karla: Looks like there are 11.

Wheeler: Very good. Why don't we go ahead -- we're good. Go ahead, three minutes each, name for the record.

Karla: The first person is Andy Nelson.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Andy Nelson: Good afternoon, Mayor, thank you for giving me the opportunity to weigh in on the parks levy. As way of introduction I want to talk about my experience with parks in two ways. First the seven years I spent on the parks board and the second is what I'm hearing as executive director of Impact Northwest. Seven years on the park board one of the main things we do every year is advise the commissioner on the budget, the council on the budget. For so many years we were literally stuck in a situation of having to make really tough cuts year after year literally sitting around having to close kiddie wading pools. At the end of the day it was always about where is the revenue. So I'm delighted to see that we have a solution here to fix an issue that's gone back many, many years. Then my role as executive director of Impact Northwest, it's very clear when we talk to clients that affordability of Portland is just getting out of reach. Of course you all know that. We think of that often about housing. So I'm very excited that this levy would you heard earlier from Isaiah and his experience not being able to go to parks and it's an incredible opportunity to take a burden off people and folks we work with, what we hear is any relief like this that we can take off of folks to make life more available and enjoyable is going to go an awfully long way. I'll just end by saying that we can afford this and we need to. This is a play for history. I'm optimistic that you'll do the right thing. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it, Andy.

Karla: Next is Mike Abate.

Wheeler: Good afternoon, Mike.

Mike Abate: Good afternoon, Mayor, Commissioners. I'm Mike Abate. I had the honor to serve as director of parks and recreation from 2011 to 2018. Today's shortfall is not new. During my time as director as Andy mentioned pp&r's budget was reduced in five of seven budget years. Actually the last long range plan for the bureau, the parks 2020 vision adopted by council 20 years ago said that in fact our parks system is at once sensational and shameful. Moreover, increased growth, changes in our culture and housing and lack of funding threaten the parks system legacy that is so vital to our city's quality of life. You can go back further than that the last century, with the bedrock foundation of our parks system, the homestead plan where landscape architect Charles Olmsted said, I have enjoyed my reconnaissance in Portland very much. The landscape I find and the possibility as far as land is concerned are excellent but I fear the money will be deficient. He was absolutely right. It has been for over 120 years. As director long made clear in her letter to you the budget was taken off life support when all community centers and pools had to be closed due to COVID-19. Thereby eliminating fees and other revenues. The closures also highlight the inequity of building a system on a fee for service model presenting those who need the programs and activities the most from accessing them. Now is the time to restore the parks and recreation services that Portlanders want. The \$48 million a year will provide the recreation, swimming lessons, park safety and maintenance there will make our parks the gem of the city. I will support and urge others to support this new levy with one condition. Ensure that if it passes the city will not reduce the bureau's annual general fund allocation. As director long said in her letter, pp&r does not expect that funding from a levy will reduce our ongoing general fund allocation. Let's lock that in. To prevent this in the future I would request there be language added to your resolution 616 that says inning to the effect during the life of the levy if passed pp&r will continue to receive no less than their

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2020 to 21 allocation of general funds. In 2014 Portlanders voted overwhelmingly to approve a \$68 million bond measure to fix our parks. It's time to ask them to fund a levy that will allow us to reopen our parks. I urge you to vote yes today. Let's not kid ourselves. This is not the permanent funding solution your sustainable future called for. In the future counsel will have to make the tough decision on what to do when it expires. Long term funding solution for parks is not a series of levies. As Jules Bailey mentioned the Multnomah county library district should be our model here. After decades of levies and bond measures and fluctuating funding in 2012 our renowned library system was launched on its own when voters approved formation of the Multnomah county library district. This is the model that a courageous city council should follow. Refer Portland parks and recreation to the voters as a parks district, removing it from the annual competition for limited general funds with fire, police and planning. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Mike, thank you. That reminds me at the end of this director long when we're done with public testimony I'll just ask the question now, could you walk us through the analysis in short terms, in bullet point terms? I know you considered the district. That was my first choice going into this discussion, it quickly became one of my last choices. So Mike raises some really good questions and I think we should answer those at the end of the session. Thanks, Mike. Appreciate your testimony. Thank you for raising the question. Next individual, please.

Karla: Ted Labbe.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Ted Labbe: Yes, good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler, commissioners, Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty, thank you for your public service. I'm Ted Labbe, executive director of the Urban Greenspaces Institute. I serve on the utility board. Enabling public use of city lands for secondary uses. Today I speak as an individual not a member of the pub. Karen Spencer and I offer these thoughts as you move forward with referral for parks and recreation. In these unprecedented times our parks are crucial to our physical, mental and spiritual health. In the age of COVID, when so many of us are shut inside our homes, disconnected from family and friends, our city parks are among the only nearby nature available to us. Often our parks are the only places where with social distancing we have feel safe, gathering to connect with one another. Gather we must. To heal, share, grieve and find community. I'm not sure where we would be in this moment without our parks. In spite of the necessary pandemic shutdown to our community centers, swimming lessons, summer camps and other programming our parks are still there. The pandemic has altered our lives and the changes feel disorienting but time spent in a Portland park is grounding and helps one recover a sense of social bearing, connection to nature and to other Portlanders. Our parks and urban forests feel like an extension of our homes. To care take them we need to invest in their upkeep and care. I encourage you to move ahead to refer a five-year operating levy to the voters of Portland. This won't remedy all of our funding woes but without it we will be in dire straits. I'm excited to hear the mayor -- Mayor Wheeler talk around a call for a play for history with our parks. I look forward to future funding discussions. Both Karen and I want to encourage all Portlanders to support this five-year operating levy for parks. We need recreation for all to remedy disparities of access and programming, create more equitable delivery of programming and support the safe reopening of community centers and pools when we're ready. We need to protect and grow our green spaces, keep our parks clean and safe, and invest and plant, maintain our trees. Through community partnerships and oversight we will direct the levy monies to address these needs. Let's get it done, Portland. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Ted. Appreciate your testimony. Thank you for all you do.

