



CITY OF
Portland, Oregon

Official
Minutes

October 28-29, 2020

Date and time

October 28, 2020 at 9:31 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:42 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Karen Moynahan, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Consent Agenda

On a Y-5 roll call, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Date and time

October 28, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 7:56 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Naomi Sheffield, Deputy City Attorney

Date and time

October 29, 2020 at 2:01 p.m.

Council adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

Keelan McClymont

By Keelan McClymont
Clerk of the Council

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue
WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, OCTOBER 28, 2020**

Disposition:

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, Hardesty and Ryan, 5.

Please note, City Hall is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

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 teleconference, 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.

Provide Public Testimony: City Council will hear public testimony on resolutions and ordinances (first readings only). Testimony is not taken on communications, reports, second readings, proclamations or presentations in accordance with Code 3.02.040 F. and G. Public testimony will be heard by electronic communication (internet connection or telephone). Please identify the agenda item(s) you want to testify on, and then visit the Council Clerk's agenda webpage to register, www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/councilagenda. Provide your name, agenda item number(s), zip code, phone number and email address. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated at the meeting.

The deadline to sign up for the October 28-29, 2020 Council meetings is Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Email the Council Clerk at cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov with any questions.

COMMUNICATIONS

845 Request of Jake Dockter to address Council regarding Physicians for Human Rights report detailing Portland Police Bureau brutality and Portland Fire lack of response (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

846 Request of Dana Louis to address Council regarding shelter-in-place villages (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

847 Request of Kaitlyn Dey to address Council regarding audit of Enhanced Services Districts (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

848 Request of Al Ochoa to address Council regarding Emergency Relief Funds for cannabis businesses suffering loss and damages due to increased criminal activity and recent wildfires (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

<p>849 Request of Kim Lundin to address Council regarding Emergency Relief Funds for cannabis businesses suffering loss and damages due to increased criminal activity and recent wildfires (Communication)</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>TIMES CERTAIN</p>	
<p>S-850 TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Initiate foreclosure action on four properties for the collection of delinquent City Liens placed against the properties (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested Motion to accept the substitute: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)</p>	<p>SUBSTITUTE PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>851 TIME CERTAIN: 10:15 AM – Proclaim October 28, 2020 to be Shriill Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>852 TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Accept the Quarterly Technology Oversight Committee Report from the Chief Administrative Officer (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 30 minutes requested Motion to accept the report: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p>	
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p>	
<p>853 Reappoint Sam Rodriguez to the Portland Design Commission for a term to expire November 1, 2024 (Report) (Y-5)</p>	<p>CONFIRMED</p>
<p>854 Reappoint David Widmark to the Home Forward Board of Commissioners for a term to expire March 19, 2024 (Resolution) (Y-5)</p>	<p>37512</p>
<p>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p>	
<p>Portland Bureau of Transportation</p>	
<p>*855 Accept a grant in the amount of \$140,000 from Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Parkrose Neighborhood Action Plan, and appropriate \$108,750 in FY 2020-21 budget (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p>190178</p>
<p>*856 Accept a grant in the amount of \$195,000 from Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Lower Southeast Rising Area Plan, and appropriate \$97,500 in the FY 2020-21 budget (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p>190179</p>
<p>857 Authorize the Oregon Public Works Emergency Response Cooperative Assistance Agreement with the Oregon Department of Transportation and others for cooperative assistance during emergency conditions (Ordinance)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>

<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p>		
<p>858 Proclaim October 2020 to be Domestic Violence Awareness Month (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty) 20 minutes requested</p>		<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p> <p>Bureau of Transportation</p>		
<p>859 Create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk, stormwater, sanitary sewer and water main improvements in the NW Park Ave and Johnson - Kearney Sts Local Improvement District (Second Reading Agenda 833; C-10069) (Y-5)</p>		<p>190180</p>
<p>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</p> <p>Bureau of Environmental Services</p>		
<p>860 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for the Columbia Slough Sediment Program not to exceed \$325,000 over five years (Ordinance)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>861 Amend contract with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. to expand design, permitting, and construction support engineering services for the Columbia Blvd Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Treatment Expansion Program, Project No. E07947, not to exceed \$14 million (Second Reading Agenda 842; amend Contract No. 30006543) (Y-5)</p>		<p>190181</p>
<p>Parks & Recreation</p>		
<p>862 Authorize competitive bid solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the Gabriel Park Play Area Improvements Project (Ordinance)</p>		<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>Commissioner Dan Ryan</p> <p>Bureau of Development Services</p>		
<p>863 Amend permit fee schedules for building, electrical, land use services, mechanical, enforcement, plumbing, signs, site development, and land use services fee schedule for the Hearings Office (Second Reading Agenda 827) (Y-5)</p>		<p>190182</p>
<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p>		

<p>864 Establish rules and limitations on Portland Police Bureau members subject to deputization by federal law enforcement agencies (Resolution) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to amend the Resolution to include "ORS 181A.250, which prohibits collection or maintenance of people's social, political or religious affiliation without suspicion of criminal conduct": Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	<p>37513 AS AMENDED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SUSPENSION OF THE RULES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioner Amanda Fritz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">City Attorney</p> <p>864-1 Authorize the City Attorney to institute proceedings challenging the Multnomah County District Attorney's ordering the release of public records disclosing the personal cellular phone numbers of City employees when in text message records (Resolution)</p> <p>Motion to suspend the rules, pursuant to Portland City Code 3.02.040(l)(8), and immediately hear agenda item related to the filing of a lawsuit to protect the personal cell phone numbers of City employees from release under a public records request: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	<p>37514</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 28, 2020</u></p> <p>THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, Hardesty and Ryan, 5.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4; Hardesty absent)</p>	
<p>865 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Adopt the FY 2020-21 Fall Supplemental Budget and make other budget-related changes (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 2 hours requested</p> <p>See page 5 for proposed amendments.</p>	<p>CONTINUED TO NOVEMBER 5, 2020 AT 2:00 PM TIME CERTAIN</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, OCTOBER 29, 2020</u></p> <p>THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, and Ryan, 4.</p>	

<p>866 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Amend Trees in Development Situations Code to remove zone exemptions from tree preservation and tree density and amend regulations for preservation of private trees (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Ryan; amend Code Chapter 11.50) 3 hours requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the substitute ordinance: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. (Y-4)</p> <p>Motion to amend the substitute ordinance to strike directive (b) and revise directive (c) to include, 'The EOA update must be expedited as a priority for BPS': Moved by Fritz and seconded by Ryan. (Y-4)</p> <p>Motion to amend directive (a) so the reference is to Exhibit A only: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-4)</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING NOVEMBER 4, 2020 AT 9:30 AM AS AMENDED</p>
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**Proposed Amendments to the FY 2020-21 Fall BMP Ordinance
October 28th, 2020**

Mayor Wheeler

1. Motion to strike and replace the language in directive h in the FY 2020-21 Fall Supplemental Budget as proposed:

- \$1.9 million in ongoing Recreational Cannabis Tax Fund and \$1.5 million in one-time General Fund resources will be allocated for a pilot initiative with Reimagine Oregon community partners as described in Exhibit 2. The pilot will provide for a community-led process that seeks to promote anti-racist investments by expanding economic opportunities, wealth creation, and restorative justice to communities that have been disproportionately impacted by police violence, mass incarceration, cannabis prohibition, and the criminal legal system and that conform with the uses identified in Measure 26-180 as related to the cannabis tax allocation.

The City Budget Office, Civic Life, and the Office of Equity and Human Rights will work with Reimagine Oregon and their chosen consultant to ensure alignment between pilot goals and the City's capacity in order to ensure pilot success and the building of trust in the City's processes. The one-time General Fund resources shall be dedicated to supporting the deployment of the pilot and the goals as determined by Reimagine Oregon in consultation with the aforementioned City bureau partners, and to providing sufficient City bureau capacity to provide requested support.

This pilot project is intended to dismantle anti-black processes. Lessons learned from the Pilot and practices supported by community will inform and be applied to the annual budget process and budget monitoring processes (BMP) by Council. Council commits to being updated on the program at each of the budget monitoring processes and during the annual budget to hear from community on its progress, revisit funding levels, and take recommendations from Reimagine OR community partners for improvements.

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. Vote not called.

2. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed in order to transfer funding allocated for the SOLVE contract from the Homeless &

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Urban Camping Impact Reduction Program in the Office of Management & Finance to the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability:

- Decrease bureau program expenses in the Office of Management & Finance in the Facilities Services Operating Fund by \$77,000, and reduce General Fund cash transfer revenues into the Facilities Services Operating Fund by \$77,000.
- Increase bureau program expenses in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability General Fund by \$77,000 to reflect funding for the Keep It Pretty, Rose City volunteer cleanup project. Increase General Fund resources in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability by \$77,000.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. Vote not called.

3. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in Prosper Portland's General Fund by ~~\$20,000~~ \$25,000 in one-time resources to help support a Downtown Retail Advocate position.
- Reduce unrestricted General fund contingency by ~~\$20,000~~ \$25,000 one-time to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. Vote not called.

Motion to amend the amendment to revise the amount from \$20,000 to \$25,000: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. Vote not called.

4. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Office of the Mayor's General Fund by \$70,000 in one-time resources to partner with CareOregon to further develop a comprehensive approach to assist first responders and community with sobering, addiction recovery, and behavioral health response.
- Reduce the General Fund policy set-aside allocated for the future sobering contract by \$70,000 one-time to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. Vote not called.

5. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Amend Exhibit #2 to include the following Current Appropriation Level Target adjustment:

Decrease the CAL Target for the Portland Police Bureau by \$2,307,654 for the housing and services contract currently managed by the Service Coordination Team. Increase the CAL Target by \$2,307,654 plus inflation in the Portland Housing Bureau for the Joint Office of Homeless Services to take over ownership of this contract.

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Ryan. Vote not called.

6. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Amend Exhibit #2 to include the following Current Appropriation Level Target adjustment:

Increase CAL Targets in bureaus with new ongoing General Fund allocations authorized in the Fall Supplemental Budget as amended by the estimated ongoing impact of these changes. These appropriations may be later adjusted based on costs to be funded through the General Fund overhead model, updated information from the Bureau of Human Resources, actual costs of positions hired, or other information that becomes available after the Fall Supplemental Budget is adopted.

Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Fritz. Vote not called.

Commissioner Fritz

1. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Portland Parks & Recreation General Fund by \$22,185 in one-time resources to cover protest-related damages and labor costs.
- Decrease unrestricted General Fund contingency by \$22,185 one-time to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. Vote not called.

2. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Portland Parks & Recreation General Fund by \$87,946 in one-time resources to fund costs associated with restroom services from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. These expenses are additional and directly associated with running one of the only public restrooms in downtown amid protests, COVID, and the current human health crisis.
- Decrease unrestricted General Fund contingency by \$87,946 one-time to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Fritz and seconded by Ryan. Vote not called.

3. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Office of Equity & Human Rights General Fund by \$170,000 in ongoing General Fund resources. \$110,000 of this total will support ongoing quarterly train-the-trainer workshops for 10-20 facilitators and trainers across City bureaus to help implement Results Based Accountability Citywide. \$50,000 of this

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total will establish an ongoing professional development budget for the Office of Equity & Human Rights staff, bureau equity staff, and Citywide training. The remaining \$10,000 will be used to develop new e-learning and in-person training courses.

- Decrease the one-time transfer of unallocated ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency to the General Fund Stability policy set-aside by \$170,000 to fund this change in FY 2020-21. Ongoing funding for this position will come from the unallocated ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency resources and be included as a CAL Target adjustment for FY 2021-22.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Fritz and seconded by Ryan. Vote not called.

4. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Reduce bureau program expenses in the City Budget Office General Fund by \$41,250 and reduce bureau program expenses in the Office of Government Relations General Fund by \$41,250 on a one-time basis to fund current year costs associated with a small bureau equity manager to be housed in the Office of Equity and Human Rights.
- Increase bureau program expenditures in the Office of Equity and Human Rights General Fund by \$82,500 on a one-time basis, and add 1.0 permanent regular FTE to provided dedicated, focused equity manager support to small bureaus managing key Citywide processes affecting City equity outcomes, beginning with the Office of Government Relations and the City Budget Office.
- Amend Exhibit #2 to direct the City Budget Office to increase the Current Appropriation Level target for the Office of Equity and Human Rights by \$165,000 to provide permanent and consistent equity manager support and ensure progress on equity outcomes in key Citywide processes managed by small City bureaus.

Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. Vote not called.

5. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Portland Parks & Recreation General Fund by \$32,024 on a one-time basis to extend 4 seasonal maintenance workers in the Downtown Service Zone area for 8 weeks, and provide appropriate fleet rentals for 8 weeks.
- Reduce General Fund unrestricted contingency by \$32,024 on a one-time basis to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. Vote not called.

6. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Office of Equity & Human Rights General Fund by \$128,806 in ongoing General Fund resources and authorize 1.0 permanent FTE to support a policing-focused Equity Data Analyst housed in the Office of Equity & Human Rights whose assigned task is to work with the Portland Police Bureau's Equity and

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Inclusion Office and Strategic Services Division to increase the use of Equitable Data Practices.

- Decrease the one-time transfer of unallocated ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency to the General Fund Stability policy set-aside by \$128,806 to fund this change in FY 2020-21. Ongoing funding for this position will come from the unallocated ongoing General Fund unrestricted contingency resources and be included as a CAL Target adjustment for FY 2021-22.
- Reduce bureau program expenses in the Office of Equity & Human Rights General Fund by \$64,403 in one-time resources to reflect the anticipated partial-year savings for this position. Increase one-time unrestricted General Fund contingency by \$64,403 to balance this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Fritz and seconded by Wheeler. Vote not called.

Commissioner Eudaly

1. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Office of Community & Civic Life General Fund by \$1.75 million in one-time resources for the Oregon Worker Relief Fund.
- Decrease the General Fund Stability Reserve policy set-aside by \$1.75 million one-time to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Eudaly and seconded by Hardesty. Vote not called.

Commissioner Hardesty

1. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Decrease bureau program expenses in the Portland Police Bureau General Fund by \$18,022,101 in ongoing resources.
- This change will be balanced in two ways, both one-time and ongoing. To balance FY 2020-21 on a one-time basis:
 - o Increase external materials and services in the Special Appropriations General Fund for the Emergency Coordination Center food assistance program by \$7,450,000 in one-time resources.
 - o Increase external materials and services in the Special Appropriations General Fund for the Emergency Coordination Center hygiene stations program by \$1,075,000 in one-time resources.
 - o Increase external materials and services in the Special Appropriations General Fund for the Emergency Coordination Center outdoor shelter program by \$1,050,000 in one-time resources.
 - o Increase external materials and services in the Special Appropriations General Fund for the Emergency Coordination Center household essentials program by \$300,000 in one-time resources.

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- o Increase external materials and services in the Portland Housing Bureau General Fund by \$7,547,101 in one-time resources for universal eviction defense. The Portland Housing Bureau will work with the Joint Office Of Homeless Services and the Office of Commissioner Eudaly on this effort.
 - o Increase external materials and services in the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability General Fund by \$500,000 in one-time resources to help address the digital divide for our disabled community members.
 - o Increase external materials and services in Portland Fire & Rescue General Fund by \$100,000 in one-time resources for increased Crisis Intervention Training.
- To balance the reduction on an ongoing basis starting in FY 2021-22, Amend Exhibit #2 to add the following Current Appropriation Level Target adjustments:
 - o Increase General Fund Contingency Policy Set-Aside by \$1,000,000 in ongoing resources for the creation of a Latinx Youth Development fund.
 - o Increase General Fund Contingency policy set-aside by \$2,500,000 in ongoing resources for Portland Street Response.
 - o Increase General Fund unrestricted contingency by \$14,522,101 in ongoing resources to provide stability to FY 2021-22's General Fund budget, or to be available for additional emergent community needs.
 - Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. Vote not called.

2. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Reduce bureau program expenses in Special Appropriations by \$2,125,000 in one-time General Fund resources for the COVID-19-related hygiene and outdoor shelter programs.
- Increase General Fund policy-set aside for Portland Street Response on a one-time basis by \$2,125,000 to balance this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. Vote not called.

3. Motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed:

- Increase bureau program expenses in the Bureau of Emergency Communication in the Emergency Communications Fund by \$95,500 in one-time resources and authorize 5.0 permanent, regular Senior Dispatch positions for Portland Street Response. This represents the total anticipated cost for personnel expenditures starting in May 2021. The ongoing costs for these positions starting in FY 2021-22 will be funded through increased 911 tax revenue from the State of Oregon.
- Reduce General Fund policy-set aside for Portland Street Response on a one-time basis by \$95,500 to fund this change.
- Update Exhibits 1-5 as needed to reflect this change.

Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Eudaly. Vote not called.

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October 28, 2020 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: October 28th, 2020. Please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: Under portland city code, the council is holding this meeting electronically. All are attending remotely by video conference. The public is able to listen to the broadcast. It is available on the youtube channel and channel 30. The council provides written testimony to council by e-mailing the council. The council has -- has taken these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and they need to limit contact. This is an emergency that threatens the public safety. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through these difficult circumstances to conduct the city's business. With that we'll hear from legal council on the rules of order and decorum.

Karen Moynahan: Good morning, mayor and council members. To participate in meetings, sign up with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also bring up testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The council agenda at portlandoregon.gov is where you can sign up for testifying. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist, if you're representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Generally, it is three minutes. When your time is up the officer will ask you to conclude. Not look or interrupting others won't be allowed. Disruptions a warning will be given. Please be aware that all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. First up is communications, keelan item 845.

Clerk: Request of jake dokter to it address council regarding physicians for human rights report detailing portland police bureau brutality and portland fire lack of response.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Jake Dockter: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Jake Dockter: Thank you. Well, i plan to talk about the -- the human rights watch and other

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organizations sent a letter to 3,500 mayors and used portland as an example of brutality and police aggression. I had planned to talk about why our police are documented as supporting far right nationalists. It has been refused to be investigated. 50 percent of the force is untrained, lied about chemical weapons to oversight groups and continues to allow brutality with impunity. I intended to discuss rapes and murders but then the other day, mayor wheeler talked about the election security plan. I changed my plans. I apologize. My concerns are with the election security plans, something worked on days before the election when we have known this is going to be an issue for months and in which it is stated all options are on the table, including use of poisonous toxic chemicals and animal life and banned by the geneva convention. The city is saying come brutalize our people and don't worry about it and disenfranchise the voters. The plans from the city and governor used to have acceptable collateral damage. Who are we willing to sacrifice? As a result of failures from the police and the demand for change and more money and resources, so i ask you a few questions and i hope to have answers. How many indigenous and black and people of color being beaten by police are acceptable? Portland police have gassed homes while parents begged them not to. How many toddlers and families being gassed in their bed are acceptable? Mayor Wheeler, you said you met with public safety. Have you met with the families and the fathers that are attacked by portland police? Have you see or met the children wearing gass masks that were not provided by the city? And have you met with the people -- the 92 percent of people whose crimes have not been solved by portland police? Have you met with the people who had their rapes not cleared by the police? Have you met with the 60 percent of portland? We have crimes well below the national averages. And the response is to continue to give money and more. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: The answer is yes. You shouldn't think i meet with this group or that group and it is exclusionary of others. I talk to everybody in the city. There's nobody i won't talk to. The answer is yes. I always appreciate your thoughts. I don't always agree with your conclusions. I appreciate your thoughtfulness, so thank you for being here today. Next individual.

Clerk: Request dana louis to address can council regarding shelter in place villages.

Dana Louis: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Dana Louis: Good morning mayor and council. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak and thank you mayor wheeler for coming to c3PO. It is created in -- as response to our current problem and trying to figure out how we can have shelter in place camps. That came together in March within two weeks 17 different orgs came together led by Join to figure out

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how to do this. We are up for funding, funding is supposed to be up in Dec 31 and I'm here to encourage you to extend funding. This is models for r2d2 and they helped us work towards the success of what is happening on site. This is an incubator two progress and it is part of the solution to affordable housing. I hope you saw the videos i submitted by the people in the villages now. The gentlemen spoke clearly about -- about the end game for them is actually housing and the notion they're safe in the villages, it contributes to their ability to thrive and feel safe and look for jobs and be supportive. I'm the director of an organization called gather makes shelter. I started three years ago and worked with 21 different locations and agencies across portland and joining the coalition as soon as this started. I tried to figure out how we could not only help people survive and thrive during this time. This shelter contributes many parts of the project, including job skills to bring people together. Some examples of this as soon as the camps started on the east side, i got a call from the business people saying this is ugly. What do you think about that? I said you have an opportunity here. It ended up being a win-win. A dear friend said this changes everything for us because we don't walk into a cage of tents, we walk in the clouds and water, we have the dignity of saying we live by the clouds and water. What can you do on this side looking at the northwest location. I talked about the outside and inside and said the people on the inside wanted the clouds and water on the inside.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Louis: Oops.

Hardesty: Could we let her finish. I want to hear what she has to say.

Wheeler: Please go ahead and continue.

Louis: Thank you commissioners, i just -- i just want to sort of -- giving examples of the correlations with cp-30 draws connections in all communities, those in the villages and communities outside and brings people together to help form solutions. So the people in the northwest neighborhood association said, yes, we will fund this and yes, the clouds and the water can be on the inside, and even though we don't see that we want to contribute to the health and well-being of the people in the village. When we installed those wraps on the inside and we -- we gather makes shelter is stipend for those that contribute. These are beautiful. How does it happen? I said i fund raise and i everything is funded by citizens and individuals and it is for city individuals. People in the condos and businesses here have said that they want to contribute to your health and well-being. The person said, i can't believe that because i thought those people hated us. I said no actually they're really interested in supporting you. I want to talk about projects and outcomes. We started a gardening project is not only people being

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gardeners on site. It also turned into people getting jobs off site as a result of the connections we made and helped make for people. It is not just the projects from gather make shelter and the people living in the -- in the villages that are igniting these ideas, it is also other people. So for example, somebody recently came to me from dennis uniforms, tom shipley and he said i like to help you start a cottage interest in making t-shirts. They're buying the machines to allow us to do that. A shipper came to us and said would you like a space? They're giving us a space that we're opening today in the pearl district. It is connecting people inside and out. People trying it find ways to connect with the project and cp30 and the village model thrive into the future. I want to thank you for your extended time. I got in the mail, just went to the post box office. We were noted by portland monthly as the organization that does the most with the least from the light a fire awards. I got a note from tobias read the treasurer a thank you for the work and we're following you and we want you to continue and appreciate it.

Wheeler: Awesome.

Louis: Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you, dana, i think commissioner hardesty had a question.

Hardesty: Yes, i did. Thank you so much for your testimony. What timely testimony it is. I also want to make sure that i make a point that the mayor and i work miracles to put those camps in place and i am so proud to see the biggest community stepping up in ways that i knew they would, not just a neighborhood business organization but also the portland business alliance. Without the support of the businesses we wouldn't be able to do that. I'm proud of how the community came together to do fabulous work. You warmed my heart today, because i was just thinking how horribly cold it was out there this morning when i went on my walk. So you warmed my heart knowing that we're helping people stabilize and get employment and get their lives on track. You're just, thank you thank you thank you for what you're doing. I greatly appreciate you and all of the folks who accepted up. We don't hear about it at city council about the volunteer efforts on the street but i hear about it constantly from community members. Thank you for making time to be here today. Didn't have any questions. Just wanted to give you lots of love because this is a day where people who are doing extraordinary work should receive lots of love. Thank you.

Louis: Thank you commissioner hardesty. I appreciate that so much. I appreciate the people in your office who come to the coalition meetings and listen and show up at camps and hear what we to say. I feel your love and continued support, thank you so much.

Hardesty: You're welcome. That's why we pay them the big bucks everywhere. Thank you.

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Appreciate you being here.

Wheeler: Thank you, dana. Thank you for the visit the other day i enjoyed it.

Louis: I appreciated it too.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual please.

Clerk: 847 request of kaitlyn dey to address council regarding audit of enhanced service districts.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Kaitlyn Dey: Good morning commissioners. My name is kaitlyn and i'm researcher with the project for enhanced districts. This research is what fostered the city to do an audit which you learned more about last thursday. I appreciate the questions asked by commissioners during the session, especially from hardesty and eudaly. I hope that stays with the council as a whole. I want to highlight something that alexandra said during that session. I think the first thing that council need to do is investigate the contracts with the police, the district attorney and private security. The audit did not focus on these contracts. They're the most concerning aspects of ests. So we've made public record request recently where we received documents from the auditor and one of those documents, an interview with the head of portland patrol the auditor had. He was resistant to give information, saying at one point that the auditor had no right to ask the questions by virtue of being a private company. It has been unfair by virtue of owning property you have access to the police and district attorney which the public does not have. I think this is especially concerning when we see groups like portland business alliance which is one of the largest bodies. And they have meetings with these entities through things like the downtown security network which are not open to the public. Basically they have access to all of this information that we don't. To me, this was effecting the city decision-making and the public has no say in that. Another example of how the districts are inherently inequitable no matter how much oversight. They're designed this way and it is a broken system. I hope you respond to the audit and consider all options on the table, and that includes rebuilding the districts entirely instead of just jumping to reforming them. I think it has -- we're so past the point of reforming these districts and because they're inherently inequitable by the makeup, and i think we need to reconsider the districts. I want to urge council to support hardesty's suggestion to cut the budget by 18 million. As we defund the public police, it is imperative we don't fund private police through ESDs. I have more to say and can't cover it. I encourage you to work with us and we're ready and willing to talk and have a vast amount of knowledge and would like to know your next steps. That's all i have to say. Thank you commissioners.

Wheeler: Thank you kaitlyn.

Clerk: Next up we have --

Hardesty: My hand was up.

Wheeler: Sorry. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: I had a question for kaitlyn, the central east side service district is the newest one and as you know, we took great pains to make that one a lot different than the other ones. Do you have any reflections on the newest one that is in the central east side industrial district?

Dey: Yeah. So i think the main problem with it is even -- i think -- so during the central east side process one main point of contention was the private security contract. I feel like a lot of us as we see that go forward, it seemed like it wasn't actually addressing concerns we had with security. Instead it was just rebranding by calling them safety ambassadors and especially if you see on the website they often say they don't conduct sweeps but one thing they do is that they will if a private business calls tell people to move along and we have heard people that are living outside in the central east side but a lot of times it seems like an intimidation tactic. They're constantly being told on public sidewalks that they need to move even though they're not actually in front of businesses. That really is the big concern. We're also not seeing as much accountability from the central east side. They're doing oversight and sharing a lot of reports. We're still not seeing them being representative of the houseless community. I know the safety oversight committee they have one person but they haven't been able to attend meetings. Even though they're on the board, they're not having a lot of input. I don't see it operating exactly how it was supposed to. Even when it was passed with the amendments that were made, i still was pretty critical and i think that goes back it that inherent inequity that these are going to be controlled by property owners and just because there's some representation from the houseless community, it is not actually by and for the houseless community. Thank you.

Hardesty: I appreciate your reflections. I do think that because it has been enhanced service districts that we have, we have an opportunity to make that one a model. I look forward to following that with you later on your ideas as well as other rap members ideas on how to make that a model. It doesn't hire police and district attorneys it is probably the one we could have the most impact on at the moment as we look at the ones that are coming up for renewal. I really appreciate you being here and your insight. Thank you and thank rap. You're right without rap pushing, the audit probably would not have happened as timely as it did. I appreciate your work.

Dey: Thank you. One we're most critical of is clean and safe. We're going to have a lot of discussions about that going forward since they're up for renewal in 2021.

Hardesty: We all will. Thank you.

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Dey: Thank you.

Wheeler: 849, i'm sorry 48.

Clerk: Request of al coach chose is a to address council regarding emergency relief funds for cannabis businesses suffering loss and damages due to increased criminal can nall activity and recent wildfires.

Wheeler: Good morning, y'all.

Hardesty: Do you see?

Clerk: Yes.

Ochosa: Hello.

Ochosa: Honorable mayor and distinguished commissioners, my name is al and a state operator with several licensed facilities within the city of portland. I've been an advocate for several years. C fund delivers on street, equity and sustainability for the city's benefit. Although stigmatized this industry doesn't work in isolation. There's a symbiosis and the consumers and patients in the city, many of which are in bipod can communities. They provided the industry to extend well beyond the tax revenue. In addition to being one of the few remaining industries in the city with an active workforce, this industry provides vital relief to those suffering from the myriad of mental health challenges in 2020. The cannabis market has had record growth in sales at the start of the pandemic. Still the businesses have been excluded from federal emergency relief programs and also the lack of access to banking services as well as expensive and limited insurance offerings stacked with the burden of targeted robberies and wildfires adds additional hurdles. The council suggested that the impact of losses have already been dramatic. To share a personal example, cpot vice-chair suffered a targeted a violent robbery in august 21st when two armed men stole almost 250,000 dollars in cash can and inventory. The owner was tied up and beaten for 17 minutes. The police did not arrive for several minutes. The losses were uninsured due to lack of sufficient coverage. Many like his partner have suffered the trauma of robberies and ongoing concerns for safety. Even the brazen number, there may be more risks. We want sustainability of the cannabis tax to help with impacts. This unregulate market activity, the industry is supposed to be a safer access point for patients and consumers, especially those targeted with police interactions. We have these requests of city's leadership today. One, support the safety and needs of portland's cannabis patients and consumers by helping maintain legal access to these essential services. Two, protect the essential workforce of the cannabis industry from the negative consequences of underresourced and overburdened employers and lastly, use industry generated resources to recover and sustain social cannabis

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businesses now and in the future. As needed cpot will educate and inform and advise the city on policies that will insure the legal cannabis industry is diverse, equitable and sustainable in 2020 and beyond. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Wheeler: Last but not least, 849.

Clerk: Request of kim lundin to address council regarding emergency relief funds for cannabis businesses suffering loss and damages could you to increased criminal activity and recent wildfires.

Wheeler: Good morning, kim. Are you muted?

Kim Lundin: I am. Good morning. Thanks for the opportunity to speak with you today. As stated i'm kim lundin, the executive director of the oregon cannabis association. For those that don't know, we represent over 250 cannabis businesses across oregon with large representation in our home city of portland. I'm speaking today on behalf of our members in full support of cpot's request. Portland businesses have had devastating damages and losses due to criminal activity and the businesses are in danger of staying solvent and without a viable cannabis business, the economy and the city's cannabis tax fund will not continue to grow its average rate of 36 percent which provides much needed resources for community grants. Small businesses have been hit hard around the city this year. We know it is a tough year for everyone. The cannabis industry is facing some particular challenges that make our need for aid from the city level unique. We can't lose sight of the precarious position they're in because they do not qualify for the traditional structures to protect small businesses like outlined before. Help them repair and rebuild. The increase in robberies has led to high costs for extra security and property damage and lost revenues and first to close. Our members reported storewide lockups after robberies. Our industry is suffering. Employees are scared and business owners are worried about how to get through the next month despite revenue loss. I got a text message from one member who just received her third armed robbery in one of her stores. This is an epidemic that is particular to our city's dispensaries with potentially disastrous effects for the industry. On top of that the wildfires have -- have threatened the supply chain for us throughout the state. We're just starting to get reports of smoke damage. Depending on how large the coverage was this is deeply concerning. October 12th the offices outlining three critical requests that will help support the continued growth of the industry and long-term sustainability. C-pot requested is 8 percent above forecast. We were allowed to stay open thanks to the efforts of this council, if not the city would be decimated but because of that our industry has far exceeded the estimated growth.

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Now if we want that growth to be sustainable, we must protect the small businesses in their current moment of crisis. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Although cannabis has been legalized in Oregon obviously it is not legal under federal law so the industry faces a lot of unique challenges and I think ongoing discrimination and stigma despite the fact it is legal in Oregon. I'm committed to helping find resources that -- that these businesses can qualify for since we can't allocate federal relief dollars. I mean, you read the letter, I don't want to reiterate here. Thank you for being here. I -- I'm aware and very concerned. My staff are working on this issue to support the industry through these challenging times.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Ryan you have a comment?

Ryan: Yes, I too want to join Commissioner Eudaly in my appreciation for your comments. A lot of people don't understand what you're facing. The supply chains are affected, the infrastructure challenges and top it off the recent criminal activity. The revenues are helpful to the public and also there's a mental health crisis going on and a lot of people depend on that for medicine. Thank you for educating all of us today.

Wheeler: I'll jump in here on the bandwagon as well. Thank you. Thank you for coming today and sharing your concerns. The industry provides a bright spot in the future of our economy. We have a potential opportunity here. We were -- we were one of the first states that were at risk of squandering that leadership position. My office is happy to continue to work with your industry and a number of opportunities and potentially expanding the opportunity for people to use products in a social setting. Additionally the banking act is something I supported for many years. We need to acknowledge that your industry is legal and regulated and taxed industry and it should be allowed the same privileges and standards as an other legal and taxed and regulated industry. I look forward to continuing to work with you and other advocates and leaders in the industry. And I'm hopeful that as the tide turns here, we'll have more opportunity particularly at the federal level to make changes and help our local community thrive. We're providing other supports that other businesses are entitled to. Obviously our federal dollars come with restrictions but I believe there's always more we can do at the local level to support our entrepreneurs and small business owners. Thank you for your continued leadership. Thanks for coming in today. We appreciate hearing from you. That completes our communications for this morning. Any items pulled off the consent agenda?

Clerk: No. No requests.

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Wheeler: Please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: Consent agenda is adopted. I wanted to thank for the action plan. I think that's awesome. I want to acknowledge the work of their team and the p-bot crew as well. Next is time certain, we're good to start with item number 850.

Clerk: Initiate foreclosure action on three properties for the collection of delinquent city liens placed against the properties.

Wheeler: Four properties have delinquent liens and can be foreclosed. These were placed against the properties for code enforcement, code violations, nuisance abatement or chronic offender violations and delinquent on the lien payments. These properties are identified in causing significant problems for neighbors and subject for frequent police calls and numerous enforcement activities. These properties come before council as part of a coordinated effort by the mayor's office and the bureau of services and the bureau of revenue and financial services, the revenue division to actively pursue remedies including foreclosure for vacant and distressed properties. These foreclosures are not because of the pandemic but rather resulting from years of delinquencies and violations. Before we bring this up, i have been provided a proposed substitute ordinance. This was in the tuesday memo. I like to move the substitute ordinance.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: And we have a motion from myself and second from commissioner hardesty. Keelan please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: Substitute is on the table. Good morning. Good morning, Marco. How are you?

Marco Maciel: I'm [indiscernible] manager. With me as part of the group is [indiscernible] supervising plan.

Wheeler: Marco, i'm having trouble hearing you. Can you do us a favor, marco? Could you turn off your video? And could you move the microphone closer so we could hear you better?

Maciel: Hear me better.

Wheeler: Much better.

Maciel: With me is my [indiscernible] supervising development services. Callahan, city treasurer and then finally the senior [indiscernible].

Wheeler: You're still cutting out. Is there some way somebody else could read your presentation?

Maciel: Unfortunately, i don't think so. I can try again.

Wheeler: Okay.

Maciel: This is the seventh on the list which has -- we have brought to council. The properties in

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foreclosure today are vacant and distressed properties, provided by the bureau of development services. Is that better?

Wheeler: Yes.

Maciel: Development services which is the bureau responsible for enforcement of all of the maintenance violations identifies these properties as properties for foreclosure and the revenue division for processing for council to vote on whether to foreclose on the properties in the ordinance. The objectives of the process are to resolve the vacant and distressed properties that we have throughout the city, minimize the adverse effect caused by these properties and make these properties into productive use. This is a, next slide please. This is the revenue division of the bureau of financial services. The city treasurer and the city attorney's office. Is that still okay?

Wheeler: Yes.

Maciel: The city of portland in the community at large have expectation that property owners are responsible for their properties. Development services and -- and -- and adopt a property maintenance standard to achieve compliance when a property doesn't meet the standard. This approach includes appeals, a host of weavers that property owners may qualify for to avoid liens and the opportunity to connect property owners with the available programs for their situation. Only if these opportunities are to correct the violation respect exhausted we must be called enforcement fees are adopted. These are vacant and distressed properties can't be easily explained and the situation is different. They have similarities. Through no action of the properties, the city [indiscernible] with indebtedness and no communication by the property owner of the city even after the city tries multiple approaches over a long period of time. Additionally, it is difficult to describe how to gain a problem is best interest to all of the investment and property that are not producing cash flow. Next slide, please. Slide five, please. Thank you. Since 2016, the efforts of the foreclosure process the difference of the property resulted in 88 properties and services of which 25 have been brought to council for a vote, 68 have been paid in full and three have made payment arrangements. The amount covered is 278,000 and motivated many property owners to find a resolution to those properties. It is over 81 percent. Most of what we achieve is in lieu of foreclosure. We have 23 million dollars and so far we only have only delt with 25 properties to foreclosure and most of them proposed that we like for council and a lot of them resolve the problems and having to be foreclosed. The effort of the city is to try to help them and bring them into compliance. Today we present to council three vacant and distressed properties to be foreclosed. Each of the properties is vacant and distressed and has been limited resources that the city has to continue working toward ability health and

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safety. I like you to remember that the reason we have partners is that as of yesterday, someone, one of the owners came to the city and presented a plan and is working on it. So it was removed from the list. The next slide, please. Instead of four, should be three properties and these properties located at 3633 south Schiller street. There are four liens of the property. And april 11, 2011 and november 18, 2019 for 57 times directly to the property or its vicinity. This is over 20,000 dollars. This property belongs to Mr. -. Next slide, please. This property was consumed by fire six years ago and the property owner has been unable to find a solution to make the property habitable. The property was has been a social front by the neighbors to the environmental development services and the police department. The next one, please. The second property is located at 58 southeast cooper street. There's three liens against this property and 19 years of delinquency in november of 2011 and november of 2019 and [indiscernible] 23 times for the property or its vicinity. The amount owed to the city is in excess of 92,000 dollars. This property mr. Jeffery craig since may of 1986. Next slide, please. Next slide. According to reports provided by development services and violations and 10/15 were never corrected by many of the streamline when they schedule the property. Next slide, please. The last property is located at 90101 southeast hawthorne boulevard. There's four liens on this property, the amount owed to the city is in excess of 60,000 dollars and the record is norman e. between february 16 and august of 2018, police intervened ten times on this property. Next, please. To bring these performed by the city for the property. And 19 complaints and the negative position of the property. This property owner at some point owned 11 properties and every single one of his properties had serious housing violations and some new members of the council have -- have -- have -- are familiar of the property owner. The next one, please. The opportunity for the property owners to correct the violations and solve -- and solve it on the properties. As example when -- when property owners are willing to resolve the violations they could contact the development services and request a review of the cases. Once the review is complete the amount owed is to create then the division that will provide a payment plan that allows the property oftens to pay the amount owed in order of installments. One example is the developing services [indiscernible] problem where if the property is free of violations the property will [indiscernible] and pay a portion of the amount owed and or pay the remainder in monthly installments. The city has made many attempts for property owners. You admit you have problems and our efforts have grown therefore the revenue division of the bureau of financial services recommended that council approve these properties through foreclosure. Next, please. The next is the process when it comes to approval of the foreclosure of the property and the

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proposed ordinary -- ordinance. If the ordinance is approved, the responsibility for the city treasurer to conduct a sale. The property owner can have it sold after the sale date after the service they have one year [indiscernible] period. And yes, [indiscernible] and answer any questions that you may have.

Hardesty: Mayor, if i may?

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. Marco, i want to say i'm really grateful for the very detailed work that you do prior to -- prior to -- to attempting to foreclose on a property. Reading through your -- your information is it clear that we're not just running out and trying to grab up as much property as we can as a city. I want to compliment you and your team because by the time it gets to the city council clearly you've done everything in your power to get those properties back up to -- to an appropriate standard. So my compliments to you and your team. I remember the last time we had this -- we had foreclosures on the agenda there was a lot of outrage around it. I just want to compliment you. Clearly, this is a last resort when it gets in front of the city council. Thank you for your good work.

Maciel: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner hardesty, commissioner eudaly?