Karla: Next is Willie Levinson.

Wheeler: Hi, Willie. Welcome. Are you unmuted? We can't hear you.

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Willie Levenson: Great. Thank you. Thank you. I just wanted to give a special shout out to commissioner Fritz and thank you for the great contribution you made to the city. I can't believe you're not going to be in city hall any more but it's a well deserved change for you. Bumping into you at city hall on the occasion was there but I wish you the best. I hope I see you afterwards. The parks bond I can't really say too much more than what's already been said outside the fact that the understanding that I have come from working with parks is that it's woefully under-funded. The general fund is not a stable source of funding. This is something that anybody who follows politics understands. This is long overdue and it takes things like the pandemic to bring out necessity to have the counsel to finally address some of these things. The willamette river is the second, free resource to all. You can count on human access project being 100% behind this bond as long as there's consideration for directing people to the least risky place to get into the river and engineering them to be safer. It's time Portland gets behind activating this public space. Thanks again. Everybody on council, chloe, ted, you guys are just dealing with some very difficult things day in and day out. I am grateful for your just commitment to the city. I don't know how you guys do it but I admire it. Thank you. Go, bond:

Wheeler: Thank you, willie. Appreciate your enthusiasm as ever.

Karla: Next is jnu tu oberg.

Wheeler: Welcome. Thanks for being here.

Juntu Oberg: Thank you for allowing me -- to speak with you today. I'm vice president of for gateway green. Our dues paying membership head a record of 1800 mountain bikers. Today we're at 4500. What has caused tremendous growth? Our members have prioritized access to nature and want trails. These unprecedented times have changed priorities and daily agendas like business in Portland is up in every category. Bikes that have been collecting dust now have tire treads wearing out. Now more than ever we need access to the outdoors. What we are missing is access to trails. In the 8,000 acres of parks's natural areas two wheeled access accounts for less than 5%. As an organization that can provide diverse programming to get community members outside and on bikes our hands are tied. Not having access to trails close to home keeps -- the form of recreation to only those can reach a trailhead with a vehicle. This is not equitable. Northwest trail alliance and its 4500 members no matter what we hope our city and parks finally take us up on our offer to let us help to rehabilitate, steward and care for our legacy. Thank you for your time and I appreciate you all allowing me to speak today.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it very much.

Karla: Next is bob solinger.

Wheeler: Welcome, bob.

Bob Sallinger: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and members of the city council. Thanks for the opportunity to testify today and thanks for all your work on this. I am wearing two hats today. I serve as audubon's conservation director and also testifying on behalf of the urban intertwine alliance which is a coalition of groups and businesses that support a strong parks, system of parks, trails, and natural areas. Audubon's board has already endorsed it and makes plans to support a major priority for the fall. We are still going through our formal process but gave professional support as well. We are very excited about this measure. And I have a long history of working on parks issues. I served on the park board for two terms. I have served an on I believe a dozen budget parks committees and the sustainable futures task force. The issue of how we fund parks is complicated, challenging, and we're very glad that you are giving it the kind of attention that you are because it has been significantly underfunded. And unstable for a very, very long time. Truly appreciate the work of commissioner Fish in particular in setting us on a course towards sustainability. Recognize that we need to make hard decisions and find a path forward that truly is sustainable and meets our community aspirations. I want to

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acknowledge commissioner hardesty's concerns. Because this is a very challenging time. And we also talked through some of the issues that she talked about. We all heard with this fairly late in the process. We have concerns about making sure that this isn't a surrogate for looking at the bigger picture. Is this just a small piece of the puzzle? It's not the whole puzzle? And we want to make sure this is an inclusive ballot measure as well. We talked through those issues. And in the end we came to the conclusion that despite the fact that it had to be moved fairly quickly and that it doesn't solve the entire problem, that we could still strongly endorse this measure. So the reason for that is a multifold. First we think we are truly in an incredibly urgent situation, an unprecedentedly urgent situation that really calls for making bold moves to sustain our community. And as you have already heard today, I won't belabor the, parks are such a part of a sustainable, healthy community. Secondly we have talked with a number of folks about this. And we believe the city is still committed to moving forward with the bigger picture challenge of putting parks on a sustainable funding trajectory. We believe that this measure is consistent with that objective, having served on the sustainable futures committee, I believe that this would have been part of any package. It's a part that is reasonable to front-load. We also believe it's probably going to take longer to figure out what that big sustainability picture is. Because everything is somewhat delayed as we sort out how we deal with the covid crisis. This, in our opinion, is a smart investment that allows parks to keep the lights on, the doors open, serve the most vulnerable communities, and keep us moving forward on a path towards sustainability and resiliency. Lastly, I would just note that I think it is very consistent with some of the things you all have been talking about recently with the covid measures and the climate resiliency resolutions. You have talked extensively in recent months and we really applaud you for this. About doubling down on our commitments. And to creating sustainable resilient communities. That's consistent with that. We look forward to working with you on this. We do want to make sure we continue to think about the bigger picture. We want to make sure this isn't used to backfill general funds. And we think there's still time to work through how to make this the best measure possible. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, bob. We appreciate it.