Eudaly: Thank you, mayor. I also appreciate the process and the information you shared with us. It really deeply pains me to think of anyone losing their property. I know that we've been -- would have given these owners money options. I do wonder if any of these property owners are BIPOC community members and i realize this may be beyond our scope. Do we have any idea if they have the resources to make the improvements? I mean, there's -- there's -- the reason why a property falls in disrepair and it is not always a lack of financial resources. I'm curious.

Maciel: We go out of our way to find some way, there's divorces and things like and if they're not the property owner that invested in the property and is what the majority are. One of the difficulties lately is nowadays we don't find anyone providing for services. We used to have -- to have -- to have the college up on the hill in the southwest that provide a group of people to help those who have been needing it and condition but nowadays it is almost impossible to find. Many of them come to a place where they start to defer the maintenance of the property. So as time goes by and the roof starts to leak and things start to happen, then it starts, the only solution is to leave the house and the house stays behind. We're the ones that have to come forward because the neighborhood started to be effected and they keep calling us and

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requesting us to intervene and that's what we're here for but not to -- not to really avoid bringing in the property foreclosure and sometimes some discomfort because we don't have the apparatus that we need or the intent or the desire to foreclose the wholesale basis. I think maybe objective that we have is to assist those who really are in need and want to make an effort to help themselves.

Eudaly: Any of the three properties occupied?

Maciel: No, none of them. They're all vacant and distressed.

Eudaly: I know they can be a real hazard to neighbors. Yeah, okay. Thank you.

Maciel: I don't think any one of us have any pleasure in taking away what they took a life to build but they chose a point when that -- that -- a lack of responsibility or ability affect the whole neighborhood.

Eudaly: It is the ability part that i'm concerned with. I have a neighbor down the street, retired woman who experiences mental illness and hoarded to the point where she had to move out of her house and became homeless. That house i believe was foreclosed on and sold and had to be torn down because of the level of neglect and damage to the home. It is heartbreaking to me that sometimes we just can't intervene sooner and avert outcomes like this. It does give me some comfort to know that they're not occupied.

Maciel: We are able to contact them and they're reasonable in trying to -- to let -- be assisted and we intervene successfully in a day we can find like i said, they are institutions that are able to assist. Some of them financed by the Portland housing bureau. That helps a lot. Many of them are helped.

Eudaly: Maybe you should give can us a report on the ones, the success stories.

Maciel: I would be -- i need to go back many years because this started probably -- i don't know, 2001, 2000, 2001. And be more than happy to do that.

Eudaly: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner eudaly. Commissioner fritz.

Fritz: Thank you. Thank you, marco, for the work over the years. A challenging problem. We did this issue and i learned from you that once the votes on the foreclosure that's a high percentage of property owners that start taking more interest and actually get the properties back in to shape, is that correct?

Maciel: That's correct.

Fritz: I think we -- we don't actually end up foreclosing on many of them because -- because the council's action won't be enough to get the property owner's attention. Thank you.

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Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Fritz. Commissioner Eudaly, another question? Any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one signed up for this item.

Wheeler: This is the first reading of nonemergency ordinance. It goes to second reading. Thank you Marco, for your presentation.

Maciel: Thank you Mayor, Council.

Wheeler: You bet. Next up is 851.

Clerk: Proclaim October 28th, 2020 to be ShriLL Day.

Wheeler: I'm pleased to introduce this next item. Proclamation declaring today, Wednesday October 28, 2020 ShriLL Day. It will be in the third season this month, right down in the South Park of Portland State. This continues the story of life in Portland and stars from Saturday Night Live. It is great to begin work on a third season and new depictions of Portland on the screen. At a time when the functions abate business activity continue to be challenging, it is great to see film production taking place safely in Portland and utilizing vendors, caterers and equipment and crews all based in town. The health and safety protocols of a path forward and now creating practices that will become a [indiscernible] for household production to safely continue working in COVID-19 era. Today we have Brian Lord. He's the program manager of the Portland Film Office across Portland to say a few words ahead of the proclamation as well as Lindy West who is the executive producer and co-creator of ShriLL. Go ahead when you're ready.

Brian Lord: Thank you. Good morning. I'm the program manager for the Portland Film Office at Prosper Portland. I'm making quick observations from review of the Portland's office ahead of the proclamation. ShriLL began third season of production earlier in town this month and had two seasons of more than 14 episodes already. ShriLL tells the story of Annie Easton and her life in Portland. ShriLL leads the ranks of multi-season shows. The cast and crew is largely welcome with 8 percent of the production made up of residents of the Portland metro area. This is inherent of how Portland looks on screen and obvious stewardship and filming in our neighborhoods. The ongoing partnership with Brown Stone Productions and Warner Brothers has likewise created stewardship for the city as well which I'll highlight in a moment. Then there's the economic impact to the local economy. In season one of production they spent 10.8 million dollars in Oregon on labor and local business services directly supporting 247 jobs. The second season of ShriLL has -- has had nearly 6 million dollars in Portland payroll and spent more than 350,000 dollars on hotels and hospitality in just a three month period. In the COVID-19 era this is providing important resources and opportunities for the supply chain here in town. For some perspective,

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each season of the production generated economic activity of a comparable scale to the small business relief fund from the cares act and doing our best for portland. Most importantly, shrill is part of a production of safe return to work in portland. Updated health and safety protocols have been put into place and they create a template for future projects to safely complete their production. Finally, there's a cultural impact that shrill had on our city and our city had on shrill. It was originally set in seattle, the importance of the positive experiences and relationships built with video helped shrill to be produced here with a similar local core team to those other shows. As a member of the economy here, the oregon media pathways program created an opportunity for -- for the production to add two paid interns onset during season two, the shot of the crew and focused on film production. The pathways program has focus on equity and those part of the program continue to work in the local industry. I want to say thank you especially pbot parks for helping getting a location in the city and at a rapid place. Portland is a great city. I want to thank you for your ongoing and active support of film production here in town. And finally speaking of support for filming in portland, i do want to note that during season one of shrill commissioner nick frisch and i are onset along with tim williams. The commissioner was enthusiastic that day and very appreciative of the production being here. He was also this with his family at the theater on the opening night screening for season one. I have fond memories of that time. I now like to introduce executive producer and co-creator of the show to say a few words.

Lindy West: Hi, hello. Is it me?

Wheeler: Hi.

West: Hi. Thank you so much. Such an honor, it is so -- so -- honestly, like very moving to me to get to be here and -- and address all of you. I'm -- i'm pacific northwest native. I'm from seattle. My parents are from seattle. We all went to high school. I spent many wonderful months in portland shooting shrill and of course before that i spent tons of time in portland. It feels like home to me. And when this whole project started many years ago in let's see, 2015, the book -- or 2015 i wrote the book. 2016 it came out. It is a memoir about my life and somehow it ended up here which is very confusing but when it came to -- to make -- time to make the show, i really insisted that i wanted to shoot it in the northwest. I didn't want to shoot in l.a. And pretend it was portland and have shots of the city. I wanted to shoot it in my home and because of the incredible local crew that had worked on portlandia, we got to do that and i think you can feel because it is a local crew so much of the cast is local, you can just really feel the love for portland and the love for the whole region and we try to really make portland a character in the

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show and present it in an authentic loving way. Because i'm a pacific northwest native, it is important to me to provide jobs for people in this region and to -- to be able to make something that is very truly of this place. We're starting season three later because of covid. I'm excited about -- about -- about all of the rain that is going to be in this season. You know, it has been a little bit, not felt quite right to present a sunny season and also because of covid, i can't be there. I'm not the one that has to sit outside in the tent and get rained on, so easy for me to say. I also wanted to say that what is so grateful to the city of portland and -- and you know, the cast from out of town absolutely feels like it is a second home after two seasons. I feel like this is backward and shrill the show should be declaring today portland day because we owe you so much. Thank you. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Thank you so much. Congratulations on your success and thank you brian for all of the great work you do on behalf of the office. So with that, i will read the proclamation. This is a proclamation on behalf of the entire city council and by extension the city for your amazing work. Shrill is beginning its third season of production in portland and whereas shrill has been innovator in story telling both on screen as well as behind the camera and whereas the film website rotten tomatoes estimated that, quote, sharp social commentary and star making performance from amy bryant creates a show that proves social acceptance is not one size fits all. Whereas shrill joins an array of shows across several seasons, including the librarians, portlandia, grim, trinkets. Whereas, that is hired over 750 crew members over its three years and has had around economic impact of over 50 million dollars as part of the -- of the nearly half a billion dollars of direct spending by the film and media industry and where as, shrill is as culturally significant as it is economically significant to portland, contributing to our renown as a deeply creative culture. And whereas shrill has had a significant impact behind the camera as it does in front of the camera, promoting the work of a diverse local cast and crew as well as the uniqueness to an international audience. Whereas portland city council acknowledged and confirmed support for the tv and film industry and the important role it plays in helping to make portland a vibrant, prosperous and livable community within resolution. I do here by proclaim october 28th, 2020 to be shrill day in portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you and i see commissioner fritz would like to have a comment. Commissioner fritz.

Fritz: I just wanted to thank you Linday for your leadership. My daughter and i are just really blessed by the show. I thank you very much for putting it on and i'm jealous of my friend and colleague commissioner getting to visit. Thank you so much everybody.

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Eudaly: I'm going to make a comment today but i'm too excited to see wendy west. No offense, brian. But when the -- when -- i owned a bookstore for 22 years before i joined city council and just want to say i've been a big fan of your writing for a long time. And it is such a treat to have you in the city and see where you today. Hopefully you'll be able to come back to portland sometime soon and maybe you can all see each other in person eventually. Thanks for being here today and thanks for the show.

Wheeler: That's awesome. Thank you. Thank you very much all of you and congratulations again to wendy and for your hard work on behalf of the city. We appreciate it. Next up is item 852.

Clerk: Accept the quarterly technology oversight committee report from the chief administrative officer.

Wheeler: Technology oversight committee is a citizen advisory committee that provides oversight for significant city of portland technology projects. Committee members are technology professionals that insure projects are completed within scope on point and on budget providing increased transparency. The committee reports to city council on a quarterly basis on the projects that it is overseeing. I'll turn it over to our presenters and three technology oversight committee members. Welcome and thank you for your service.

Jeff Baer: Good morning, mayor wheeler. I'm director of technology services. We have a change in our presentation this morning, we have our representative dyanna Garcia, the other representative wasn't able to make it this morning. You know dyanna represents commissioner fritz's office. Keelan, can i show my screen?

Clerk: Yes, go ahead. Up

Baer: Thank you.

Wheeler: Good morning, jeff, i didn't get a chance to say hello. How are you?

Baer: Good, thank you, mayor. See if i can share this. That okay?

Wheeler: Looks good.

Baer: Thank you. This -- just wanted to get you up to speed. Due to the pandemic, we haven't been in front of city council for a period of time. This is a roll-up report representing the months of january through september and we will be in resuming our regular reports to council beginning in january. So dyanna and i are here to provide updates that may not have been covered during -- during this reporting period and we can also provide an update from the most recent t.o.c. Meeting which took place this past monday evening and share the latest assessment. Slide two here. Slide two, you see the positive assessment of the portland online reporting system that went live in february. We were extremely fortunate to have launched that

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back in february prior to the pandemic and we had to -- as many of you know, we had to pivot our work to a low work environment and provide remote access through the system through our virtual private network. It remains more work to continue adding new features to the system. Providing additional comments to the program.

Dyanna Garcia: Thanks. Good morning council. It is good to see you. It has been a while. So we wanted to express a few things. One, the team has done such a great job with this project. It was not an easy effort. And they have many hurdles that we counseled them through and may -- and may -- took the insights and leveraged them as they could. And this was fantastic. It was a really great partnership between the team. The thing we want to make sure to be clear about is they put in a foundation for the new system. Going forward, it is -- you can can -- there's so much more left to do that we'll continue to make the system even better over time. The other thing that we wanted to make sure we conveyed was the system is the backbone, but it is not the end all, be all of the solution that need to happen from the bureau of development services. We know rebecca is doing a great job also of tackling the process issues and potential changes that may need to happen to bds over the course of kind of learning deploying the system. We want to say she's doing a great job at that. We just ask that the council continue to support her in that work as that will make the backbone and the foundation you already laid that much more important and will continue to provide value to the city for many years to come as you -- as you enhance and -- and -- and make the system really something that -- that -- that portland can be proud of and their development partners are really excited to engage with.

Baer: Thank you. Slide three here. And the other project was under appeal, the oversight, is the bureau of revenue and financial services, what is called is the integrated tax system or its. The up side, most are in green status. The system was launched on september 14th and the second part of the project which is called the network segmentation for the information feed is slated to be completed by the end of december. I'll pause there. Dana if you have any other comments on the its project?

Garcia: No, this project as you see is a smooth one. The project team has done an amazing job with this one as well. This in particular, though, even we had a conversation yesterday or monday that even the hiccups they brought to our attention they already resolved them by the time they brought them to us. It was a pleasure to see it go as smoothly as it did. That really speaks to the partnership between the vendor and the city, as well as the leadership team within the city that has really made this successful. So kudos to them and really excited again to see what this can open up for opportunities for the city going forward.

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Baer: Thank you. I want to recognize, i saw jimmy who is another toc member in the audience. He represents commissioner eudaly. So just wanted to recognize him as being here. This concludes the report and we're happy to answer questions.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty, do you have a comment?

Hardesty: I do. I want to say i love you guys. You guys put so much energy in helping us with our technology and i just always appreciate the thoroughness of your work, the fact that you have expertise that we desperately relied on. Thank you. I wish you had been here last week when we were talking about permitting it at bds and you would have heard the comments from community members who are still frustrated with our system. But i do think the better we are at putting the right technology in place, the easier it will be for the public to use it and the more the public will have a reliance on it as well. Hi, jimmy, i didn't mean to leave you out as well. Welcome, thanks for being here. You guys are awesome. I say how come the technology committee isn't looking at this? Not that we don't keep you busy enough and we know you have day jobs. Thank you for the work that you do. And you are -- what about -- what about shiny stars when it comes to committees that do what they're supposed to do and provide the information and always in a timely manner.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner fritz?

Fritz: I want to thank dyanna for having been my representative. I've been happy with the work you've done. And jeff baer gets to keep dyanna, she does. Nodding there. I'm sure you'll have that conversation and i'll let her know how kind and helpful you have been and just -- just -- just thanks for all of the work you've done.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner. Commissioner ryan?

Ryan: Yes, good morning, everyone. My friend jimmy. I want to say that i really appreciate you calling out rebecca in a kind way. They really had to adjust rapidly to covid to be there for their customers and the customer is going to tell them if they're not. It is always on with that bureau. I appreciate you being patient and thorough and -- and thank you for partnering with them. Appreciate it.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner ryan. I want to add my voice of praise. I really want to thank willford for being my representative and collectively you do such fabulous work. The truth is you understand these systems and technologies at a level that none of us do. We're extremely thankful for the oversight and the technology use that makes it easy for us to understand where we're being successful with the enterprise systems and where we need to focus our attention and the relationships encourage us to foster and strengthen and the ideas that you encourage

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us to support through a bunch of process is extremely helpful. It is the kind of direction that we need. I want to thank you all, not just for doing the work, but frankly the passion, the commitment that you bring to it. It is nearly contagious. Thank you for that. Colleagues this is a report so unless anybody has any other questions at this particular juncture can, i'll entertain a motion.

Hardesty: So moved, mayor.

Wheeler: Can i get a second, please?

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Motion from hardesty and second from ryan. Further discussion? Commissioner ryan i see you have your hand raised but i think that's a mistake.

Ryan: Mistake.

Wheeler: No worries. Call the roll.

Clerk: [roll called].

Wheeler: The report is accepted. We appreciate the work and look forward to seeing the next one. Thank you all. Let's see. That brings us to our regular agenda. Item number 858.

Clerk: Proclaim october 2020 to be domestic violence awareness month.

Wheeler: Good morning again, colleagues. I'm humbled to bring forward this proclamation with commissioner hardesty in awareness of domestic violence awareness month. It has impact on the community and the discomfort we feel with the issue and this highlights the importance of taking the time to honor victims and survivors and serves as a reminder of why the city of portland's role in a collaborative effort in our community around this issue is so critically important. One in four women and one in seven men have suffered domestic violence by their partner. It is estimated that domestic violence makes up about 15 percent of all violent crimes. Let's take a moment to let those numbers sink in. This work requires a high level of collaboration and service providers and local agencies. I now like to turn this over to commissioner hardesty who is the city's representative on the gateway center advisory council and liaison to the partnership we have with the county on these issues and after her comments, commissioner hardesty will read the proclamation on behalf of the council.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor and thank you for the partnership in presenting this resolution today. I want to say that covid has exacerbated domestic violence. We have seen a significant increase of calls to the 911 call center on domestic violence. The uptick in gun violence also can be partially laid at the feet of -- of domestic violence. What we know is that in economic uncertain times domestic violence goes up. I had the privilege of -- this year will be year four,

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being part of a -- of a people of color domestic violence program that seeks to educate and inform people who have experienced domestic violence as well as educating practitioners who are working with victims of domestic violence to insure that they have their need met. One of my honors of serving on the city council has been to serve on -- on the gateway board. The gateway domestic violence center board. What i know is the excellent work that they do 24 hours a day, seven days a week trying to help people be safe and have a safety plan when they're trying to escape a domestic violence situation. All the data tells us when people are leaving, it is the most dangerous time in a relationship that is experiencing domestic violence and that is the critical time where community resources must reach out to support community members. On behalf of the city council i will read the proclamation that we developed for this day. Whereas domestic violence is a crime that touches the lives of portlanders of all ages, leaving a deaf -- devastating impact on men, women and children of every background. It accounts for a significant number of assaults committed in the city of portland and nearly one-third of oregon women reported experiencing domestic violence, stalking, sexual or physical assault. Nearly one-third, let that sink in, whereas portland has demonstrated a long-standing commitment in addressing this problem along with the district attorney's office and the community providers and whereas 11 years ago the city of portland in cooperation with the county, the county district attorney's office and the circuit court and community partners opened the areas first one stop center for domestic violence victims. The gateway center for domestic violence services. Where as children who are exposed to domestic violence experience higher levels of adult depression and trauma symptoms and are much more likely than children not exposed to violence to tolerate violence in their adult relationships. Despite this, far too many men women and families and children in our communities are effected by domestic violence. The city of portland recognizes and thanks all of the organizations and groups that are committed to addressing, prevent and heal from domestic violence and often work directly with survivors to insure they have access to employment opportunities, housing, legal resources and other services. Now therefore, ted wheeler do her by proclaim october 2020 to be domestic violence awareness month in portland and than courage all residents to observe this month by gaining awareness of this issue and supporting organizations that work to address, prevent, help those effected by domestic violence. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner hardesty. I don't know if commissioners have comments. Commissioner ryan.

Ryan: I want to thank council for taking this moment in time to acknowledge this. Mr. Hardesty

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stated, it is really obvious that domestic violence is going up. I think it is also because of the isolation. I worry about the kids because you know, the fatalities, reported instances have gone down which just means the counselors don't have access to their intuition to see that. I think domestic violence and how it effects children. Like many, i was one of those kids that experienced it. So there's a lot going on in this isolated time that -- and we have to be aware a continue to -- to do all we can can to mitigate. Thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner ryan, appreciate it. Very good. Next up, before we move on from this, i also want it acknowledge former -- i want to acknowledge the -- the numbers that commissioner hardesty mentioned and they were called in the previous talking points that really deserve to be underscored. A third of women in the state of oregon indicate they have experienced firsthand domestic violence, stalking, sexual or physical assault. That is a statistic that we have to understand and have to continue to respond to. So thank you for this. It is -- it is not the most uplifting subject but it is truly important one. Commissioner hardesty, thank you for continue ing to provide leadership at the gateway center. It is an important institution. I want to acknowledge commissioner saltzman role in establishing the relationship with the gateway center and that portland city council had an active role in addressing this pervasive problem in the community. Dan, if you're out there, thank you for the leadership and as you can see the city council continues to support it with a lot of passion. So thank you. Next up is 859. Bureau of transportation.

Clerk: Create a local improvement district to construct street, sidewalk, storm water, sanitary sewer, and water main improvements in the northwest park avenue and johnson-kearney streets local improvement district.

Wheeler: This is a second reading. We already heard the presentation. We had opportunities for public testimony. Is there anything else related to this item of business? Seeing none, please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: Next item 860.

Clerk: Authorize intergovernmental agreement with the Oregon department of environmental quality for the Columbia slough sediment program not to exceed 325,000 dollars over five years.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz.

Fritz: Pulling up the right document. I had this on my agenda. Sorry. All right. 860.

Wheeler: 860.

Fritz: Sorry about this. Okay. This ordinance would authorize environmental services to continue working under an intergovernmental agreement with the oregon department of environmental

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quality to improve sediment quality and protect public health in accordance with the requirements for columbia. We have to do this. It expires at the end of the year. It would create a new agreement for the next five years. This is a long-term effort. They elected by -- by bureau of environmental services to show contamination levels in sediment are improving. And sources of pollution are being identified and controlled. This agreement would be the fifth since 1993 and the city attorney's office recommends its authorization for environmental clean-up. Here to answer questions is a team program manager.

Rod Struck: Good morning. Mayor and commissioners, if you have questions i'm happy to answer them. If not [indiscernible].

Fritz: I'm not seeing [indiscernible]. Thank you.

Struck: Thank you.

Wheeler: All right, is that complete your presentation?

Struck: Yes.

Wheeler: We'll move to public testimony. Any public testimony?

Clerk: No one signed up for this item.

Wheeler: All right. Last chance on any questions? This is last reading of emergency ordinance, moves to second reading. Thank you commissioner fritz. Next item 861, second reading.

Clerk: Amend contract wh2m hill engineers inc. To expand design, permitting and construction support engineering services for the columbia boulevard waste water treatment plant secondary treatment expansion program project number e07947 not to exceed 14 million dollars.

Wheeler: Any further questions or discussion on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll. [roll called].

Hardesty: They set a high mark and we'll hold them to it.

Wheeler: Ordinance adopted. Next up is 862.

Clerk: Authorize competitive bid solicitation and contract with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of gabriel park play area improvements project.

Wheeler: You could introduce yourself for the record.

Gary Datka: Hello mayor wheeler and members of council. I'm a capital project manager with portland parks and recreation. I'm here today to request council authorization for competitive bid solicitation and contracting with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for construction of the gabriel park may area improvements project. My presentation, i'll show an overview of the project, community engagement and how it fits in the larger portfolio of portland parks and rec playground. It started in 2014 and passed by voters that approved the

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measure to address can critical parks needs without increasing tax rates and for urgent need in seven priority areas. This fits into the playgrounds focus can area and the existing program and outdated and in need of replacement. I'm happy to say that this is it the tenth playground project to go under construction and fulfilling the commitments made to voters in 2013. In addition to 1.7 million in bond funding it receives 2.5 million dollars for portland parks and rec and development charges and to expand the playground and 110,000 dollars from the portland parks and rec ada transition plan program major maintenance general fund to address can accessibility issues. The project allocation for this program. The additional funding has allowed us to amplify the investment and expand inclusive play area with bureau goals for inclusive play in the city. One inclusive playground in each of the city's quadrants. We have three the original playground in north portland completed in 2012 and the playground at discovery park completed in 2018 in northeast portland and couch park completed in 2019 north of the downtown core in west portland. This will be the fourth destination inclusive playground in portland. And gabriel park is in southwest portland generally at southwest 42nd and vermont street near the intersections of maplewood and hayhurst neighborhoods. This is a 90-acre park with opportunities for sports, picnicking and gardening and more. It also has the southwest community center. This project area, excuse me, the project area in the northeast corner of the park shown in the web box on your screen the play ground is located toward the center of this. By access points to the play area and access to the parking lot and the park and some on-street parking in southwest vermont street, other transit is also available at the corner of southwest 37th and southwest vermont in the northeast corner of the park. The project has much needed improvements for this park. 1988 is part of the gobi bond, the existing 2800 square foot program has limited play opportunities. The existing equipment is not new. Current ada standards elects play value for collaborative and imaginative play and have ongoing maintenance concerns. Access between the parking lot and the western has many ada challenges due to existing grades and are accessible space. In this playground, they currently meet ada accessibility criteria creating equity challenges for all users. This project will also -- this project will address the shortcomings. Portland park and rec conduct a community project for an advisory committee meetings and three open houses. These meetings help us understand the park and connect with neighbors about the positive aspects of improving the park and feedback and gain support for the design of the may area and other community need. Additionally portland parks and rec community engagement hosted a meeting for the somalia women on our project committee and other committees to make sure they were able to participate in the process and being

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respectful of their family commitments. One of the community open house meetings were held at the crossing and the housing facility near gabriel park. This helped engage and include low income and other communities who often have more difficulty in attending early evening meetings. The community open houses were at the southwest center at gabriel park. Since the project is focused on inclusive play, we wanted to hear from people with disabilities and people of color, we dealt with a targeted selection process for the project advisory committee. The demographic composition that was important contribution to the success of this project. The advisory committee included members of which identified as 54 percent having -- having experienced living with disabilities themselves or in their families and worked closely with people with disabilities. 38 percent identified as -- as -- as immigrants and refugees and 47 percent were including two members -- two members of our [indiscernible] at resident's street crossing. With community input and support we developed a final design that would focus on accessible and inclusive play features, slides, swings, balanced play, and walk and spinning elements that challenge all users at their own highest level and allow for the users to play a learn together with their ability. Additional accessibility includes providing access to all play equipment in an accessible way. And picnics and gathering spaces, drinking fountains. This project will also make an accessibility improvements to the ada parking stalls near the playground and park pathways and play areas and parking spaces on vermont street and at southwest 37th and southwest vermont. Tpi has enough ongoing anticipated annual operations and maintenance amount of 13,320 dollars to accommodate the play area slide increase to 10,000 square feet. The design development team led by landscape architects through their work, 61 percent of the money was awarded to state certified business enterprises and disaggregation of the data shows 85 percent went to firms certified as disadvantaged and women owned businesses. 10 percent to firms identifying as solely woman owned businesses and 6 percent to small businesses. We're here to request council's authorization for a competitive bid solicitation and concentrate to the responsible bidder and the gabriel park play area improvements with the acceptance of this authority to bid by council and we'll proceed early this fall. We anticipate construction start early 2021 and completion date end of 2021. With that, i'm happy to answer any questions you might have.

Wheeler: Very good. We have a question from commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor, thank you for -- thank you for -- for the excellent presentation. Go back to the demographic data that you provided, what do you mean when you say disadvantaged businesses? Demographically break that down more?

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Datka: We could and i'll need to get that information back to you. We broke it down into disadvantaged and women owned businesses between those two, so i'll look into that and see what that means specifically.

Hardesty: Just so you know, i always am very interested in the demographic breakdown, racial, ethnic breakdown. We tend to hide a lot of information using either emerging or disadvantaged businesses that doesn't give me the info i need.

Datka: Okay. We'll make sure to do better with you.

Hardesty: Thank you. My next question has to do with your low -- your medium confidence and the cost for this development and -- and you listed several reasons why you had medium competence including low contractor availability. The price risk from uncertainties and material supply chains, et cetera. What happens if this -- if this ends up being -- if this ends up being significantly more than you have anticipated?

Datka: What we do have, we had cost estimates at each level of documentation for this project. So going into this, the project has a good level of confidence. Both acknowledge and transpose to the contracting community. I think working with procurement avenues, if this does come in significantly over our engineer's estimate to work with procurement and the contractor to find areas for value engineering that don't take away from our overall goal of inclusive play and provide access and equity for all users. That's something we could look at with procurement if that does happen. Hopefully it does not.

Hardesty: I mean, i would hope that you would also want to let the city council know because procurement doesn't actually pass budgets, right? I think you want to come can back and let us know if the cost is going to be significantly higher or if it -- it falls around minority contracting and women contractors are not met. I don't think procurement is the place where that conversation should happen.

Datka: This is our authority. Once we have bids and we have an accepted final proposal passed we'll come back to city council with procurement to do a procurement presentation, procurement of all of the final costs and demographic information for our contractors and i think that would be the time that we would present that revised cost number to city council.

Hardesty: Thank you. One last question. Let me see if i understand this correctly. Operations and maintenance costs will be increased by -- by 13,320 dollars. Is that -- so is that the total cost or is that just the increased cost?

Datka: That's the total cost we're requesting for this coming fiscal year. Total cost not increase.

Hardesty: You're going to request more general fund money after you do this redevelopment?

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Datka: This is the -- this is -- this is the total cost that we will be requesting of city council for this development.

Hardesty: Maybe you and i are not speaking the same language.

Datka: Apologize.

Hardesty: I think i got it. Thank you.

Datka: Sure.

Wheeler: Commissioner hardesty and commissioner fritz.

Fritz: Thank you for indulging me as outgoing commissioner. This has been really meaningful to us to get the accessible playground done. I remember the opening of kuch playground and help this with community partners. It was great to hear you outline the community engagement from the folks nearby. And from -- from the effected communities. I'm really excited about this. We're still missing one in southeast portland. So in order to be able to fulfill the pledge this -- this -- as gary said, completes the playground commitment from the bond measure. There will be a choice for the parks commission to use development charges for an inclusive playground in the southeast, hopefully. Keep it on the to do list in case any of you get assigned to be a parks commissioner. It is a really fun assignment, although challenging of course with all of the funding -- all the pressures that we have right now. So yeah, thank you very much for the presentation. I don't have a question, i just wanted to be enthusiastic and i apologize for not being enthusiastic at the beginning. I wanted to hear all about this. Thank you.

Datka: Thank you, commissioner fritz. I'm happy to present this to you as our outgoing parks commissioner, wish you the best.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner. I don't know who is next. I'll call on eudaly first and then ryan.

Eudaly: I just want to commend the parks for really thinking beyond the minimal ada compliance standards and for their ongoing commitment to -- to improving accessible and enclusive recreation for people across our whole city. This was one of the first issues that i ever connected with the city on, probably about 12 years ago when i -- i had a -- a seven-year-old who -- who really loved parks and playground but he's -- these options were extremely limited because he is a wheelchair user. Around that time went on to found harper's playground and became a supporter of the harper's playground. When we implement universal design standards, we are really designing spaces that are better for everyone and as we know, some of our accessible inclusive play grounds are the most popular play grounds in the city which can provide challenges for -- for -- present challenges for -- for kid like mine who need some extra

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time and space to really enjoy the play grounds. The more we have and the -- you know, the -- the -- the more access that families around the city have to these facilities the better. Every kid should be able to enjoy inclusive accessible play in their neighborhood parks but having the -- having these really kind of grand inclusive play grounds scattered across the city is -- is -- is fantastic. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner. Commissioner ryan.

Ryan: Thank you. That was a great presentation. And since commissioner fritz mentioned southeast portland, i was thinking of southeast portland. I'll never forget when my nephew and his wife came with their kids. They wanted to go to the park and just opened. My we, though, is what nonprofits you reached out to to do outreach both with wheelchair can accessibility and with the muslim community. Just really good nonprofits. I wanted to hear if you were engaging.

Datka: Thank you for the question commissioner. I don't particularly have that information offhand, i would need to be more on the community engagement coordinator and i will talk a little bit about it. We did engage with cody in harper's playground early on to invite them to -- to -- to -- to invite early pac meetings to present their philosophy and approach to inclusive design because the parameters that i think we were able to set up with harper's through the projects that we've partnered with them on, i really -- really the foundation for how i feel our project, this project gabriel park has moved forward using the framework they set up. I think that's going -- been outstanding way for us to move forward on this. We didn't partner with them specifically on this project, they did attend -- attend a few early meetings and spoke a bit about what their thoughts were on the design to help move that forward. So i believe that was a -- was a -- a very positive -- very positive experience. We did engage with fact oregon to help solicit information and information for the groups. On the pac there was a -- a -- i apologize, i should have these names, there were folks from both pfu and from -- i want to say atlanta university but that could be wrong. I apologize. That work with folks that have special needs and living with disability. That was an eye opening experience. Focus on kids and been nice to look at some of the sensory opportunities to help -- to help all kids you know touch and experience things visually in a different way. That's been great. It leaves our community engagement liaison for -- for -- for -- for -- for -- for -- for -- for working with our somalia, our somalia community and we reached out to autism society of oregon for an understanding of how to best engage with people in that community. That's my quick list. With tech support coming from miles spencer.

Ryan: I think at some point, you hear the city's community engagement efforts and partner with nonprofits because they already have a system set up and government doesn't need to

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[indiscernible] as much as hitch on to the community organizations that exist. I was thinking about those with mobility challenges and also you know, some modifications. I was curious. Thank you.

Datka: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner ryan, any further questions or comments before we open this up to testimony? Seeing none. Any public testimony on this ordinance?

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Good. That was excellent presentation. Commissioner fritz, thank you for your continued leadership. This is the first reading of the nonemergency ordinance, it moves to second reading. Next item is 863.

Clerk: Amend permit fee schedules for building electrical land use services, mechanical enforcement, plumbing, signs, site development and hand use service fee schedule for the hearings office.

Wheeler: Commissioner ryan?

Ryan: Yes, we had presentation last week and good back and forth with people that came to testify and i'm thrilled about that. It also connects with an earlier item with technology. Is there someone from BDS for this?

Wheeler: That's not necessary. I neglected to note it was a second reading. You really did a brilliant job. So periodically i will test people just to make sure. This is called the second reading. Commissioner ryan accurately points out, we had a great presentation on this and we had the opportunity for public testimony. Is there any further business or discussion on this item before we call the roll? I'm not seeing any. So Keelan, please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: Ordinance adopted. Thank you commissioner ryan. The last item on our agenda for this morning is 864.

Clerk: Establish rules and limitations on portland police bureau members subject to deputization by federal law enforcement agencies.

Wheeler: Before i speak, we also have a 4/5ths item after this regularly scheduled item. Commissioner hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor, and thank you colleagues. Let me just say that i believe that mayor willard did an excellent start and -- on making sure that -- that portland police officers who are deputized and continue to be deputized against the city council's will understand that they in fact are employees of the city of portland and they have an obligation to follow portland's lead. I'm going to turn it over to my asteamed colleague derek bradley and he'll explain the resolution

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that is in front of us today and i will have comments later. Take it away.

Derek Bradley: Thank you. Thank you mayor, members of the council. Jeff bradley. Policy director to on site commissioner hardesty. We have a brief presentation to get to public testimony as soon as possible. I know there's a long afternoon. I will walk through the resolution quickly here. Then we have two invited guests from the county attorney's office to fill any holes i may have missed and then two speakers who will introduce -- when it is time and then we will go to public testimony. And i'll be here and available to answer any questions as obviously will commissioner hardesty. We got here in a very quick fashion. It was just about a month ago that we -- everyone thought we completed a single [indiscernible] of officers deputized and only to find that was not considered by the federal government. It seems to be a pretty clear violation of well established law and refused the deputization. This was to limit involvement around the -- from the city of the officers and ppd. This was a good start and should be a strengthening and expanding of that. We have an opportunity for all of you on the city council to make your statement and stand about what is -- is -- is an important issue. You know, we saw the first federal charges brought to -- to a local protester recently and it is in the article from after the deputization, the real concern and problem is we do not want to see dozens, hundreds of portlanders who are exercising their freedom of expression, freedom of assembly and speech to be arrested and charged with federal crimes. It is a real concern with this. You know, it is not -- it is not inherently even necessary. This isn't an attempt to call out and demonize the 56 dem deputized officers, this is intentionally confusing situation created by the federal government for them to exploit. If you're a deputized officer and you're on the ground, there's a lot occurring. The federal law enforcement officer comes up to you and says you're deputized and i want you to arrest that person right now, you have a clear directive from city council that may be a confusing situation for the officer. We attempted to clear guides with this and create a difference between deputized officers and law enforcement officers to prevent that situation from occurring. I don't think anyone in the city of portland is what they're hoping to have occur. This resolution does a few things. Some sound familiar if you followed the mayor's order. These provisions will make specifically to deputize officers. Deputized officers, other laws existed previous and the past federal limitations, limitations on federal cooperation. The measure will -- well deputize officers and communicate with federal agents in any capacity on crowd control matters. This reaffirms the local control of the ppd and rules to follow and establishing protocols if there's even an attempted order given to deputize officers by federal agents and regulates any control over our local policemen. One issue raised by the city attorney be it

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furtherer are solved and it prevents officers from directly communicating with federal agents. All law enforcement will be coordinated with one another. Problem being if there's no way to do that if someone gets injured there's a potential for liability to the city. There's issues around this and in the resolution and the logistics around it. This allows undeputized officers from commune can indicating with law enforcement. The incident command is not deputized, these prohibitions don't apply to them. It allows the police chief to waive this requirement in writing and sent to city council. It would -- i think the intention would be very clear line of taking responsibility should there be arrests of portlanders and charging of federal crime. That's sort of covered that issue. If they don't make the requirements stricter and lawsuits against the city and they get hurt, let the commissioner as well as real logistical challenges. Provide any further background or -- or just anything else, anything should be highlighted, i will let robert taylor to speak on the matter.

Robert Taylor: Thanks. For the record, i'm robert taylor, chief deputy city attorney. He did a great job of covering the resolution and the terms of it and in particular, highlighting communication and coordination and the concern around best practices of responding agencies being able to communicate and cooperate and highlighting the safety valve in there for the police commissioner and police chief. I know folks hope to get out of here by noon and there's public testimony. If there's questions, i'm here to answer those.

Bradley: I think after testimony but for now, i like to invite the first speaker with aclu.

Andrea Valderrama: Thank you, derek and members of the council. My name is Andrea Valderrama and i'm the policy director and registered lobbyist with the aclu of oregon. The aclu of oregon is a nonprofit organization dedicated to defending and advancing civil liberties and rights with more than 47,000 members we fight for free speech, racial justice, criminal justice reform, and reproduct you have rights and lgbtq rights and more. I'm a first generation american. Growing up i would hear stories of the political unrest and violence toward activists. I have always been deeply grateful for the privileges afforded me in this country. I never expect now as a mother here in portland some of those same rights that we risk our lives for are in jeopardy. To say black lives matter and work in coordination with activists without being hauled off without due process. These rights will continue to be at risk if the portland city council doesn't pass this resolution. As leading experts in the defense of civil liberties and rights we urge you to vote yes and pass the resolution for the following three reasons. One, masters tools will never dismantle the master's house, allowing federally deputized officers to arrest and charge portlanders will increase violence and local organizations have been clear. They militarize and

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defund and divest, putting children in cages, killing black men and women and children and giving orders to white supremacist organizations is ordering this. They will never tis can mantle their own house but we can. Two, police violence is hate violence. Portland united against hate recently released this report documenting the dozens of accounts from law enforcement. Our concern is increase in these incidents should the federal officers be allowed to crowd control. Our concern is that the federal government continues to push the bounds of its authority. The city is right to announce a -- a legal challenge against the federal government's attempt to quiet protests and make sure portlanders can defend themselves against federal abuses of power without exhausting available avenues for federal deputization. When we support this resolution, there are areas that we would have liked to see go further. For example, in addition for agents without prior written authorization, deputized officers should be prevented from communicating with ice cpd and other agents without prior authorization. There should be accountability mechanisms should officers disregard this resolution or the police commissioner. Any participation and unified command or other interagency response should be documented and a memorandum of understanding but is available to the public and informs the public of the policies guiding the unified approach. Ppd should be prohibited from entering any [indiscernible] that allows officers to engage in types of force prevented by portland law. To make sure the goals are met and the federal government cannot abuse deputizations to violate the rights of portlanders and leaving them with desk duty especially without crowd control training would be the best approach. Federally deputized officers should support modern american policing including the ppd. We urge transparency around the deputization around officers and make all agreements and arrangements that the ppd have with federal and local agencies. I thank commissioner hardesty for her leadership and moving forward. We look forward to working with your office and realizing a new vision for portland where black and brown lives matter, when the whites protests are protected and where police violence ends.

Hardesty: Let me go to the fourth from the bottom. Even though we're a sanctuary city, we did put all of that -- all of that in to this resolution, just to reaffirm our continued commitment to not -- not work with ice and to remind ourselves that we are in fact a sanctuary city and should act like one. So thank you so much, appreciate your being here.