Tony DeFalco: Hey, mayor wheeler, commissioners. Good to see you and hear this, you this afternoon. Thank you for the opportunity to share various thoughts on the parks levee. I serve as the executive director of verde. I wrote a letter to you and I will going to read the letter and I have a couple of quick comments. We write in qualified support of the referral of the parks levy today. We recognize the challenges that pp&r faces budget-wise. And that communities of color will be disproportionately impacted by further cuts to service. We ask that the council place strong directives on the development of the levy in order to better engage low-income and people of color communities. Surf directives could include but not be limited to creation of a resourced working group of low-income and people of color community members and representatives of organizations working on behalf of communities of color to further develop levy language and campaign activities. The goal of these and other directives of the council may deem worthy should be to engage those closest to the problem and crafting the solution as well as building community capacity as part of the campaign. We share additional specific desires to see in the levy development. One, continue the city's promise to develop a community-led master plan for colewood park. Two, set contracting performance and levy funds to 50% minority and woman-owned participation. Three, leverage levy dollars to align with and expand community benefits agreements. Four, incorporate explicit racial equity criteria to guide levy investments. Five, draw from community expertise to prioritize community of color priorities for natural area maintenance, in particular those of indigenous communities. We want to thank pp&r for its leadership to address budget shortfalls and to prioritize equity in utilization of new resources and we look forward to stable and secure funding for our parks system. I would

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just add a couple notes real quick. One is that this is an important investment for jobs, as has been noted earlier. And verde itself has benefited from the relationship with parks. Two graduates of our verde landscape program now work at Portland parks and recreation and we have been very proud about the ability to graduate folks from our program into good paying green jobs at pp&r. Second, I was really excited to see the back drop that the bureau director used in your presentation and saw cully park there. We have put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into cully park and helping to create an investment that we've all been proud of. And we look forward to being able to care for an asset like cully park. Thank you and appreciate all of your leadership.

Wheeler: Thank you, tony. Appreciate your leadership.

Daniel Newberry: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Daniel Newberry: Thank you very much. Mayor wheeler and mechanics of the city council, my name is daniel newbury. Today I am representing myself as a resident of outer east Portland. But I also am executive director ever johnson creek council and member of the urban forestry commission. First, thank you to everybody, especially folks at parks and recreation. I know this has been a big task to take on. And I would like to say I support the levy. Although I do have some issues I would like you to think about. A lot of people speaking before me today have talked about how really underfunded parks and recreation is and how it's really part of our culture and well-being in Portland and so important to our health, especially during these covid days. And i'm concerned about several things. I'm really glad there's a focus on equity here. Because especially with user fees in the past, a lot of services have not been available to lower income folks especially in communities of color. I applaud you for centering that in the conversation here. A comment that mike made really resonates with me about making sure that this isn't just used to back-fill general funds that could be reprogrammed somewhere else. I really urge the city council to make an addendum to the resolution that the general funds for parks and recreation will not decrease from the current levels. Where this really hits home for me is, over many years, my job at the watershed council, we've been mobilizing thousands of volunteers to help care for parks and natural areas in east Portland. And every year, that part of parks and recreation loses employees. And we try to take up the slack with more and more volunteers. And at some point volunteers have been starting to feel like they have been taken advantage of. The city just says, we don't need employees. We will just get volunteers to do the work. I think by providing more dollars to maintain the parks in terms of upkeep and more staff positions that will really help to address that. I would like to just say, and a couple of commissioners alluded to this, and that is that you can't just keep taxing property owners without hitting limits. And this issue of compression was raised. And I think it's really important for transparency and for getting support from voters to let people know what existing levies and bond measures the tax layers are already being paid for are going to be impacted. I'm not sure a lot of voters know that some things that have already been passed may actually get less dollars because you are putting in a new levy. I think you will really need to be really open and transparent and let people know about that. The other thing, final thing I would like to mention, vivek who I served with on the urban forestry commission talked about thinking of the urban forest canopy really and street trees as part of the park system. I think that's really important. A couple years ago the city council devoted \$100,000 in one of the bumps for looking at way of doing street tree maintenance and planting because the current funding that is appropriated paying for that. I encourage you to into what you are going to be putting in the bond. Thank you for the opportunity and I appreciate all the good work you all have been doing.

Wheeler: Thank you, daniel.

Fritz: Could I respond to the previous testimony?

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Wheeler: I'm sorry. Commissioner Fritz has her hand up.

Fritz: A couple people have mentioned that we should say we won't, there won't be cuts to the parks budget in the future. First of all, we can't bind future councils without, with a clause like that. Sometimes we have time binding the current council. Do various things. So there's that. I would also say that as mayor wheeler mentioned, for the least past three budgets and probably more, a lot of the testimony at budget hearings has been from parks supporters. So I am very confident that the people of Portland will not allow future councils to use this to back, to cut, that this will, in fact -- and that is partly what the oversight committee will be looking at as well to make sure it is indeed used for the purposes that are in it and doesn't involve a budget of backfilling.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate that clarification. I think that's a good one.

Don Stastny: This is don. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: We can hear you.

Don Stastny: Thank you. I speak, mr. Mayor and commissioners, on behalf of the halpern landscape conservancy. As you know the halperin landscape conservancy is a volunteer organization, and since 2008, our public-private partnership with the Portland parks and recreation has successfully addressed the need and opportunities to connect those to the historic pettygrove park, lovejoy fountain, and the keller fountain. And also point out that the recent improvements that were made in that area of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4 million, about 60% of that was raised from private sources to help support that construction maintenance activity. The 458 person land cascade conservancy supports the proposed Portland parks and recreational levy and we urge you to put it on the november ballot. Speaking more personally, I am an architect, and an urbanist that has the opportunity to work throughout the united states. And one of the things that we really understand about cities is that the parks and open space systems are basically a life blood of our cities economically, socially, culturally, and operationally. It's very important that we keep this vital artery open and we keep it accessible and that we allow equitable use and support of the overall system to continue to bring our city back to its position it was before covid. We urge your support of this. And to put it on the levy. Excuse me. On the november ballot. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak to you today.