Valderrama: Thank you.

Hardesty: Who is next?

Bradley: Great. Next we have Franz Bruggemeier from research center.

Franz Bruggemeier: Thank you for having me today. My name is franz, i'm a staff attorney at

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oregon justice resource center. As many of you know, we work around criminal justice reform and represent many of those who have been harmed by -- by police actions during can the protests since george floyd was murdered five months ago. We urge the city council to support the important resolution from commissioner hardesty to limit the destructive effects of the unconstitutional federal deputization. We agree with the proposals and suggestions and urge the council to look further into those. Over the last five months of protests and of course even before that, we have seen a -- city police force that has shown it refuses to be accountable to its police commissioners and refused to be accountable to the community and this is simply one more way for ppd to ignore the direction the community it is supposed to serve. On going federal deputization erodes trust. Excuse me. May have in ppd and what they have left as a community safety organization. At the same time, there's no public safety benefit to having officers on the streets who are able to enforce federal law. The state law is to protect police. We do not allow officers to enforce federal law, so why do we allow our local police to enforce federal law and work with federal prosecutors to punish people who can already be held accountable under those state laws. D.a. Schmidt hasn't done anything to show he would not prosecute people arrested by officers. He recognized the reality that almost all of the arrests of protesters for -- for noncrimes and that it would be a waste of resources, city resources and time to try to bring these noncrimes before a jury. The federal deputization also usurps the granted authority and again decreases local accountability. It is terrifying that we got to the point where our city police officers are now unconstitutionally enforcing federal law simply to allow for greater punishment for those protesters expressing their rights and -- and their -- and -- and their ability to ask for changes. We have been told that the city -- that the will of the city is irrelevant and that deputized officers can enforce federal law rather than what they're employed to do if they so choose and that's anti-democratic and unconstitutional. We would advocate for each officer who has been deputized to be taken off the streets by placing them on desk duty or suspended until that deputization is over. They're not to be the illegal storm troopers who has no understanding of basic democracy. That said i want to thank commissioner hardesty for her continuing recognition of this and being elected leader who is responding appropriately to these threats. I urge the city council to adopt commissioner hardesty's resolution. Thank you.

Bradley: I like to thank aclu and the justice resource center as well as public watch for valuable resources during the drafting of this. I thank robert taylor for his hard work and help with the issue. He's valuable in this. I'm available for questions now or after public testimony.

Wheeler: Not seeing any hands up. Maybe we should go to public testimony.

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Wheeler: Public testimony, how many folks do we have signed up?

Clerk: We have ten people.

Wheeler: Two minutes each, please, name for the record.

Clerk: Emory Mort

Emory Mort: Can you hearer me?

Hardesty: Yes, we can.

Wheeler: You're good to go.

Mort: Okay. Good morning, council, my name is emory mort, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I know everyone is getting ready for lunch. I want to urge the council to put the strongest constraints possible on the deputized officers as federal agents. It is probably necessary to place officers on desk duty as was just said. After trying to understand what happened with all of the deputizing, i'll try to speak into the public record what seems to have happened and the rest is in my submitted written testimony. Quickly before that, i want to say the portland budget vote need to be held before the upcoming november 3rd election. Back in june, 700 people signed up but only like 300 people testified. I think the hearing tonight could conclude with a vote. I urge you to do that. Back to deputizing the agents. Ppd was on a call last night, he confirmed this deputization order and it actually came from oregon state police, superintendent travis hampton, which many of you probably know. This is a problem. Hampton and the governor who delivered the order at doj refused officials orders. It seems like the police are leveraging this with the city in retaliation over the -- over the electorate voting if people like district attorney schmidt. So the september 26th deputization order was opposed with no public input at the last minute so the city was in need of unified police response and then suddenly this deputization was announced for the rest of the year. This is just bad faith. It is supposed to be about protecting officers. I don't think it is. According to davis it allows the officers to make federal arrests when in the nexus of a federal building or a federal issue and this just seems like an order that is in the nexus of being broad and chilling and needs to be opposed as strongly as possible. Folks talk about an 18-year-old who was outside ice and the other might in october he was arrested on federal charges.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Mort: Stabbing someone with an umbrella. I hope you pass this and pass the stronger things that aclu and ojrc said.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Edith Gillis

Edith Gillis: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Edith Gillis: I want you to realize that while the budgetary impact of this, if obeyed and amended to close the huge loopholes would not just be any -- any -- would be a significant positive impact on the budget by reducing the amount of money we waste on personnel weapons and lawsuits, property damage and loss of credibility and cooperation with citizens and -- and -- and the ability and willingness to pass levies and in-kind services, et cetera. This would have a positive impact if obeyed and amended. We ask for the security contractors with the city, from working with or allowing access to information or intelligence gathering equipment or resources or with malicious cooperation and other agencies and nations to directly or indirectly gather and analyze, communicate or make available data and intelligence or the equipment by which that is gathered and not to be engaged in -- those portlanders not engaged in criminal activity. It is not violating city codes. Ban the police employees from having outside employment with other law enforcement or a security or intelligence gathering entities. Amended to specify portland police bureau and contractors are to obey defined by local agencies and doing can the work of federal agencies or officers. Require all ppd and city contractor employees to protect the human rights and civil liberties of portlanders and have humane and fair enforcement. That will change from the entirety of their existence. I have concern about hearing and reading that the police bureau refused to discipline internally and fully accurately report the city council and public use of force by the police bureau and contractors for protests. 911 calls and police committed violent crimes. I'm concerned the city must ban all city employees and the contractors and those exercising free speech.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Gillis: You must have extended testimony.

Clerk: Next up, we have Marlene Howell.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Marlene Howell: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Howell: I fully support commissioner hardesty's proposal and i ask that each of you look in the mirror and ask yourself is this who i am, is this who portland is, is this what i want portland to be for officers to be federalized. They don't make me safer and they make black and brown portlanders much less safe than i am. I implore you to consider who are we and who are we becoming? And i ask you to use your leadership to take political risk and for portlanders the

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most marginalized in the system.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Dan Handelman.

Wheeler: Hi, Dan.

Dan Handelman: Good morning, mayor, commissioners, i'm with portland copwatch. We did not see this -- this resolution until it was posted so we did not help draft it. I'm sure timelines are getting confusing these days. While we're generally supportive of the goal of the resolution on deputization which is create the most intense restrictions on portland police cooperating with federal law enforcement for crowd control purposes, we want to be clear that we don't support heavy-handed crowd control tactics, whether local or federal police. We emphasize control over the police comes from the civilian leadership who should not hide behind the state sponsored tactics and wonder where slicing tires and em can can cal agents and firearm projectiles are a way to resolve conflicts. The language of the resolution, and be it better resolved, six items that portland officers have to follow even under federal command, one item should be included, 181a250 which prohibits collection or maintenance of people's social, religious affiliation. Like the other items, that cites state laws and a ppd directive, this will further guide how officers to interact with other agencies. Really it is for intelligence gathering than criminal purposes. Portland needs to value the city rights of the citizens. Bill Barr investigated the black lives matter organizers which is a -- a -- a -- an -- an indication that 181a250 will be violated by the federal agents and the police were the ones that decided to deputize the portland police and that could happen again if they order unified command. We hope that doesn't change the number of deputized officers and the resolution seems to allow for that. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Diane Meisenhelter.

Diane Meisenhelter: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes. Now we can.

Meisenhelter: So unprecedented presidential election in which can the incoming candidate has threatened to take power by not counting all votes and or ignoring the vote if he loses. This comes at suppression and intimidation in the midst of a racial uprising that has been under way for months. The president starts to earl ittize there will be large outpourings in portland and across the country. I urge council members hardesty's resolution to put rules on portland police deputized as federal agents. When they're deputized as u.s. Marshals with federal law enforcement and particularly homeland security a branch known to be particularly

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[indiscernible] in its human rights abuses. Those deputized can make arrests has could carry arbitrary charges from the appointed u.s. District attorney. This undermines democratically elected district attorney to only prosecute demonstrators for deliberate property damage or use of force against another. By allowing deputized officers to address protesters, the city is complicit in the roll out of one of the process tools in trump's play book of sending federal marshals in to areas. I'm part of the recently formed defend democracy organization of over 40 organizations that have nonviolent protests to insure everybody is counted in election irregularities and partially investigated and remedied, we submitted a petition from the group to the city council and urge you to stand with us to insure fair elections and our constitutional rights. We encourage council members to be individual signatories and adopt this petition as a council resolution. We urge the mayor to do the right thing holding firm against governor brown's threats by maintaining tear gas ban, not inviting deputized state troopers in and not with militarized responses.

Clerk: Time is up.

Meisenhelter: I can't be here this afternoon but i support commissioner hardesty's incredible efforts in -- in these regards and also the efforts to substantially reduce the police's budget and think how we do real effective public safety. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Shelby Walman.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Shelby Walman: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yep.

Walman: I'm Shelby Walman. I'm [indiscernible] to please bear with me. I'm a proud American, and advocate and business owner and immunity member and previously armed security officer. City council has been feeding rhetoric that the police are bad. We're in a bad situation with the police and emergency calls are taken seriously. Our officers are limited on their days off. Their families are being threatened, all of this just because criminals at the hand of police. White police officers 18 percent more likely to be shot and killed by a black male. 14 individuals have died from police. 25 unarmed white individuals killed by police in 2019. Unarmed does not mean not dangerous. Officers have been injured and i've lost friends anthony davidson at the hands of protesters. Those in the [indiscernible] some helping with medical aid. When does the violence end? First you cut the budget and now you want to take officers off the street. What are you thinking? These officers got deputized because of fear mongering. [indiscernible] and groups

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white nationalists, nazis and other dishonest and disrespectful terms. [indiscernible] one of our elected officials going to represent every portlander. In portland our d.a. Won't uphold the law and hold people accountable. How do you get justice when the d.a. Won't even talk to the [indiscernible]. He would not speak to us. He wouldn't even walk out the door. We need federal government to come in. Let the national guard help. And continue this division. This is an effort, i'm more than willing to talk to your teams and unite both groups. The violence needs to stop.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Walman: With that I am concluded. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, shelby, but i don't agree with everything you said, but we appreciate all perspectives here. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Lynn Handlin.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Lynn Handlin: That work.

Wheeler: Yeah.

Lynn Handlin: I'm here in support of the resolution 864 and especially if we can add on the -- the -- the addendum to ahsun the federalized officers to desk duty, that way it is better for them. They're not confused about what they're doing. It is time to end the use of federally deputized officers and the police have no accountability and now they have more power and less accountability. We saw what happened when portland was invaded by police. A large increase in the number of the people on the streets angry about this gross violation of our rights and overreach of the government. Best use of federalized police against citizens during this election time is exactly what the current administration wants, creating more unrest and inevitably leading to more violence against nonviolent protesters. Pouring fuel on the fires set by the actions of the police. Police violence against black and brown. Do not use any federalized officers during this election time at all, perhaps put them on suspension until after election time or really ever. Nothing goodwill come of this. This is a chance for the city of portland, for the city council of portland to stand up to criminally corrupt authoritarian administration, not in portland, enough is enough. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, appreciate it.

Clerk: Next up, we have Kristin Gross.

Kristin Gross: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Kristin Gross: All right. Thank you for allowing me to speak and thank you to commissioner

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hardesty bringing up this issue. We saw instance of someone being charged federally because of interaction with officer. He was holding umbrella toward officers, the city decided not to pursue charges and this should have been the end of the case. Instead they will have their life ruined also holding an umbrella. These are the beginnings of consequences of federally deputized officers. These deputizations are a tool for the government to promote their fascist agenda. This fascism should be concerning to all officials for those who have opinions in conflict with the government. I ask to limit and ban these deputizations and i support moving all officers to desk duty who are federally deputized and i creed the rest of my time.

Clerk: Next up we have Hyung Nam.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Hyung Nam: Hello.

Wheeler: Hi.

Nam: I'm with portland [indiscernible] and i teach political economy and social studies. And i am here today in support of the resolution and also want to emphasize these amendments from the aclu oregon justice resource center and the portland cop watch. As a steady feature i know that this country has a long history of political oppression and surveillance. It is not just trump. We've seen this both by federal police and officials and local police. We had our own red squad here for decades that wasted public resources on spying and surveillance on all kind of people for really no reason except for collecting dirt on people. We need to make sure that we completely sever the feds. We know our own cops, there's no trust of our own cops from their own 2019 strategic report this will make things even worse. Furthermore, crowd control policing by local or federal cops is ineffective as well documented by many experts including many of the experts that testified in the oregon state legislature this summer. In fact that kind of policing is not only counter productive to public safety, it actually incites violence and causes harm to both -- to both officers, the public and actually to our environment now. Furthermore, there's a major issue of risk management. I want it make sure that we don't short change victims families or survivors for all of the lawsuits and settlements for the harm that our -- that our police whether federally deputized or not do. We want to make sure that we stop the harm from happening more in the future. We're already facing a record number of -- of risk management cases and -- and torts. So i want to -- i want to emphasize that we need to cut the 56 rapid response team officers on desk duty.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Nam: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Reverend Bill Sinkford.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Rev. Bill Sinkford: Thank you. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Rev. Sinkford: I'm reverend at first unitarian church. I'm here to speak in support of commissioner hardesty's proposal to place restraints on the officers that have been federally deputized and to thank her for her ongoing leadership. Two concerns, first is public safety concern. I believe next week, regardless of where the election stands thousands of portland residents will be called to the streets to exercise their rights to assembly and speech. I don't think there's any doubt about this at this point. I believe that presence on the streets will blend with the ongoing protests. We have experience. We know having federal troops deputized troops increase the likelihood of confrontation and violence. This functions like an accelerant. It makes things worse. Why would the city choose to make the situation on our streets more dangerous, to make it worse? Getting the officers off the streets is first and foremost for me a public safety concern. Second, the presence of these officers on the streets and the increased likelihood of violence that can be anticipated, that presence will serve to chill the right of citizens to gather and raise their voices. Their presence on the street will work against the functioning of our democracy at a time when our democracy needs all the support we can give it. I mention the very real possibility if this resolution is not approved of ongoing damage to our progressive and progressively governed city that is also of great concern to me and i believe of you as well. I hope that -- that you why will endorse this resolution and i want to thank you for the opportunity to speak and for your careful deliberation and for your service. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: That's all we have for today.

Wheeler: All right. Colleagues, questions? I like to make a few brief comments if i could. First i want to remind people why we're here and why we're discussing this resolution. You will recall that several weeks ago when this was a demonstration the state police took control of the situation. That was done with -- with -- with our understanding in advance. It was a partnership between the state, between the county and city of portland in a mutual agreement. There was several discussions leading up to that including what the -- what the rules of partnership would be. At some point over the course of the weekend a decision was made to deputize police officers and perhaps others. That decision was an important decision that should have been

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made with an elected official making that decision and participating in that process. I remind people that the city charter assumes civilian oversight of the portland police bureau and on important matters that reason we have a commissioner in charge that happens to be me at this moment for a minimum one of the other elected officials in our local government should have been participatory in that decision. That was not the case when i as police commissioner learned about the deputization, i acted quickly. I sent a clear directive to the chief indicating that we were no longer deputizing those individuals, because i was surprised to learn that the deputization didn't just last for the duration of the event, an event that was defined clearly by the definition of the governor's emergency declaration which brought all of these law enforcement agencies together. The decision was apparently made at some point to deputize these officers for the just for the duration of the event but for the remainder of my first term as mayor of portland. That's obviously not the way we engage with other agencies. That's not the kind of professionalism that i would like to see being exhibited between different levels of government. At minimum that's a decision we should have participated in. My request to -- to -- it wasn't a request, my directive of the police bureau to end the deputization operationally has done so. Now there's a legal dispute between the federal government and the city of portland as to whether or not we have the right to withdraw that deputization. I argue that operationally it has already been done through my directive. We will resolve this in court if we can't resolve it amicably prior to this going to court, i'm not sure this resolution necessarily adds anything to the discussion, but the more we say uniformly that it is a decision we need to make locally and decision that needs to be made with elected officials being in the loop about important decisions that i will support. I also want to say this, operationally there may be reasons why it makes sense in limited circumstances for limited durations for portland police officers to be deputized but before that decision is made, we need to have a conversation about it. We need to understand the facts. We need to -- to -- we need to be participants in understanding what the issues are and why there is a need for deputization and ultimately we have to make that decision. Somebody who is elect at the local level needs to be responsible for that decision whether it is myself as police commissioner or a decision of the city council, we need to be at the table. So i intend to support this. I'm hopeful that we don't have to go all the way to court to resolve this matter with the federal government, i hope that they will acknowledge that this is an important issue of local control. I hope that they hear what i just said, that there may be operational reasons to deputize on a limited basis for limited duration but that's a decision we should make at the local level not a decision made by officers of the federal government.

Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Mayor, I like to add a -- I like to amend the resolution and add a section. I will read it. Be it further resolved section that lists six laws all Portland police must follow. I like to add a seventh, ORS 818A.250 which prohibits collection or maintenance of people's social or political or religious affiliations without suspicion of criminal conduct. If I could get a second?

Eudaly: Second.

Hardesty: Been moved and seconded. I want to say that Robert Taylor has been able to review this amendment. The clerk has the amendment. So I guess the next step would be to vote on the amendment.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, I like to ask legal counsel a question about this amendment. I did not see this previously. This is a new amendment. Robert, could you give us some indication of what the implications are of this? It sounds reasonable but I want to make sure there's not some operational issue here that -- that -- that we're overlooking.

Taylor: Thank you, Mayor, Robert Taylor Chief Deputy City Attorney. We have reviewed that language and it does not raise any concerns for us. That be it further resolved section lists directives are currently in effect. The purpose to list them in there is amplify and remind Bureau members that they remain in effect and the statute cited in the language cited by Commissioner Hardesty fits -- is consistent with that.

Wheeler: This is language that is consistent with existing directives and policies within the police Bureau. So we don't actually engage currently in the activities that are described here as being prohibited.

Taylor: That's correct, Mayor. That statute is at issue in -- in -- in a piece of pending litigation that the city is involved in regarding the live streaming of demonstrations but -- but inserting that language into this resolution makes it clear that statute applies as the rest of the directive.

Wheeler: It is reinforcing policy. We're not currently live streaming demonstrations, is that correct? Temporary restraining order on that point.

Taylor: We have a temporary restraining order to follow that statute and as a result we're no longer doing the live streaming.

Wheeler: Okay. Thank you. That clears up my questions. Colleagues any other questions?

Hardesty: Mayor, I just want to say that this is also in response to the recommendation made by Dan Handleman of Portland Cop Watch. I know this is already law, but I think it is good to reinforce laws that should be followed because it is part of the operating procedures of the

portland police.

Wheeler: I have no objection to that. Robert, wouldn't it be true that through this council vote, i made my position clear with regard to how deputization came about and my strong belief in local a participation in those decisions going forward. Does this strengthen our case in so far as it shows we're unified on this issue, assuming that we are.

Taylor: Yes, mayor. It does. And your description of how the deputization occurred and -- and is -- is accurate and it was immediately terminated following that weekend by the portland city attorney. As of that day, it is -- the city's legal position that the deputization is no longer in force and effect. The federal government refused to recognize that. That's the source of the dispute. We're currently suing the federal government over that issue. But this resolution by council would provide further evidence of the city's position that the deputization is unconstitutional and of no further force and effect.

Wheeler: I appreciate that. Thank you. Colleagues, further questions? This is a resolution. Please call the roll.

Wheeler: I'm sorry, i apologize. Please call can the roll on commissioner hardesty's amendment and then the last section. [roll called].

Fritz: I'm commissioner fritz and i'm voting on this, thank you for sending this in yesterday evening, and commissioner hardesty for putting it forth yea.

Wheeler: This is statement of existing policies and procedures, i have no reason to oppose it. Vote yea. Adopted. Main motion as amended, please call the roll.