Wheeler: Thank you, don.

Pat Wagner: How is this? Am I there.

Wheeler: Yeah, you're good welcome.

Pat Wagner: Thank you, mayor wheeler, commissioner Fritz, hardesty and commissioner eudaly. I'm the parks director. I'm my name is pat wagner. I'm speaking on behalf of the linnton community center. A parks partner organization. Portlanders including myself live under the threat constantly of our community centers either closing or having their services they provide reduced. Without the financial support of Portland parks, the linnton community center would be unable to provide the services we currently provide. This would leave many children of working parents unattended during the crucial hours after school and morning hours. This levy can be a new beginning. One that is more fair and reliable. It is putting people first. It's easy to overlook the impact Portland parks has on citizens such as myself. Community centers especially impact lives of young people, lower income residents, senior citizens, and working parents that are too busy with their daily lives to say thank you. The mission of the linnton community center has been supported by a an important partnership with the Portland parks department. We often so much, a few examples are a food pantry for low-income people, preschool, quality -- full-day state certified child care for working parents, an after school program for the children of working parents. A morning breakfast program where parents can drop their children off to wait in the safety of the building. We give them food to eat and until they wait until the school bus picks them up to deliver them to school. This prevents the children of working parents from

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waiting alone, sometimes in the dark at the end of long driveways for their school buses. We also offer a low-cost venue for new immigrants to teach their children and enjoy the cultural events of their native countries. As many of these new immigrants can be short on money, we bargain. For example, a group of aztec dancers practice at the -- aztec dancers practice at the linnton community center every thursday evening. In exchange they host a day of the dead event on the weekend closest to november 1st and 2nd. We provide a place for job searches and a no-cost shower for houseless or homeless people please don't focus on ability to pay or just the ability to pay. Often parents are unwilling to pay even though they have the money. In Portland, young people often see their friends in parks classes. Yet even though their parents are able to pay the fees. The parents won't. They say, no, this leaves kids bitter and often separated from their friends. Community centers and swimming pools are the first exposure children have to good government and what it can do to them. These closures leave a lasting impression. It's very disappointing for a child to see the next level of swimming they've been anticipating signing up for has been, is not offered because the pool is closed. Please take the action needed. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much.

Fritz: Could I just comment again, mayor?

Wheeler: Yes, commissioner.

Fritz: Thank you to pat. You are a true community hero. I feel like there's a lot of wonderful community partners that are coming to testify today. And I just appreciate all that you do at the linnton community center, which is sometimes feels linnton can feel a bit removed from Portland. But you're definitely a treasured part of our community. And I am glad to know that this levy will help.

Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you, pat.

Wagner: Thank you.

Wheeler: Before jim jumps in, how many folks do we have?

Karla: I show one more.

Wheeler: Julia brim-edwards was having a tough time getting on. She is on. Please put her at the end of the list so we have two more after this. Thank you.

Karla: Certainly.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Jim Etzel: Mayor wheeler, commissioners hardesty, eudaly and Fritz, I am jim the ceo of sport Oregon. I think for the opportunity to speak to you today. I will try to come at it from an additional angle from some of the other supporters of this. And also around equity. Our organization has worked closely with Portland parks and recreation over the 27 years of our existence. And to support programs benefiting our communities, quality of life, and also identifying and putting on events that use city parks that drive sports tourism which benefits local businesses. As a nonprofit supported by over 150 member organizations and individuals in our community, our mission is to drive economic growth and enhance quality of life in Oregon communities through sports. A healthy Portland parks and recreation is a critical partner as we look to grow sports tourism and equitable opportunities for every citizen of our city. That enhance the health and wellness of our entire community especially underserved communities. The long-term financial stability and predictability that this operating levy would provide will help tremendously as we recruit and plan for future sports tourism events utilizing our parks. The budget uncertainties for parks, especially over the last decade, have made it extremely difficult for parks and recreation, sport Oregon and our partners at travel Oregon to commit to hosting these events, as we often work two to five years in advance of the events actually happening in our community after they're secured. Having that budget certainty would create more sports tourism wins and that would create much needed local and economic quality of life impacts especially in our

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hospitality industry, it is really hurting. Covid has caused us to lose numerous events that would have had impacts ranging from 2,000 to 6,000 room nights in our city's hotels. And obviously the trickle down into our restaurants and local businesses have been felt. So sports tourism will be one of the first to come back and a strong park system will land us additional incremental events in our efforts. I appreciate the opportunity to share why sport Oregon supports you voting to put this operating levy on the november ballot and wish you well. Thank you for everything you do for our city.

Wheeler: Thank you, jim. We appreciate it. Thank you for the good work you do.

Etzel: Thank you. Appreciate your support.

Wheeler: Hi, tonya.

Tonya DeCroce: Oh, hello, everyone. Thank you so much. It's an honor to get a moment of your time to introduce my name, tonya louise. Just a quick little background about who I am. I am a long-time northeast Portland resident. I am native from denver. I moved here in Portland in 1996. And made northeast my home. I live in cully. I have been here over 10 years now and prior to that in the alameda area. I am really quite excited at the end of listening to all of you. You have wonderful ideas. The end of all of this I am a supporter of the levy. I first heard about it yesterday through social media. It was one of the infrastructures that came to me as i've been wondering what I could do to help our community. I am a retired medical and educational speech language therapist. I retired in 2016 after serving the communities in both medical and educational settings. I worked under the providence health system for under 10 years both as an employee and then 2006 went on call filling in as I could. So I have a unique perspective that I bring to you from the pediatrics to the adult throughout the state really. And also our medically fragile schools that are serviced quite often through medical contract under medicaid billing. Where they are providing the allied services that many school districts have deemed needed to keep our students safe as well as accessing our curriculum and outcomes for their maturation. Moving along you will see I did submit comments and you can read a little bit more about who I am. I did have the honor of also seeing this morning in the rockefeller foundation's first live virtual event to let us know what they are trying to do to help support national events. You may know they've been here locally working with ohsu to support the covid needs, that we need so desperately especially around the testing, tracing and supporting of the ppe and social distancing protocols. I am a support. I did send you a link there. I'm wanting to let you know that they have invested today massive amounts of funding, \$75 billion for community enhancements that are servicing low-income populations, especially around covid requirements to support their mission to leave no trace, no harm. And also build partnerships between business, government, and our public sectors and individual actors like myself. Anyway, you will see my comments also includes some of my background in a lot of the platforms. It gives us a create data point for science starting in 1954 all the way up to your wonderful Oregon senate bill 64 of last summer. So some of my questions have already been answered afternoon listening to you so eloquently sharing your positions. I do see some hope at the hearing the end of it. One of my last comments is just making sure that you know, we have a lot of populations out there that fall under a tier iii setting. And they actually can come together through partnerships with your medical and your educational settings. I do have that infrastructure in place after listening to one of your goals about the levy. We can build on that and I do think there's also opportunities to build on some of these other, the rockefeller foundation is one that I find a lot of inspiration in to help us identify what is in place and what we can do better. And again they want to help the most needy. Thank you so much for the time to present today. And please put my name somewhere. I would love to be involved and help as however unite in covid and do some really community peace building around this. Thank you.

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Wheeler: Thank you awesome. Thank you, tony, we appreciate your offer.

Karla: Next is jewel brim-edwards.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Julia Brim-Edwards: Good afternoon, everybody. Mayor wheeler, commissioners, I am julia brim-edwards, nike senior director for local and public affairs. Nike has been our home community for fort years and we have a long -- 40 years. I want to say personally before I start that I have been a neighbor of Portland parks for over 50 years. I have been a park employee at creston pool and certainly been a beneficiary of parks programming as I was growing up. Just to speak as a referenced our nike's long history with Portland parks, we've also been engaged with leaders since, for many decades including charles jordan, commissioner Fritz, commissioner Fish, we were delighted when director long joined Portland parks and her leadership. And over the years, we've looked at parks as a critical piece of what makes Portland special in our home community. Our largest, 30-year anniversary project, which was the resurfacing of basketball courts all over the city was our way to say thank you to Portland for being our home community, at the time was the largest global community investment we've made. Since then over the last decade, we've financially supported the summer free for alls, field upgrades and youth sports programming. And I can't understate the importance that we see of the parks system in the broader community. They give Portlanders a place to play. They provide an opportunity for individuals in our community to be outside, to be in natural places, and I will say somebody who is right now living right next to a park, our parks are being used more than ever before. The amount of use of our parks during this time has just I think expanded exponentially because it's giving people a place to go outside. They're using parks in a different way but really a critical piece of our city's infrastructure keeps us together and connects us. So just want to close by saying we're going, nike's strongly supporting Portland parks and rec, director long, parks and rec staff, and support the council's referral of this levy for the november election and we look forward to providing support for this fall. And I just hesitating because i'm thinking about our good friend commissioner Fish who would have been the biggest booster. And if we hadn't offered to step up to help, he would be twisting our arms to help. And so I know this fall campaign, we will miss his leadership as part of it. And he would have really been so supportive of this. And always made the case of why parks mattered to our community. They're not just places to play but really important community building places. So thank you for the opportunity to testify today. And we are very supportive of the measure.

Wheeler: Julia, thank you and thank you for doing a daily double today. Thanks for your leadership -- leadership and for your support. Commissioner Fritz has her hand raised.

Fritz: Thank you, julia for nike's support. You will remember in 2014 because I did not have commissioner Fish's prowess to donate to the campaign the foundation was helpful but also many, many community members and companies stepped up. I believe it cost a little over \$300,000 to run that campaign. And so before it's referred we can actually mention that, yes, we would like both your support and other community members. And sometimes people need to be wait to be asked to donate to campaigns. I hope in this case people will recognize the need and step up. And I know that you and nike will. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Fritz. Any further discussion on the resolution? Oh, you know what? I have one last question. I'm sorry. Director long or somebody from the parks bureau staff, could you quickly go through the logic of why we abandoned the parks district strategy? That came up early in the testimony. And obviously that was something that we were all hopeful could be a viable option for us. But fairly quickly we realized that was not going to work. Is there somebody who can quickly review the reasoning behind that?

Huggins: Thank you, mayor wheeler. This is sarah huggins from parks.

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Wheeler: Hi, sarah.

Huggins: The primary reason that parks district is not something that we're considering in the short-term is that the involves an actual change in governance structure. So under Oregon state law, the current city council could not be the governor. body of a parks district. It would need to be a new independently elected body or a county commissioners. So that is still something that could be on the table for a longer term but it would take significant time to put in place. We have parks make up 10% of the city's land sew so that is a significant conversation the city with would need to have. We have ongoing labor contract and we would need to figure out how that works. And sort of the mechanics of putting a special district in place, it is not something the city council could refer to the ballot. So it would need to be referred by the consent of every single Portlander or 15% by a petition of Portlanders, and then there's also a long of time frame so 180 days before it could go before the county to consider for referral. So that was not something that we could do in a shorter time frame.

Wheeler: Thank you, sarah. I appreciate that. All right.