Eudaly: I feel a need to comment on some testimony we heard today. This ordinance is -- is about local control of our police bureau and it is related to the ongoing protests we're seeing against police violence and in defense of black lives. We heard testimony today characterizing victims of police violence as criminals which is false. Even in the event when someone has a prior record or is suspected of being engaged in criminal activity, they have a right to due process, all of us do. And that right is denied when a police officer takes it upon themselves to be the judge, jury and executioner. So i have a hard time letting -- letting false statements stand on public record without responding to them. Everyone knows that. That's what i have to say about that. So thank you commissioner hardesty for bringing this resolution. This administration has no respect for local authority, particularly when the locality in question happens to be primarily democratic. We don't believe this administration will not abuse the federal deputization of our local officers. It is especially concerning that the deputization will be in place during the presidential election when we've seen trump's willingness to use every tool at his disposal to

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undemocratically tip the election in his own favor and cast aspersions on local results. We went let the officers be pawns in these actions. It is very concerning to me to bring the first resolution between local and federal officers. There clarifies that the feds don't have authority to commandeer ppd officers and officers are not permitted to comply with any attempts to do so and if they do, there will be consequences. I hope we don't have to enforce this resolution, but unfortunately we've all seen that hope will not be enough to address the corrupt things of this administration. Thank you for this. I vote yea.

Clerk: Fritz.

Fritz: Yea.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yes, i'm glad it was brought forward. The closer to the ground and better government responds to services needed. I support this resolution. Thank you mayor wheeler for the context. I recall the phone calls over that weekend. We want our mayor and police commissioner to act and thank you commissioner hardesty for bringing this forward, yea.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you all, colleagues for supporting this resolution. I wish that we could in fact put those officers on desk duty until their deputization was done. That would be my preference. I wish we could have made this resolution stronger but again, due to legal advice we tried to walk a very fine line. I want the public to know that -- that the entire city council is united in saying that we don't have any police officers working on behalf of the federal government. I'm happy to vote yea.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Yea. The resolution is adopted as amended. Don't hang up anybody. We have a four fifths item. Pursuant to city code 3.02.0.40i8, i move to suspend the rules and immediately hear this item regarding the lawsuit to protect personal cell phone numbers of city employees on a public reference request. The city attorney's office will provide background on this item.

Welcome.

Fallon Niedrist: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor and council members and thank you so much for hanging on. I know this is late in the first morning session. I'll be brief. This item is presented from the city attorney's office in order to file a lawsuit in the county circuit court as an appeal from a district attorney's position that the city turn over personal cell phone numbers as part of a public records request. That public records request was for city smart record. Smart is the company that the city utilizes to maintain a database of text messages and other phone

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information from city issued devices. And the city in responding to that public record request have redacted personal cell phone numbers of city employees and so, an pamphlet of why -- why -- why personal cell phone numbers may be in the record is -- is employees may for example, text their supervisor when here sick or to arrange for a meeting and particularly with covid-19 and so much of our workforce moving to working from home, many city employees have relied on their personal cell phone numbers to contact supervisors and other city employees who have city issued cell phone numbers. The district attorney ordered us to turn over those personal cell phone numbers however, the city believes. The city attorney's office believes at least two public records exemptions apply in this case. We believe the district attorney misapplied those laws in order for us to turn over those numbers. The reason this is filed as a four-fifths agenda item is there's a short turnaround time for the city to file around appeal in the circuit court and our lawsuit and complaint must be filed in later than tuesday of next week. I'm happy to answer any questions that council may have on -- on the lawsuits, the underlying public records request or any other items.

Wheeler: Questions. Not seeing public testimony. Commissioner eudaly.

Eudaly: Hi. Thank you for that. I do have a question for -- for -- for attorneys. I'm still perplexed by -- by this lawsuit and i'm struggling it understand how we could -- how do i put this? I think city employees have a -- have a -- a -- a right to privacy. Though were certainly not informed their personal information would be a matter of public record upon accepting their job or their position. And i don't understand how we an an employer could force that on city employees, especially when we know it could put them at risk of harassment and worse. It is one thing for city commissioners to have their information on the public record. I have been stalked harassed by members of the public. I couldn't possibly support putting our city employees in a similar position. So can you explain -- i just don't even understand how this could be legal.

Niedrist: I'm happy to explain, commissioner eudaly. The city, typically for record of -- of personnel information for our employees applies an exemption to the public records law for items such as personal cell phone numbers, personal e-mail addresses and social security numbers, that kind of information. And we have -- we have successfully applied that -- that exemption pretty consistently. However, the way that exemption is written, it is unclear whether that only applies if the information is located within an employee's personnel record. And the district attorney has taken the position that any of those pieces of information which are not located within the personnel record are in the in fact exempt under this particular statute. The public records law is a law of disclosure rather than a law of exemption. So the district attorney's

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position was that because he did not construe this particular exemption to apply to -- to personal cell phone numbers located in our smart data that the numbers must in fact be disclosed. The city has consistently taken a position with the d.a. That that interpretation of that statute is incorrect and it is meant to apply to any sort of personal information of city employees regardless whether it is located in a personal record or not. This happens to be the first case that we have had before us where the posture is such that -- that we -- we have -- we have available to us to argue in front of the -- of the county circuit court which is the next appellate body for records requests to interpret that statute to -- to determine if it does in fact protect public employee personal information that is located outside of personnel records. The other exemption we asserted and the district attorney has not found to be applicable in this case which we would argue again in this lawsuit is the statute exempting the disclosure of information if it is an invasion of personal privacy. Again, the district attorney did not interpret that exemption to apply in this case. We would be asserting and arguing before the circuit court that it does in fact apply as well.

Eudaly: I understand that much. I just -- what i continue to struggle with in light of the d.a.'s position is how we could force that circumstance on an employee without prior -- without prior -- without prior agreement from them or -- not every city employee has a city issued phone or even a city issued e-mail. So -- so if we're asking them or requiring them to use their personal cell phone or e-mail in order to communicate with their workplace and that puts -- that information at risk of being disclosed to the public, it seems to me that we would have to inform them of that, get their consent and or issue city phones and e-mails to them so they could avoid it altogether. It seems like a very sticky situation that potentially puts our employees in a very unfair position.

Niedrist: The city attorney's office agrees which is why we want to insure that we're advancing the interests of our employees personal privacy in this particular matter so we can continue to -- to assert that exemption that would cover their personal information regardless of whether or knots it located in a personnel record. The other -- the other -- should the circuit court disagree with the city's position and agree to the d.a.'s position probably the next step would be a legislative fix to that. Because it is -- it is our position at the city attorney's office that information should not be disclosed for -- for exactly the reasons that you've stated commissioner eudaly. And we -- we wouldn't think as city employees that that information would be subject to disclosure. We don't think that was the intent of the legislature when they passed a specific exemption regarding personal cases of information.

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Eudaly: Yeah. I know we're running over time. I don't want it take up more time. I'll say we know city employees face harassment and abuse from the public in their workplace or out in the field and -- and it is just absolutely unacceptable to me that we would share their personal information so that harassment and abuse could follow them home. I'm sure that -- that whoever -- you know, is advancing this lawsuit has -- has good intentions and certainly doesn't want to put our employees at peril, but this is about respecting our employees' privacy. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further questions or comments on this? Keelan, i assume there's not public testimony on this item.

Clerk: No testimony.

Wheeler: Please call the roll.

Clerk: Just i want to check in with our attorney. I believe we may need a motion.

Karen Moynahan: Yes we do.

Wheeler: Was that affirmative?

Karen Moynahan: Yes, we do.

Wheeler: Can i get a second?

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Moved and seconded. Call the roll on the suspension. [roll called].

Wheeler: Now call the roll on the main motion, the agenda item. [roll called].

Clerk: Eudaly.

Eudaly: I strongly support access to public records, the public has a right to know how the government operates and transparency is insurance for accountability, far too often i heard or read about unnecessary delays, expense or obstacles to legitimate record requests, i share the public's frustration and concern about that. That said, i support this resolution because city employees should not have to surrender their right to personal privacy of the condition of employment in this era of harassment and worse, we need to protect our employees personal information. Yea.

Clerk: Fritz.

Fritz: Yea.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Yea.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Yea.

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Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Yea. It is adopted and we're adjourned until 2 p.m. [break taken].

At 12:42 p.m., Council Recessed.

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Wheeler: Please take the roll.

Clerk: [Roll called.]

Wheeler: Under Portland city code, the council is holding this meeting electronically. All are attending remotely by video conference. The public is able to listen to the broadcast. It is available on the youtube channel and channel 30. The council provides written testimony to council by e-mailing the council. The council has -- has taken these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and they need to limit contact. This is an emergency that threatens the public safety. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through these difficult circumstances to conduct the city's business. With that we'll hear from legal council on the rules of order and decorum. We have Naomi here. Good afternoon.

Naomi Sheffield: Good afternoon. To participate in meetings, sign up with the council clerk's office for communications to briefly speak about any subject. You may also bring up testimony on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The council agenda at portlandoregon.gov is where you can sign up for testifying. The public council agenda contains information about how to show up. This should address the matter being considered at the time. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. The presiding officer indicates the testimony. When your time is over the officer will ask you to conclude. Shouting or refusing to conclude will not be allowed. If there's disruptions a warning will be given by the person being placed on hold. Be aware of all council meetings are recorded. Thank you.

Wheeler: We have one item today. There will be public testimony. I'm going to warn people, you're limited two minutes per person for public testimony just by virtue of the number of people that would like to testify. Colleagues I also extended my schedule for this. We have one item. 865.

Clerk: Induct the Fy2020 budget and other changes.

Wheeler: We know about the fall bump. It is primarily meant to address technical adjustments

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between fiscal years based on the latest economic projections. Items that can't be accommodated by the budget we approved in June. This is important because of the significance of the changes and the people signed up to weigh in in what is effectively a process. A two corner stone action guided me in the proposal. First covid recovery and resilience resolution which centered climate and equity and second the core city values we adopt in the summer. Those were anti-racism, equity, transparency communication and collaboration and fiscal. Human rights, extend our contract with salt to expand neighborhood clean-ups. And better serve our residents in east Portland. We're increasing rent assistance and keep the camp the operational and operational and hygiene facilities available citywide. I'm asking to respond to the public health crisis. Finally environmental investments will protect Portlanders from flood and flood damage and maintain progress on the superfund site and insure we keep working toward dark skies code to reduce light pollution and animal and human help. That was for our late friend and colleague commissioner fish. We may not get through all discussion today, if that happens, we will vote the following week. If we get through the discussions and votes on the amendments, this is a nonemergency ordinance that will pass to second reading. I turn this over to director Kinard.

Jessica Kinard: Good afternoon. I'm Jessica Kinard and I'm joined by ford our process coordinator. So we have a work session as you all may recall on October 20th where we requested the budget supplemental changes and the items as proposed in the supplemental budget. You have those online but to provide context for today's discussion for you all and for members of the public that are tuning in, I will briefly review the changes and contingency balances. I will keep my presentation brief today. I know several people signed up. However, if there are any questions or if council likes me to dive deeper I'm happy to do so. Due to the financial management and better than anticipated year-end revenues, we ended the year with excess balance. Per policy, half of this has been deposited in to the account and half to general fund contingency. As a result one-time general fund contingency before the changes in the proposed is about 7.6. million. The other is 1.5 million and this was due the adopt phase of the budget. The cannabis is one million in ongoing fund and more resources before the proposed allocations. So at a high level the allocations that are included in the mayor's supplemental budget as followed. What you see on the slide are high level illustration of the predominantly one time allocation and ongoing tax fund allocations. You could see 11.2 million dollars is allocated in one-time general resources coming from the general fund one-time contingency as well as 2.1 million in the ongoing Portland street response policy set aside. That's matched with

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1.9 million in cannabis tax fund resources. All of those that are pooled together and distributed to a number. The largest is 3.4 million dollars for community led budgeting process. That includes 1.9 million of ongoing cannabis tax resources and one-time general fund resources. And it also includes 2.4 million for covid response and center staffing and then hygiene and homeless response needs. It includes 1.6 million dollars to keep the base level of operations going for the Portland five venues through the end of the fiscal year. It includes a million dollars for known costs associated with our Portland harbor trust agreement for next year. Request 150,000 dollars in the trash clean-up for the i-25 corridor, 550,000 dollars for known and incurred as a result of the layoffs last year. There's a number of smaller dollar items that are also included. There was a handful of general ongoing allocations. 135,000 dollars of general fund is allocated with 133,000 in one position going to the tribal relations program, a total of 432,000 dollars and three fte positions for -- for a handful of different program initiatives and 271,000 dollars and two positions in the office of violence prevention. The mayor's supplemental budget also takes 7.7 million dollars in one-time general fund reductions that were put on the table by bureaus in response to our covid-19 deficit. And pairs that with about 6 million in ongoing general fund contingency and the total balance of 8.4 million dollars into a set aside for -- for general fund stability reserve. This is to help anticipate ed budget deficits. The contingency is as follows on the screen. There's about .7 million in general fund contingency for urgent and unforeseen means for the year. 8.4 million in policy set aside for the general fund stability reserve to address any anticipated deficits in the next budget cycle. 2.3 million in the compensation set aside account in the personnel costs. 3.2 million set aside for major projects. 8.2 million set aside in other accounts. I want to highlight since this was in the work session. Set aside for this year, there remaining 4 million dollars in ongoing resources that are set aside and a million dollars in recreational cannabis tax fund contingency is also available. With that, I -- I will see if there's any questions from the council or any interest in diving in deeper to any exhibits.

Wheeler: Any questions at this point? I don't see any yet.

Kinard: Okay. I'll turn it back over to you mayor. I believe the next step is to hear a second amendment.

Wheeler: All right. Very good. We're going to read each of our proposed amendments into the record and we'll see a second in turn and after the amendments are placed on the table, we'll have public testimony. I have a number of amendments to propose, so I'll just jump in if that's all right. I like a motion to amend directed h in the fiscal year 2021 supplemental budget as proposed. Do you like me to read this into the record?

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Kinard: I'll ask Naomi or Keelan to weigh in. It is basically replacing the directed language.

Sheffield: Do we have it posted somewhere? If it is not posted somewhere and available, we should read the entire language in.

Wheeler: I knew you were going to say. 1.1 million for cannabis and 1 pit 2 in general resources will be allocated for piloted initiative for reimagine Oregon and community partners as described in exhibit 2. The pilot will provide for a community led process that promotes anti-racist investments by expanding economic opportunities, well creation and restorative justice to communities that have been disproportionately impacted by police violence, mass incarceration and the criminal legal system that conforms with the uses identified in measure 26180 as related to the cannabis tax allocation. The city budget office, civic life and the office of equity and human rights will work with reimagine Oregon and they're chosen consultant to insure alignment between pilot goals and the city's capacity in order to insure pilot success in the building of public trust in the city's processes. The one-time general fund resources shall be dedicated to supporting the pilot and the goals as determined by reimagine Oregon in consultation with the city bureau partners and to providing sufficient city bureau capacity to provide requested support. This project is intended to dismantle anti-black processes. Lesson learned from the pilot and practices supported by the community will be applied to the annual budget process and the budget monitoring processes known as the bump by council. Council commits to being updated on the program at each budget monitoring processes and during the annual budget to hear from community on its progress and revisit funding levels and take recommendations from reimagine Oregon community partners for improvements. That's the formal language.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We have a second from commissioner fritz. This amendment updates the language of the ordinance directly related to our reinvestment proposal based on conversations we had already and about how we move forward together. This is more specific about our next steps. I appreciate the transparency that this will provide to the community. We have a motion and we have a second. We'll call that wheeler amendment number one. Next make adjustments to the budget as proposed in order to transfer with the salt contract with the homeless and urban impact program with the bureau of management, it will decrease the operating fund by 77,000 dollars and reduce general fund cash transfer reserves into the facilities service operating budget by an equal amount, 77,000 dollars. It will increase bureau program expenses and bureau planning and sustainability general fund by 77,000 dollars to renevolent -- reflect for the city

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project. It will refund services in the bureau and planning for 77,000 dollars. This updates exhibit one through five as needed to reflect this change. The point of this, folks, is to propose fund for a one-year contract with salt and to keep it pretty rose city program that engaging volunteers in the neighborhood clean-up projects. This amendment reassigns that funding from the office of management to -- to bps which I believe is a better home for the contract. Could I get a second?

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: We a motion and second from commissioner Ryan. And amendment three, the motion is to make the following adjustment to the supplemental budget as proposed, increase bureau program expenses and prosper Portland's general fund by 20,000 dollars in one-time resources to help support the downtown retail advocate position. Reduce general fund contingency by 20,000 dollars one time to fund this change. This would up date exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Okay. Let's see. Let me turn the page here. Sorry. That's amendment -- wheeler amendment three. Wheeler amendment four, it is a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed, increase bureau program expenses in the office of the mayor's general fund by 70,000 dollars in one-time resources to partner with care Oregon to further develop a comprehensive approach to assist first responders and the community with sobering addiction recovery and behavioral health response. It would reduce the policy set aside for future contracts by 70,000 dollars one time to fund this change. We update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change, I like to give a brief commentary on this. This is related to a policy conversation that I'm very excited about as you all know our contract with the center dissolved last year and since then I had a dedicated staff exploring next steps. He's been talking with experts from the healthcare and mental health and behavioral health and public health and law enforcement and judicial systems from the service providers and academic experts and that work has led to a really great outcome. Care Oregon is often hiring a program manager to take this conversation to the next level, convening partners from all of the systems to figure out how we break down the silos that prevented the collaboration we need for a better approach together. This amendment allocated 70,000 dollars one-time to fund half of this position to care Oregon. That work will ultimately conclude. I think the pages are stuck here together. July 1st, sorry to keep y'all hanging, and form the new relationships and new opportunities that will be on the table then. Can I get a second for the amendment, please?

Ryan: Second.

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Wheeler: Seconded by commissioner Ryan. I'm almost done. Amendment five making adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed and amendment two to include the following current proportional budget and decrease the police budget by 3 million 307,654 dollars -- 2 million 307,654 dollars for the housing and services currently managed by the service team. Increase cal for the same amount. And then the joint office of homeless services to take over ownership of this contract. Just briefly this amendment moves funding for the contract for additional treatment and housing services out of the Portland police bureau to the Portland housing bureau for the joint office of homeless services it to take over management of the contract. This will be effective the next fiscal year to allow bureaus the necessary time to plan for the transition. This change can of course lines with conversations about how we provide for public safety in the city and insuring these critical services are provided by the bureaus that are best equipped to do so. Can I get a second, please?

Ryan: Second.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Second from commissioner Ryan, he barely beat you out commissioner fritz. Last wheeler amendment five and finally six, a motion to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed and amend exhibit 2 to include the following current appropriation level target adjustments, increase cal targets in bureaus with new ongoing general fund allocations authorized in the fall supplemental budget as estimated by the ongoing impact of these changes. These appropriations may be later adjusted based on cost to be funded by the model and human resources and positions hired and other information that becomes available after the fall supplemental budget is adopted. To be clear about this, this amendment is technical in nature. It increases the current appropriation level targets and variety of bureau that is are receiving new ongoing general fund allocations and Jessica, I know if there are questions you will be happy to discuss this at a deeper level.

Kinard: That's right.

Wheeler: I got a second from commissioner fritz and wheeler amendment number six and that concludes both my amendments and my voice. Colleagues, anything further?

Fritz: I do second that. I have some amendments.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz, you're up.

Fritz: Thank you. First I move for the adjustments to the budget as proposed. Increase program expenses in the general fund by 2,185 in one-time resources to cover protest related costs and decrease can the general fund contingency by 22,185 one-time to fund this change, update

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exhibit one through five as needed to reflect this change.

Wheeler: Second. So commissioner fritz makes a motion, I seconded it. That's the first one.

Fritz: Thank you. The next one, move to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed, increased bureau program expenses in Portland positive recreational fund in one-time resources to fund costs associated with restroom services from July 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2021. These are additional and run the only public rest rooms downtown. It is protest and covid and the human health crisis. Decrease can unrestricted general fund contingency by 87,946 one time to fund this change. Update picture one through five as needed to update the change.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan, that's Fritz two.

Fritz: Number three is -- is motion -- move to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget and increase bureau program expenses in the office of equity and human rights general fund by 170,000 in ongoing general fund resources, 110,000 of the total will support ongoing training workshops to 10 to 20 percent facilitators across city bureaus to help implement results accountability citywide. 50,000 of this total will establish an ongoing professional budget development for the office -- for the office of equity and human rights staff and the bureau equity staff and the remaining 10,000 will be for learning resources. Unallocated general fund unrestricted contingency to the general fund set aside by 170,000 to fund the change in financial year, 2021. Ongoing funding for this position will come from the unallocated ongoing general fund and the contingency resources and be included as an adjustment for financial year 2021-22. Update exhibits one through five.