Fritz: Mayor, the other issue is that we're not just Multnomah county. There are parts of Portland in Washington and clackamas counties. So creating a district that actually would cover all of Portland would be extremely challenging.

Wheeler: No disagreement there, commissioner Fritz. But I wanted to get that on the record since it had been raised. And reasonable people would naturally as frankly I did early on gravitate towards that as a possible funding solution. So it's still on the table for the future but I agree at least in the near term, the hurdles that we have to jump over are too high. So that brings us -- I don't see any more hands raised. That brings us to the vote. This is a resolution. Karla, please call the roll.

Eudaly: I didn't realize I was going first. First I want to thank everyone for presenting. I want to thank community members who gave testimony. Because this is on kind of an accelerated time line, i'm reassured to hear from so many trusted advocates that they are supporting this levy. I wanted to just highlight something that came up during the session, which is that levy dollars can be used for operations and maintenance unlike the bond. And that has been a real problem for parks in the past. And it's one of the reasons that the levy is the more desirable option at this time. And I want to suggest that one of the opportunities that this levy might allow is for parks to take on the duckworth dock. Which human access project has been championing it as a potentially world class urban swimming hole. And recently installed multiple swimming ladders on the dock and it is being put to good use during this heat wave. And it's one of i'm sure many facilities that would be fantastic part of our parks portfolio or could be if this levy passes. So I am happy to offer my support and vote aye.

Fritz: Commissioner eudaly makes a good point that there are many uses for this potential money. We're all clear this is not enough. I believe that when we have the discussion last year, the estimates to really fund a good parks system with urban forestry and various other adequate maintenance was at least \$100 million per year. Frankly, when I was briefed on this, earlier in the year and then just before we were no longer in city hall, I was disappointed that this, the levy had been proposed because it doesn't fix the problem. It's a stop gap. And then covid came along. And there's so many things that need to be taken care of. This will take care of some of the most urgent needs. This will, and I 73 much appreciate that it seems that parks is reimagining and reenvisioning the parks system. Building it from the ground up to look at the most vulnerable to see how we fund things. So that is really exciting to me. I have been hesitant about adding property taxes. We know that there's a lot of inequities in the property tax system. We know that people in east Portland tend to pay proportionally more in property taxes. And if this had been proposed during commissioner Fish's first go round with parks I would have been very concerned

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about it. Because we passed the parks bond measure in 2014, and we invested money in east Portland because we had \$100 million to invest in new park facilities, over \$70 million of which was invested in east Portland. East Portland now finally has some wonderful parks that need to be taken care of. So it would be tragic if we invested all that system development charge money and then couldn't maintain those -- maintain those parks as they need to be maintained. For that reason I'm much more supportive. Thank, Sarah, for your work not only with this measure but also with the parks bond measure. Parks works really hard to do what they say they are going to do. And we know that Portlanders love our parks. So we have received quite a lot of correspondence and most of it in support and some saying please don't raise my property taxes. We're not raising the property tax by doing this. We are sending it to the voters to decide what is the best allocation for their property taxes. And while commissioner Hardesty has the right to her opinions, we serve in a commission form of government. And the mayor is parks commissioner and the parks director has determined this is the best thing to do at this time. And therefore, I will support it enthusiastically. I do encourage community mechanics to find out how you can become involved. Because especially in COVID, we need to have people, by word of mouth and sometimes that might be Zoom, sometimes that might be phone calls, or from one side of the street to the other or one side of the park to the other. We are going to need people to understand what is it we're proposing, what is it going to do and why we would like them to support it. And so I will try, as I am campaigning for the water bureau's ballot measure, I will certainly make sure that I add my support and explain to people all the things that I just mentioned. And although this wouldn't have been commissioner Fish's first choice, I know how much he cared about parks and I know how much he was proud of what Director Long is doing. So I am happy to vote yes in his honor. Aye.

Wheeler: As I said at the beginning of this hearing, this is an inflection point for the future of Portland parks and recreation. And as Director Long said, it's an opportunity to make sure we continue to serve all of Portlanders and to serve them better than before. My office in the parks bureau have heard from many community members, including those who joined us today who support this proposal and want to see more of the vital programs and services that Portland parks and recreation provides. I agree, this levy can help us achieve a more equitable, robust and financially stable parks system. I have heard concerns from some that these were rushed or the timing isn't right. Parks have been facing budget challenges for at least the past decade. The parks team has been diligently researching and developing solutions based on the council's feedback during the work session that we had last November. The challenges caused by COVID have made it clear to me that this levy is not only responsive to the bureau's urgent financial need but it would improve service at a time when Portlanders have been relying on free lunches, outdoor spaces and other critical parks programs more than ever. To the second concern I have heard, that the timing isn't right, I recognize that there are other asks the taxpayers on the November ballot. That we're facing economic challenges on both an individual as well as a global scale. I get it. But let's be clear. This would provide a huge return on investment. Like free swim lessons, free after school activities for kids and teens, free summer camps, programs for seniors. New culturally specific programs. A way to keep the doors open at Multnomah County Arts Center and the Community Music Center. Cleaner parks and natural areas all across our entire city. Much, much more. These programs I believe would especially benefit low-income households, east Portlanders, and communities of color. And parks will work with the community to ensure that we follow through on these commitments. I just want to take a moment to talk about jobs. I believe we can all agree that right now, more than ever, we need good paying jobs, union jobs. As our labor partners who are present today pointed out, this levy would create a wide range of new jobs like recreation staff, professional maintenance staff, administrative support staff and staffing in many other key

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areas. One of the possibilities i'm personally most excited about is expanding the bureau's -- bureau's youth conservation crew. It gives teens and young adults real job experience and creates a pipeline to a range of environmental career opportunities. With this levy, Portland parks and recreation would once again be the largest employer of youth in the entire city. Colleagues, I believe the answer is clear. And the time is now. I would like to take a moment for some important thank yous. First and foremost to thank the community for cherishing your parks and recreation system and pushing us to make it better. To our invited guests today. We appreciate your time and support. Thank you to the team who helped put this exciting proposal together. Deputy parks director todd lofgren, finance property and technology manager claude de camposano, tim collier, program specialist nick, and city attorney robert taylor and of course our city economist, josh harwood. And two quick extra special thanks. To sarah huggins who has led the research and development that brought us here today. Sarah, your passion for parks and a more equitable community have never wavered. And to director dina long who has led the bureau with poise, passion, and dedication since her first day in Portland, thank you. And, of course, I would like to thank my council colleagues for their thoughtful questions and working towards what is a shared goal of a more sustainable future for Portland parks and recreation. Commissioner Fritz, I want to thank you especially for your service as parks commissioner, your commitment to building new parks in underserved communities like east Portland is going to leave a lasting legacy, one that you should be very proud of. And speaking of legacy, we wouldn't even be here today without the work of commissioner nick Fish. Nick's vision for parks was simple. Put people first. He did it by expanding our community gardens program so that people can grow their own fresh and healthy food, by making simple investments like a new playground that had big impacts for the community. By rallying the business community to support the summer free for all, a name that he came up with. And by his work put the bureau on solid financial footing. I'm proud that we're taking this step toward fulfilling that vision. I vote aye and the resolution is adopted. And with that, Karla, we've been at this for quite a while. Why don't we take a recess for 10 minutes. We will be back at 4:25. We are in recess.

Karla: Thank you.

Wheeler: If you thought you were going to be batching something else, you blew it: Karla, can you read item 617, our final item for the day. Item 617.

Wheeler: Thank you, Karla. And thank you, colleagues, told we are continuing our discussion on the expiration date extension project from the July 8th hearing. We will vote on several amendments that were introduced at that hearing and vote on revised findings. As we all know the covid-19 pandemic has had widespread impacts on our city including on the construction and development sectors of our economy and on the development review process. These impacts, which include slow downs to the application process as well as on job sites, physical distance requirements and covid-related economic uncertainty are causing land use reviews to expire before applicants have the opportunity to act on them. The expiration project is a package of proactive steps the city can take to provide some relief to applicants affected by the pandemic. On July 8th, the public hearing was held on this package. At the hearing bps staff projected the project. I introduced four amendments to the proposal and they were all seconded at that time. Several community members provided testimony at the hearing as well. Today we will be getting a brief update from the bps staff. We will then vote on the amendments introduced at the July 8th hearing and move, second, and vote on the revised findings. So with that I will turn it over to bps staff, j.p. McNeil, to give us an update of the greetings.

JP McNeil, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and members of the city council. I am director j.p. McNeil and I am trying to share my screen. Do you see my screen?

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Wheeler: We do. It seems large. I can't tell if it's --

McNeil: Let me try something different. I have it all full screened out. That might be the problem.

Wheeler: Maybe.

McNeil: That any better?

Wheeler: That's good.

McNeil: So as you mentioned, mayor, the project addresses several issues related to the administration of the zoning code. And the economic disruption that covid-19 pandemic has had on development market. So this proposal will amend title 33 to provide relief to applicants contacted by the pandemic. I am going to give you a quick refresher. Just very quickly these are the eight proposals that were recommended to you by the planning and sustainability commission. Oops. The preapplication conference proposal would extend the time frame for preapplication conferences from one to two years. The virtual neighborhood contact proposal, this allows neighborhood contact meetings to occur virtually using video conferencing technology. The land use very view -- review proposal extends the expiration date for land use reviews that haven't impacted by the pandemic. Generally they expire after three years and this would extend a set of land use reviews until January 1st of 2024: Final plat proposal, a final plat can expire after 180 days of inactivity. This extends that period of inactivity to 365 days before the final plat expires. The Conway master plan proposal, that would extend the Conway master plan for a large section meant. Northwest Portland. The master plan is set to expire in 2022, and this would extend it until January 21st to 2024. The nonconforming upgrades proposal, this extends the compliance period for nonconforming upgrades, which are required for building permits for large alterations on sites with nonconforming development. This would extend the agreements impacted until January 1st, 2022. The inclusionary housing rates, there's a lower rate is required for inclusionary housing projects outside of the central city and gateway. And so this proposal would extend those lower rates, which were set to expire at the end of this year. I think the list of terms proposal is a simple quick fix to the code to add some terms that were inadvertently left out with the better design by housing project. Real quick I will cover the amendments as you mentioned, mayor. The amendments that were introduced at the July 8th hearing, the retroactivity amendment which expands the extension periods for the land use review extensions would have begun capturing land use reviews effective as of the date of this ordinance. This amendment allows the proposal to apply retroactively for land use that began to expire at the time the pandemic hit Portland which we have coordinated with the governor. This extends the allowance for virtual neighborhood contact meetings until January 1st of 2024. The inclusionary housing amendment, this would limit the extension of the lower affordable housing rates for inclusion satisfactory housing projects outside the central city and gateway. That would be limited from three years to one year. And finally the sdc amendment, this is for system development charges. It would delay the increase of sdc's for pbot, bds and the water bureau that went into effect and delay that until August 1st. This corresponds to a four-week bag lock in permit processing at bds. Quickly, the testimony after the last hearing, the record was held open until July 15th at 5:00 p.m. There was no additional testimony submitted after the July 8th hearing. So in sum we had eight pieces of written testimony, two pieces to the city council and there were seven testifiers at our July 8th hearing. So with that, that's my brief refresher and update. Unless there are any questions for me, I will turn it back to you, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good, colleagues any further questions at this particular juncture? I don't see any. Very good. Next we will vote -- sorry.