Ryan: Second

Wheeler: Ryan seconds. For those that are viewing this, what we're doing right now is just putting amendments on the table if discussion. We're not actually voting on these amendments right now. We're just putting them on the table in case people are wondering procedurally what we're doing. That's fritz amendment number three.

Fritz: Four, move to make the following adjustments to the supplemental budget as proposed, reduce program expenses in the city budget office general fund by 41,250 and reduce bureau program expenses in the office of government relations general fund by 41,250 on one-time basis for current year costs with a small bureau equity manager to be housed in the office of equity and human rights. Increase program expenditures in the office of equity and general fund by 82,500 on a one-time basis and add 1.0 permanent regular fte to provide dedicated focus and

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equity manager support to small bureau managing key citywide processes effecting city equity outcomes beginning with the office -- of government relations and the city budget office. And amend exhibit 2 to direct the budget office to up date the levels by 165,000 to provide permanent and consistent support and insure progress on equity outcomes and key processes managed by small city bureaus.

Wheeler: I'll second that. That's fritz number four.

Fritz: And that has the support of both government relations and the city budget office to help develop the proposal which will help the small bureaus as will the training money. Fritz five, make adjustments as proposed increase bureau program expenses in Portland parks and recreation general fund by 52,150 dollars for four seasonal maintenance workers downtown for eight weeks and provide appropriate fleet rental. Extend budgets, 2024 on one-time basis to fund the change. Exhibits one through five needed for the change.

Wheeler: I second that. Fritz number five. Does that complete your amendments, commissioner fritz?

Fritz: No, one more. This is move to make the following adjustments in the sun momental budget as proposed. Increase human rights general fund in ongoing general fund resources and 1.0 permanent fte to support a policing focused equity based analyst housed in the office of the equity and human rights and whose chance is to work with the Portland police bureau Oakland office and strategic services division to increase the use of equitable practices in the police bureau. Decrease the one-time transfer of unallocated general fund, unrestricted contingencies to the stability policy set aside by 108,106 to fund this change in 2020-21. Ongoing funding for this will come from the unallocated unrestricted contingency resources and being included as cal adjustment for financial year 2021-22. Reduce bureau program expenses in one-time resources to reflect the anticipated partial use savings for this position. Increase one-time unrestricted general fund contingency by 64,403 to balance this change. Up date exhibit one through five as needed to reflect this change.

Wheeler: I'll second that. That's fritz number six.

Fritz: That concludes my amendment, thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: My apologies.

Wheeler: No worries.

Eudaly: Hello. All right. Before I -- before I read my amendments, I want to thank reimagine Oregon which is a -- a -- an initiative, that was a region wide initiative created by black

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community leaders and advocates that have been a critical community partner and advisor in this ongoing conversation about transforming our approach to public safety and police investing in community. And I also want to clear up confusion that may have been created by e-mails sent by my office in advance of this hearing. As I mentioned, reimagine Oregon began as a series of conversations organized and led by black community leaders and advocates. Mayor wheeler and I were invited participants and neither of us had anything to do with creating or establishing this initiative. I apologize for any misunderstanding that may have been created by the wording of the e-mail. It is an honor to work with reimagine Oregon and other advocates and organizations. I look forward to continuing this community led work by investing in community. And I'll read my amendment. I move to make the following adjustments to the -- to the supplemental budget as proposed. Increase bureau program expenses in the office of community and political life general fund by 1.7 million for the Oregon worker relief fund. Decrease the stability reserve policy set aside by 1.75 million to fund the change and update exhibits one through five as needed to reflect this change.

Hardesty: Second.

Eudaly: Thank you. A program providing assistance to Oregonians that don't qualify for traditional unemployment insurance and cares act stimulus checks. Immigrants serving organizations across the country are reporting increase in unmet basic needs, including food and housing and cash assistance. This lose people experiencing houselessness or exiting or transitioning from the criminal-legal system and people working in sublegal industries. Vital support is still inaccessible for some immigrant Oregonians but the workers relief fund fills the gap to resource those that are left behind. They serve other forms of financial relief eligible up to 2500 dollars from owrf and that's my amendment. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner eudaly.

Hardesty: Commissioner hardesty is next.

Wheeler: You're good to go. You're up.

Hardesty: I hope commissioner ryan doesn't feel left out but here I go. Let me -- let me see -- tell you my amendments and then I will make a statement afterward. My first amendment is decrease bureau program expenses in the Portland police bureau's general fund by 18 million, 22,000, 101 dollars in ongoing resources. This will be two ways, one-time and ongoing. To provide for episcopal year 2021 on one-time basis and increase external materials and services and the special appropriations general fund for the emergency coordination center, food assistance program and one-time resources. Increase external materials and services and the

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special appropriations general fund for the emergency coordination center, hygiene stations program by one million, 75,000 dollars in one-time resources. Increase external material and services in a special appropriations general fund for the emergency coordination center, outdoor shelter program by one million, 50,000 dollars in one-time resources. Increase external materials and services in a special appropriations general fund for the emergency coordination center and households essentials program by 300,000 dollars and one-time resources. Increase external materials and services and the Portland housing bureau general fund by 7 million 547,101 dollars and one-time resources for universal eviction defense. The Portland housing bureau will work with the drug office of homeless services and the offices of Eudaly on this effort. Increase external materials and services and the bureau of planning and sustainability general fund by -- by half a million dollars one-time resources for the digital divide for community members. Increase materials and services and Portland fire and rescue general fund by 100,000 dollars and one-time resources for increased crisis intervention training. To balance the reduction of an ongoing basis starting in fiscal year of 2021-22, amend exhibit number two to add the following current appropriation level target adjustment. Increase general fund contingency policies set aside by one million and ongoing resources for the creation of a latinx fund. And policy set aside by 2 million 500,000 and ongoing resources for Portland street response. Increase general fund unrestricted contingency by 14 million 522,101 dollars in ongoing resources to provide stability to fiscal year 2021 and 22 and general fund budget or be available for additional emergent community needs. Update to reflect the change.

Eudaly: Second.

Hardesty: Thank you. Number two, motion to make the following adjustments as proposed, reduce police bureau's program expense and special appropriations by two million 125,000 and one-time general fund resources for the covid-19 related hygiene and outdoor shelter programs. Increase general fund policy set aside for Portland street response by 2 million and 125,000 dollars to balance this change. Update picture one through five as needed to reflect this change.

Eudaly: Second.

Hardesty: Thank you. Make the adjustment to the supplemental budget increase program expenses and the bureau of emergency communication and the emergency communication fund by 95,500 dollars and one-time resources and authorize 5fte, regular senior dispatch positions for Portland street response. This represents the total anticipated cost for personnel expenditures starting in may 2021. The ongoing costs for these positions starting in fiscal year 2021-22 will be funded through increased 911 that's revenue from the state of Oregon. Review

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policies set aside for Portland street response on one-time basis by 95,500 dollars to fund this change. Update one through five as needed.

Eudaly: Second.

Hardesty: Thank you. Two second that time, love it. Before I -- before I finish, I just want to make a couple of comments about my recommended changes before we open this up to the public. Let me of course start by saying as always that the budget is a moral document, so this hearing and vote is the perfect I'm to make sure our spending reflects the city's values. As my colleagues are aware, I'm proposing an amendment to cut 14 million from the Portland police bureau and I want to thank Eudaly who has been an excellent partner with me on developing this plan. In the last two months, I hosted live events with community members, public health experts and police reform advocates as part of my rethink Portland initiative to reimagine what community safety looks like for all Portlanders. With the event hundreds of messages from constituents and analysts from my office hearing the immunity's demand and working with commissioner Eudaly I'm confident in this proposal to reallocate these dollars to make sure Portlanders have a roof over their head and food in their stomach and their most basic immediate met. If yesterday wasn't any indication that 1400 people took what was available and 500 dollar gift cards and that was gone in five minutes. Economic anxiety is a big predictor of violence. If we combine our current economic recession with a global pandemic and a movement forcing us to confront centuries of racial injustice, we have unrest in real-time. Unrest and instability. As government leaders our role is to provide stability in those moments of crisis. With this proposal, I'm also asking my colleagues to begin addressing violence as a public health issue. Police officers cannot and should not be the only solution to so many of society's ills, yet today, they are the city's biggest funded bureau, there by leaving many social ills for police to respond to. If we agree we can't arrest our way out of this problem we need to begin to look at funding programs and alternatives that prevent conflict and violence and how to move money from a bureau that has not delivered on its charge. It is clear that someone nitpicking line item cuts as a distraction, we need to cut through the noise and get to the main issue. Portland police bureau has not been held accountable for its bloated spending or inconsistent disproportionate targeting of people of color, houseless individuals and people dealing with mental health crises. The community is demanding an end. It should not be controversial for a bureau to course correct when its own outcomes show it is not serving all Portlanders equally. I thank you very much for listening to my opening comment. And this were a couple of questions that -- has -- that were -- came up, Jessica, at the last hearing that we had on the budget. And I have asked the city attorney, Robert

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teller, to come and provide some information about the impact that -- that the protests -- the lawsuits against the police are having on the city attorney's workload. So I would very much like to have him speak and then very briefly have Mike Meyers talk about the -- the economic devastation that is headed our way. Thank you. If there's no objection, if you have no objections, I like to hear from Robert Taylor.

Wheeler: Before we get into the presentation, commissioner Hardesty, I need to make one minor correction on one of the amendments I put forward, amendment number three, the number was inaccurate. I requested 20,000 dollars, the number is 25,000 dollars. I think that's a substantial enough difference. Could I get a second to the amendment of my amendment?

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Thank you commissioner Fritz. Back to you to you commissioner Hardesty. Fritz was quick on the draw that time. Robert Taylor would you mind providing us with information that -- as I requested, please.

Robert Taylor: Thank you commissioner, this is Robert Taylor chief deputy city attorney and before I start I -- I do -- I do -- I want to acknowledge that -- that -- that many city bureaus are under great deal of budget stress and are working very hard to confront all of the issues facing the city over the last several months. In response to your question, our office has -- has -- has experienced a significant workload increase due to the police response it demonstrations. Last count we have 18 lawsuits filed against the city as of the end of May. We expect more to come. And the statute of limitations for those types of lawsuits is usually two years. So more may be coming. Over the past few months, our office has handled at least three hearings for temporary restraining orders against the city, two hearings for preliminary injunctions, recently one contempt of court hearing that our office handled and we also recently handled a trial related to a 2016 demonstration event which indicates how long these cases can last. In our office. We -- we measure the workload in a couple of ways. One are risk hours, that we track for the risk management department on tort cases which these case respect. We looked at July 1st to mid-September, our risk hours were up 40 percent from that same period last year. When you extend from mid-October, the risk hours are actually up 53 percent compared to the same period last year. So last year we had about 3600 risk hours during that period. This year it is over 5500 risk hours. The other way that we -- has we -- we track the workload in our litigation section is through overtime hours that our lawyers keep track of, from July 1st through mid-September, our overtime hours in our litigation section were 2 1/2 times higher than they were during that same period lastier from July 1st through mid-October that longer period of time, our overtime

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hours are three times higher than they were compared to a year ago. So last year during that period there was 331 over-time hours by our litigators. For that same period this year, it is 1,004 overtime hours by our litigators. There are a couple of different impacts that we are experiencing because of that workload. We are -- are -- our attorneys are salaried employees. The overtime hours don't have a budget impact on us. I want to be careful about how I talk about this. I think our lawyers are under a great deal of mental and physical stress because of that. I believe that folks are seeking the appropriate attention for those issues but it does cause a great deal of stress on our folks, both at work and at home. We are very fortunate at the city attorney's office to have a great group of litigators and attorneys overall and that type of environment can make it very difficult to retain and attract good lawyers and I do not want to see our good lawyers go somewhere elsewhere they are not operating under that same level of -- of stress and strain. The other impact that we've seen, there's opportunity costs associated with this where we have not been able to do things that we otherwise would like to do before the pandemic and the events over the summer, we had promised to do some work for government relations around preemption because that's an important issue for the city, both at the state and federal level because of the workload and the lawyers had to do other things, we've not been able to get to that. I owe Elizabeth Edwards that. She keeps reminding me. That's a good example of things that we have not been able to get to. We have to personal litigation to defend potential future council actions and -- and -- and I have asked lawyers to hold time for those things, because I want the lawyers to be able to defend that. Those great lawyers are now handling these demonstration related cases. So that's an area where I see in the future our ability to handle things is going to be compromised potentially and most recently I -- I do want to note this because it is important for our office, we did just recently sue the federal government in two very important cases, one in Oakland where we were challenging the deployment of federal troops and the deputization and defense of the right-of-way up about we also just sued in Seattle along with Seattle and New York over the anarchist jurisdiction label that is decreasing funding to progressive cities. Those are very important lawsuits where the city is standing up for its right to have local control over its streets and law enforcement. We could not have done that on our own, given everything we're facing we could not have done those lawsuits. It was only because we had good partnerships with the other cities and other partners that we worked with. We practice at a high level but at this level of stress and strain and workload it could be hard for us to meet the high standards.

Hardesty: You're right. The level of expertise that we're able to share in from your office has been

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pretty phenomenal. And so you absolutely amaze me that you're able to juggle so many things, especially working from home and all the other challenges that come along with that. I have a last question before I back up and leave it for my colleagues to ask. Everything is paid out of our general fund is accurate. How does that work?

Taylor: We two the self-insured retention so in order for it -- I would want to talk to Patrick Hughes in Risk first to make sure I'm explaining it correctly. We have a self-insured retention so if the payment is below a certain figure the city writes the check and otherwise it goes to the insurance carrier.

Hardesty: It would be great if you could find that out. I thought there were different levels based on the suit.

Taylor: I will get in touch with Patrick and get you those answers today.

Hardesty: It would be great if you could find out. I thought there were different levels based on this seat. There is a different level for police than for something else. Does anybody else have questions for Robert Taylor? Seeing no hands, thank you very much. Mike Meyers. Would you please give us a report on what you are seeing as far as food security and housing?

Mike Meyers: Thank you, commissioner. My name is Mike Meyers, the director of Portland bureau of emergency management. Good afternoon, councilmembers and mayor.

Commissioner Hardesty, we spoke on several occasions and I spoke to the group during the work session and explained I would be remiss as your emergency manager if I did not bring forward the food security needs of the public during the COVID-19 outbreak. By no means today am I suggesting we can end hunger through funds. There was hunger before COVID and certainly after. The conditions however, in which people live have changed over the last few months, that is largely driven by the financial changes we're seeing. I do not expect it to get better. I'm not expert in food security. Kati Robb, the ECC coordination section lead on food security. Sheila Greg is in the wings if we need to talk to her from the finance section. While she's getting online to talk about food security, I want to say publicly and thank the ECC and staff under the direction of Katy Wolf as your commander. Bureaus have across the entire city -- under dynamic pressure and performed admirably, I want to tell each commissioner and mayor's office, thank you, and to the bureau directors for giving their very best. Very impressive operation. Katy, if you are available, can you talk about, we know we have community partners helping with food security, they cannot meet the gap and the city is trying to assist in meeting the gap -- meeting the gap. Katy, can you talk to the group a little bit?

Kati Robb: Yes. Hello, commissioners my name is Kati Robb, the food security lead at the ECC.

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One of the things that we do at the ecc is we partner with Multnomah county's eoc, food security team as well. We also partner with Portland children's levy to monitor all of the grantees the levy is supporting through their hunger relief efforts. And we also reached out to partners like the Oregon food bank to understand what is going on with the food pantry system. And what we're hearing at a high level is that there is an extreme amount of need right now on the food pantry system. And they are experiencing disruptions. Supply disruptions are common. They are also slow in the sense of being cautious to get online. And back up and running. Because a lot of the shopping style pantry patrons would go and select their items. Because of covid-19, they've chosen some of them to fill boxes and allow boxes to go out in that way to reduce the risk for patrons. There have been a lot of changes that coupled with supply issues have caused them to take -- be cautious in coming back online. I think that given we're seeing spikes we can expect that cautiousness to continue. And we can expect disruptions to also continue. I worry for the system. And then, we're also very concerned, we're seeing a lot of people needing cash assistance for food. And I think long term one of the things I talk about is systemic risk for our small ethnic grocers and their ability to provide and the amount of resources we have for culturally specific foods. As their patrons of the stores continue to not have money and continue to not have resources, I worry for insolvency for the businesses providing a critical food need for our areas and I worry we'll have more food deserts when we come out of this as a result of that.

Meyers: Commissioner, you are muted.

Hardesty: I realize that as -- Kati, how many organizations are you working with currently to provide food support?

Robb: We have over 50 organizations that we're working with right now to provide food support. And those are b.i.p.o.c., immigrant and refugee organizations. And also organizations that serve Portlanders with disabilities.

Hardesty: Thank you so much. I appreciate you and mike being here today. I really, really appreciate you both. Thank you so much. The last thing, I would hope -- I plan today to have my amendments voted on. So I'm not sure what else will happen with other amendments. I want to be clear before I leave today, my plan is to have my amendments voted on. Thank you, all.
Mayor, back to you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, just a clarification on that, are you saying you do not want to complete public time -- testimony or are you fine having this extend and I will not be present for the vote? I cannot hear you.

Hardesty: I am muted again. What I would like to do, you cannot stay an extra hour which

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I'm grateful for, a hour -- half hour before you have to leave, we should ask the people waiting if they want to have that vote. We can do a quick poll and chat to find out whether or not people are ready to have that vote. I want to hear from everybody as always. I think it's important that at least on my amendments and I can't speak for anything anyone else's, I very much want them voted onto today.

Wheeler: I'm good either way. Some commissioners might want to follow-up or get further input.

Hardesty: I think I've been clear on my amendments. People can talk about their amendments but mine have been clear and widely distributed. People feel how they feel. I don't think today is going to change that. Thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: Sorry.

Wheeler: No worries. Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Sorry, I can see Jessica straining to hear me. I would be troubled if we cut off public testimony. If people only want to say, I agree, I agree, I agree, they can do that. I would not want to do a poll. In fact, I don't think there is anything in the rules of order that allows us to do that.

Hardesty: I disagree with your premise about the rules.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: I do support commissioner Hardesty's request for her amendments to be voted on today. And it's not as if we don't have precedent for having to cut off testimony early in order to take a vote. We've done that before. We know the vast majority of people who have signed up to give testimony today are in support of these amendments.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Yeah, I did express this to commissioner Hardesty earlier today. I don't want to vote until I hear everyone who has testified on the issue.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. We have something to consider over the course of the next several hours. Keelan, let's move to public testimony. How many people do we currently have signed up?

Clerk: We have about 120 or so people on the call right now. I would like to make a quick announcement. We were having some tech issues at the beginning of the meeting where not everybody could get signed on. Those issues have been resolved. We have sent an email to everyone who signed up to let them know if they weren't able to get signed on they should now. I want to make sure that we make that announcement in the meeting as well so anybody who is

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watching knows they can sign on.

Wheeler: Thank you, Keelan. Commissioner Eudaly and Ryan, you have hands raised. I take it it's residual? Thank you. Keelan, why don't you call the first people. Two minutes. Name for the record please.

Clerk: The first three people we have are Ariel Stone, Hyung Nam, and Renee Mitchell.

Ariel Stone: Can I be heard?

Wheeler: Yeah, you are good to go.

Stone: Thank you. My name is Rabbi Ariel Stone. The police general fund increased to over \$200 million. The bureau of plannings and sustainability gets 10 million as does the office of community and civic life. And the housing bureau currently has 33 million. What would happen if those numbers were weighted in the opposite direction strewed as the mayor said to our community's expressed values. Piles of data shows the best way to lower crime to invest in social services. It's time to invest in reimagining public safety by fully funding parks, social services, mental and physical health facilities, emergency rent aid and food and security programs. It's time to support public safety by taking away department of defense munitions from public servants who use them to make war on their people. To take action to come into compliance with the department of justice 2012 judgment the Portland police must stop committing criminal violence against residents. The Portland police association publicly declared they have no confidence in the city council. It's time to publicly respond the city of Portland has no confidence in the police association and budget accordingly. Before an officer gets a new uniform because of paint, let's make sure those who are sworn to protect have the services they need to afford the clothing. Before more funds are spent to cover officer overtime, stop arresting houseless residents of Portland, accounting for half of instances of use of force in 2020, the first quarter, imagine the parks have all the money they need and the police have to hold a bake sale to by tear gas.