Fritz: I'm sorry. I was not able to see the -- so there was a late breaking issue with the Portland water bureau because of the way they charge their system development charges.

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I understand that your staff and the water bureau are working on that. Does anybody have an update on that?

Lauren King: Commissioner Fritz, this is Lauren King. Yes, we do have an update and is included in the amendment which the mayor will be introducing.

Fritz: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. The first amendment aligns with the start date of the proposal to extend land use review approvals retroactive to the start of the pandemic, specifically, the amendment that I proposed moves the start date back to March 8th of 2017. This amendment does not apply to sites in unincorporated Multnomah county or land divisions. This we referred to as mayor's amendment number 1. Is there any further discussion on number 1? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

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

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. The second amendment extends the proposal to allow for virtual public meetings until January 1st, 2024, to match the other proposals. Since we don't know how long this pandemic is going to be with us, obviously it makes sense to extend this proposal longer than the end of this year. Is there any further discussion on this amendment? This was mayor's amendment 2. Please call the roll.

Eudaly: I would just like to say that I support the extended time frame for virtual neighborhood contact meetings and that my office and civic life are in the process of procuring an online civic engagement platform that I think could serve these purposes very well. I vote aye.

Fritz: I continue to be concerned about moving only virtual meetings. Obviously it's the main option. And I have voiced this to the various people concerned and I know that they will continue to keep that in mind moving forward. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment passes. Amendment 3 is to reduce the amount of time the lower inclusion satisfactory housing rates would continue to apply outside of the central city and gateway from three years to one year. As I mentioned during our previously hearing I am committed to the Portland housing bureau study focused on ways to improve the inclusionary housing program. And I believe the one-year extension provides a reasonable time frame to align with this effort. Is there any further discussion on this amendment? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll.

Eudaly: I'm looking forward to that study as well. And the opportunity to refine these policies, make sure that we are not skewing incentives or closing loopholes and looking forward to that conversation. I vote aye.

Fritz: Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. As moved amendment 4 will postpone the effective dates of the system development charges for the bureaus of environmental services, water, and transportation. This amendment delays the effective date of the new rates until August 1st, 2020, to account for a permit processing delays at bds and allows applicants to minimize the financial impact of the sdc fee increases. During the last hearing this amendment was moved and seconded but the amendment did not include all of the exhibits. And included the water bureau. If there's no objection, I would like to make a friendly amendment to include exhibits c and d, exhibit c reflects the bes system development charge. D is the sdc fees. Exhibit d reflects pbot's sdc fees. Again, these are the fees that will be in place until August 1st, 2020. By friendly amendment also removes water bureau from the list. The water bureau has indicated that unlike the bes and pbot they do not assess sdc's at the time of application. My office circulated an ordinance to reflect this change. And assuming that everybody finds that language acceptable, I would like to withdraw my previous amendment and have a motion and a second to put this one on the table instead which we will then vote on.

Fritz: Second.

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Wheeler: We have a second from commissioner Fritz. I have moved it. Call the roll.

Eudaly: Aye.

Fritz: Just to further explain what the mayor said, the other infrastructure bureaus get their system development charges on permit application intakes. That makes sense for them to delay the month to accommodate the delay. The water bureau does not receive system development charges until the developer is ready for installation which is months to years after the permit has been taken in and issued. And since it's completely up to the developer when they request a fee statement from the water bureau which signals they are ready for the water installation to be performed, we apply the rights of the fiscal year when they are made when the request is made. So it wouldn't be way to capture the, help the folks intended to benefit from this extension. I appreciate the mayor and his staff's quick work to get this done as well as the assistance of the city attorney's office. Aye.

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted and thank you, commissioner Fritz. Finally, staff has prepared updated findings, exhibit a to the ordinance to reflect the amendments and testimony that we received. This is a new amendment and requires a motion and a second. Can I get a motion and a second to amend the ordinance by substituting updated exhibit a?

Eudaly: So moved.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Second from commissioner Fritz. Any questions or comments on that particular one before we call the roll? Seeing none, Karla, please call the roll on that exhibit. Or amendment.

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

Wheeler: Aye. All right. All right. Are there any further questions or statements from my colleagues before we move this on?

Fritz: It's good to get, this is going to making to another vote next week?

Wheeler: Correct.

Fritz: I just want to state for the record how grateful I am to attorneys. I mentioned this this morning. But in particular, not only attorneys but planners and permit staff and all of the people who process these permit applications and all the dot the i's and cross the t's and make sure the money is done correctly. I do appreciate all of these attention to detail. And I am confident that we got it right now. Thanks, everybody.

Wheeler: Very good. I also want to thank staff who have worked so hard to prepare this proposal very quickly and address the covid-19 impacts on the development review customers. This is obviously pretty thick stuff. And it's times like this when I am glad we all have really smart staffs, both at the council level and in our bureaus, and our legal department to be able to help us muddle through all of this. So thank you. This matter is continued to July 29th at 10:00 a.m. Time certain for a second reading and a vote on the proposal. If council is in full agreement on the proposal at that hearing, we have the option of adding an emergency clause to the ordinance. Before I conclude the hearing I see Laura and that always make me very twitchy.

Lauren King: I wanted to make sure we had it continued to a date and sometime certain and you had it.

Wheeler: All right. Very good. Thank you to our counsel clerk staff for hanging with us all do and doing an exceptional job. Thank you to to our bureau leadership and staffers who are with us all day. Thank you to my colleagues and their staffs and to everybody who testified today. Thank you. This concludes today's hearing. We are adjourned.

Council adjourned at 4:43 p.m.