Clerk: Next, we have Hyung Nam.

Hyung Nam: I'm an organizer with Portland metro people's coalition. I want to support cutting \$18 million from the police. I urge mayor wheeler and all commissioners to make the vote happen today. Yielding my time so that the vote to cut funds to p.p.b. Can happen today. And that black and brown community members and organizations can speak. I submit my testimony in writing. And I just want to add that this is an historic vote for commissioner Ryan, a first historic vote and a final one for commissioner Fritz's legacy on equity. With uncertainty of federal aid and chaos and dysfunction and record deficit and death, death debt, we need funds not to

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police. So they don't swoop in like last recession. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Renee Mitchell.

Renee Mitchell: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, Renee Mitchell. You may know me as an award winning columnist. A nationally award winning youth organization, I am more. I've been a community artist for over 20 years, and testifying to call attention to a commitment that the city council made in the 1980s when Portland's first blacks elected official, Charles Jordan reimagined fire station as a cultural hub for artists of color. The center was where I produced my first play in 2003, collaborated with numerous arts of color, many who became life long friends, and where I coproduced the jazz opera. It was because of those artists and my deep respect for Charles Jordan, because of my desire to help black children, use creativity for hope and racial healing, I joined a advisory committee with reopening the i.c.c., Nick Fish who nominated me for the spirit of Portland award, a long time friend, he handed me this award, even though he was weeks away from taking his last breath. I will play 20 seconds of his remarks.

[Audio Recording of Nick Fish: She owns her company. And serves on Portland parks and rec interstate firehouse cultural center community. Because of her dedication and the dedication of other community leaders, we're going to save the institution Charles Jordan would say and repurpose for the next generation.]

Mitchell: Today, I'm requesting that the Portland city council honor his intention for i.c.c. Funding a feasibility study in the final fall bump and not wait until 2021 and then that money can be reimbursed once the park levy passes. This an action that will honor nick and Charles Jordan's equity and community resiliency. Thank you.

Wheeler: Renee, if I could put in a comment here. The reason it wasn't specifically put in the fall bump is the assumption was it will be funded through the levy. If the levy for any reason did not pass, we have publicly committed we would find the resources to fund that either from the parks bureau or elsewhere. It is definitely a top priority for this council. Either way, it will happen. And I'm giving you my word it will happen.

Mitchell: Thank you, mayor.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz, do you have a comment?

Fritz: We have had conversations on the council. Thank you. After I finished the mouthful of my amendments, I neglected to mention the interstate firehouse because we certainly appreciate the work you've done. Thank you for playing our dear friend nick' voice. I'm glad here honored you for one of his final things. Thanks.

Mitchell: Thank you, commissioner fritz.

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Clerk: Next up Emory Mort. I'm sorry, Sean Green, Emory Mort and Timothy Swales.

Sean Green: Hello, my name is Sean Green. I'm share chair of the northeast coalition neighborhoods. Thanks for hearing my testimony, mayor wheeler and members of council. I am also part of an emerging coalition, along with interfaith alliance on port poverty and others, supporting villages to help unhoused community members. Here to speak on the proposed increase funding to programs including the outdoor shelter program, and continuing the c.3 p.o. Funding and the two other shelters in the mayor's proposal. I want to say I think that we as a city, we need to look at a variety of options. And a continuum to support our unhoused community. I feel strongly have interacted with folks from the unhoused community, neighborhoods, businesses and faith communities, together we can find ways to help each other and support each other. And with that, I'll leave it there. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Emory Mort.

Emory Mort: Good afternoon, council. For the record, my name is Emory Mort. Affiliated with Portland's resistance. Last week I admired how commissioner Ryan wanted to lead in this budget process with shared values. Starting with those values, values like addressing racist policing and demands for the movement of black lives, two, the covid crisis, three, people experiencing houselessness. I'm not going to speak long today, I think we should have the vote and see where candidates stand on the issue, that was laid out so well in this hearing a few minutes ago. Yeah, I think if we look at the values, we see where the moral and the proper choice lies. 1400 debit cards going to emergency need yesterday and under five minutes, that's \$700,000 in desperate need. You heard from the e.c.c., the need that's out there. And you know, this is the fourth time you've heard official public comment for this fall bump process. And those of us who have participated know what you've heard over and over again. I think many people out here want you to find common ground with the values of the voices you've heard out in the community. Those people have been physically and mentally beaten down by the system and misinformation, look how people are showing up. We're together, strong, capable, we're reasonable and moral too. And so yeah, I hope you vote for Hardesty's 18 million amendment. And cutting the p.p.b. Spending and getting it to people in need. Thank you. And I hope we have this vote today.

Clerk: Next up is Timothy Swales.

Timothy Swales: Can you hear me? Perfect. My name is Timothy Swales for the record. First, you can take my warning, [expletive] I agree with united Oregon, I agree with that. The 18 million is not enough. Like the other 5%, it was a start. So I'm going to take the 18 million. We need to get

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it increased to 35 million. All the demands on united Oregon's email is what I agree with. There are plenty of others who agree. Let's vote today. Ted wheeler, you do not deserve to be the mayor. You will not be the mayor once these clowns get their act together. You are going to lose sucker. You are done. I yield my time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Gabriel Triplett, Tim McCormick and Bob Sallinger.

Gabriel Triplett: Can you hear me?

Hardesty: Yes.

Triplett: Okay. Hello, city council. My name is Gabriel Triplett. A pastoral care worker and organizer, I live in northeast Portland. Here voicing support for commissioner Hardesty's amendments. I specifically want to advocate the funds be diverted to support the disability community. Specifically, I want to urge the funding of the rental registry program, Portland tenants units and neighborhood organize to work hard to get past the last fall bump defunded when covid hit. All too often in policy development, the needs of people labeled as disabled are only charitable after thought. It's past time to end this. We're in the midst of the global health crisis and the need of the disability community must begin and end the conversation. This is the community most ignored. Most impacted. And whose continued neglect poses the largest escalation of public need and cost. The first, families with children with disabilities like mine have found themselves unable to work outside the home because of fear of bringing in the disease. Unable to work inside the home because distance learning for a child with special needs is more than a full-time job. It's more than two full-time jobs. On top of that, unable to access inhome services provided by the state because of the health risk to our children. Here's the thing, balancing work and family and always difficult, right? Having a family member are an additional medical or attention need makes it one thousand times more difficult. And covid made the situation almost impossible. We're seeing the risk of families choosing to hand over the children to the state because they are not able to provide a safe place and care for them. It moves the community backwards toward greater institutionalization and a trauma that takes a toll on the community and carries large cost burden for government on all levels. The second example, the pandemic has had a huge toll on mental health and many, especially vulnerable are those living with severe mental health issues. Like my brother, who has been diagnosed with schizo-effective disorder. Our loved ones may become a threat to others for us low income folks, it's only the police. I cannot and will not call the police in those times even when I want to because of what they might do to him for not complying with orders. They are not the profession that should deal with my brother in a crisis. Situations like these rise when people are isolated, over looked

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and face insecurities of housing, food and healthcare for our family, it's a terrifying experience. For the communities, it's unsafe and also expensive. I'm asking you to do is in the unprecedented times to be bold and courageous. Reach out to people living with disabilities and organizations that work with and for them. Thank you, and god bless.

Clerk: Next up is Tim McCormick.

Tim McCormick: Hi, I'm not seeing myself on video. I'll go anyway. Are you seeing me? Anyway, thank you, city council for having me. My name is Tim McCormick. Moderator of pediatric shelter forum and working with Sean Green on building a shelter coalition, to evaluate and assist and reorient Portland's housing and homelessness response. From the perspective of first and foremost helping first and fully those who are now last. Those who are unsheltered and in the greatest need. Who actually in many respects don't get very much of a public expenditure and attention and are largely left on the streets. The mandate to start with the premise all Portlanders need a safe place to -- viewing it as a human rights issue. That morally not acceptable or pragmatically functioning to have this sort of situation we have on the streets. From that point of view, concretely, I would like to urge in support the continued funding and also the continuing development and rethinking and innovation in shelter responses, the extending the c3po out door shelters and looking ahead how we can create a citywide network on the scale of need, building on the shelter to housing continuum program at planning. And basically, also tap into the very widespread community support that we see to approach this in a new way that brings everyone in and says, leaving people on the streets criminalized is not acceptable on any level. We have seen there is a massive scale of arrest and jailings of unhoused people. And the key part reforming that among other things is we need to create citywide safe spaces where people are legally allowed to be. If we don't, it's no mystery, many will be arrested and potentially jailed. So with that, I would turn it back to you. Thank you for the work that many have been doing on this. Let's start first with those who have least.

Wheeler: Tim, thank you. I want to briefly comment and say, I support the idea of safe places. And I want to thank you for the work you are doing in the community. And I want to thank you for your perspective. That's an area I look forward to working with you and others going forward.

Clerk: Next up, we have Bob Sallinger.

Bob Sallinger: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and members of city council. Thanks for hearing this testimony today. I just wanted to weigh in on behalf of audubon society of Portland in favor of the money that is being set aside to do the fema floodplains work. We appreciate you including that money. That is a continuation of a project underway for a couple of years. That is

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very important in terms of protecting communities and also protecting the ecology of the landscape. It's a result of a lawsuit we brought against FEMA over a decade ago that required municipalities in Oregon to have salmon bearing streams to update protocols and regulations to make sure they were protective of salmon. But it also has the benefits of doing a better job of protecting communities. And protecting the environment in general. The city is doing outstanding work. Always been a leader in Oregon in this field. And we hope it will continue to be a leader. We've been impressed with the work. There is a deadline the cities have to meet the new standards that is a couple of years out. The city timeline puts on target. Delaying would put it out of compliance and jeopardize the flood insurance ratings. We are enthusiastic seeing that funding continue. And we think although under the radar, one of the city's flagship projects to meet climate goals. It's one of those things we don't necessarily talk about. But it's keep to landscape resiliency in a changing climate. It's important for the community, environment and flagship project for climate and meet the regulatory requirements that are now in place and have deadlines coming up in the near future. So thank you for including that and thank you for the language around dark skies. We appreciate that. The city has done great work there. And it's great to see just the language in there about flagging it to come back to in the future when things are a little less challenging than today. Thank you for hearing me.

Wheeler: Thank you, Bob, for the work that you've been doing with us. And of course, on the floodplain management. We funded him rather than the C.B.O. Recommended during the fall bump. And the work that you and Commissioner Fish in familiar did around the dark skies initiative was meaningful to this council. We want to continue the work that's why it's all there and fully funded so thank you.

Sallinger: Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up, we have Stephen Tokarski, Lamarra Haynes, and Alison Cole.

Stephen Tokarski: Hi, I am kind of surprised I am on right now. I'm going to go for it. I'm here to talk in favor of Commissioner Hardesty's amendment. To cut the police budget by \$18 million. I guess I just want to speak not that there is not enough of my voice in the city. But I am a white middle class constituent. I consider myself to have kind of a conscience. On a day-to-day basis I feel pretty safe in the city. I often wonder what if I'm in a situation where I don't feel safe for me or my two boys who are one and three years old? I think it's clear to a lot of us at this point, the police department and the city is amoral, corrupt in a lot of ways to the point I know in my heart that calling 911 in a situation where an officer might respond is quite frankly an immoral act. I know the members of the police department routinely escalated situations. One phone call from

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me could end up with a person being killed. If my family is in a situation we don't feel safe, we're on our own. The police department doesn't try to solve the vast majority of crimes. The police are not only actively at war with communities of color in the city, they stopped even pretending to be here for people like me. So you know, from my perspective, the reason why the police department budget has gone up year after year while every other service is continually cut and I'm sorry for my boy in the background here, is that the wealthy interest that run the Portland business association and have almost exclusive rights have a single interest, protecting the property value. It has endless growth opportunity forever and ever. The only way they can enforce the growth is the point of a gun, that is a job of the Portland police bureau. Not here for me or communities of color. They exist to serve capital. I don't want another dime of my money going for them again. Vote for commissioner Hardesty's amendment. We have commissioner Eudaly and Hardesty. And I appreciate this. Commissioner Ryan, because of commissioner Hardesty's endorsement, I trust you to do the right thing. This is your first chance to do it. Thank you.

Clerk: Next is Lamarra Haynes.

Lamarra Haynes: Hello. For the record, my name is Lamarra Haynes. I work for imagine black. Imagine black and unite Oregon demanded a divestment from b.p.p.b. Commissioner Hardesty proposed a \$18 million divestment. We'll take that and continue to demand that city council actually meets and exceeds demands of activists and organizers who without the power of elected positions or city funding have analyzed the budget and pushed for reimagining of public safety that city council has been enabled -- unable to do collectively. These are happening because of people of power. We need the mayor and commissioner Ryan to vote in support of the \$18 million proposal. Both parties expressed hesitation to divest from p.p.b. Without other alternatives. Mr. Mayor, community members shared with you some of these alternatives. It seems the status quo protesters beaten, black life being snuffed out, people being harassed and people with mental health illness sentenced to death by p.p.b. Are the norms you accepted. I refuse to accept those. Imagine black refuses to accept. People rising up in the city refuse to accept. Defunding this is a public safety model. Reinvest in affordable housing, accessible education, racial justice and drug treatment instead of arrests. These keep us safe, not law enforcement. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Alison Cole.

Alison Cole: Thank you, for the record, I'm Alison Cole. I live in southeast Portland. Members of the council, I would like to speak in absolute favor of commissioner Hardesty's amendment. But

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also acknowledge the police union will do every everything to punish the city for a laws of funds. Retaliatory litigation is the enemy of our movement. Defunding the police would be easier if the police didn't threaten to embroil the city in litigation over, quote/unquote, changing the work conditions. Mayor wheeler, you could call of militarized police protests but you won't. Under the assumption the city could be sued if something bad happens and police aren't there to stop it. I think we should take a look how many lawsuits are brought against the city because of police presence. Not a lack of it. Last month the city paid almost a million dollars to the family of lane martin because a Portland police officer tragically murdered him. He was cleared of wrongdoing. The city remained liable for the killing. I would like to address, even after years of being bogged down in a settlement with the department of justice, which came about over how violate Portland police are, the police bureau has not held up the end of the bargain. It's not because they don't have the funds. Over half the bureau makes over \$100,000 a year. The police union has looted our money of money, safety, and agency. Members of this elected body, city council, who failed to defund and dismantle the police bureau are actively working to update hold the racist institution that makes a mockery of organized labor and harbors murderers behind a badge. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Robby Erickson. Kaia Sand, and Stanley Penkin.

Robby Erickson: Hi, good afternoon, council. Mine will be short and direct. I keep hearing that voting to move 18 million from the p.p.b. Is a complicated vote. I don't think it is. Dan Ryan, on your ballot profile, the first police reform and accountability, the next four bullets are covid recovery, housing security, climate action and schools and parks. Adequately funding those cannot happen without honoring the commitment to the first one. Reallocating the 18 million from the p.p.b. Is a direct way to begin the process of better using funds. Your own words to voters require you to vote yes. We need to move money from the Portland police to programs that are of a benefit to the city. Not perpetual increasing cost and vector of trauma. This is your opportunity as the newest member of the city council to prove that you will build a better city. Failure to do so, yet again police reform used to con votes from us. It's not complicated. It's not that complex. The people are telling you they need you to vote yes. I would like to vote to happen today. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Kaia Sand.

Kaia Sand: Good afternoon. Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, commissioners. I appreciate this opportunity to testify. I'm Kaia Sand. The executive director of street roots. And I urge you to support the amendment proposed by commissioners Hardesty and supported by commissioner

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Eudaly. With this in mind, my remarks are directed specifically to you, mayor Wheeler and to you, commissioner Fritz and commissioner Ryan. In my daily work, it is absolutely clear that the legal system drives people further into poverty. We work with too many people for who legal entanglements prevent them from housing and services. Council, you are committed to solving the gravity of homelessness, I implore you to confront the role that policing plays. I feel almost breathless when I think about how much this defines the daily suffering of the poorest among. Half of all arrests target unhoused. 40% of jail bookings. In this light, a harsh illumination of the millions spent jailing unhoused and subjected them with criminal records. It's a small and brave act to defund the police by \$18 million. A fraction of the money spent on making life harder for unhoused people and making your policy work harder too in terms of addressing homelessness. I implore you not to leave here in caution. Fear and caution in the service of the status quo only sustains a system founded in the violence of slavery, perpetuated through the years of jim crow, perpetuated through a pandemic of mass incarceration, bolsters through the system of policing, of which our city participates. As someone who commits a lot of my time thinking about the alternatives to policing as you all know, in particular, locally, Portland street response, I also want to say very clearly, it is not legitimate to claim policing cannot be pulled back.

Clerk: Time is up. Okay. Next up we have Stanley Penkin.

Wheeler: Stan, are you there? Hello?

Stanley Penkin: Hello? Good afternoon. I'm Stanley Penkin, a former president and board member of the public safety action coalition. With public safety being a high priority for many Portlanders in this critical time, I urge you to be ultra cautious in making additional cuts to our police bureau. After months of disruption, there is a palpable sense of fear as they no longer feel safe. A loss of confidence in timely police response to criminal acts is hurting all our communities. As a former new yorker who lived through the worst of times in the '60s and '70s when crime, graffiti and trash were rampant, I never dreamed I would relive the nightmare in the city I have come to love in my 17 years here. A minimum number of patrol officers is necessary if we are to have genuine community peace keeping. The bureau has been short staffed for years. Further reductions in officers responding to 911 calls who only lead to more fear and increased lack of confidence in Portland's ability to provide a safe environment for all and provide justice to victims. The current antipolice climate will further reduce the size and diminish the ability to recruit or retain the kind of officers we want in years to come. Do not be surprised when you need a police response in an emergency. They may not be there because they just aren't there. Please don't let that be an unattended consequence of ill advised decisions. Black lives matter as

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justifiable raised the issues of police abuse and lack of accountability. Before accountability measures are long overdue. However, true police reform and determination for appropriate resources should be accomplished in a measured, deliberate and inclusive process with all relevant parties have a seat at the table. Not by a --

Clerk: Time is up.

Penkin: Significant cuts to the police bureau have already been made when in fact more funding will be necessary if we are to build and retain a viable force with proper training, equipment and other needed resources. It will take more money, not less to realize the police bureau that works for all communities. This will not happen overnight. But it will not happen at all if the funding is not there. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Susan Keil, Vadim Mozyrsky, and Marlene Howell.

Hardesty: Let's show equity when we're cutting people off who is over their time.

Susan Keil: Hello, this is Susan Keil. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Keil: Oh, okay. Good. Thank you, mayor Wheeler and commissioners Eudaly, Fritz and Hardesty for this opportunity to speak. My name is Susan Keil. She, her pronouns, live in north Portland and no affiliations. In-lieu of a budget process I hoped to see, our priorities must be food and housing and services that are clearly not appropriately placed within the Portland police bureau. The mayor's budget falls fall short, and so does commissioner hardesty but at least it seems to understand the need. So I'm in support of that. I'm stunned by commissioner ryan's lack of preparation for the position. But hope you will follow commissioner hardesty's lead in this budget. And please be guided by the philosophy when Portland community members achieve economic and social stability, so too will Portland businesses. Because covid-19 has highlighted how poorly it works the other way around. Please prioritize community members food and housing support above all else in this budget. Thanks for your consideration, black lives matter. With no justice, there is no peace.

Clerk: Next up, vadeem.

Vadim Mozyrsky: Mayor wheeler, commissioners. This is a highly emotional time when comes to policing in Portland. However, the facts speak strongly against cutting the police budget. 45 homicides and 41 since June. The highest murder rate in decades. Arson, burglary and assaults up from previous years. Yes the response time for the highest priority calls is up over 50% to 12 minutes. And much longer for lower priority calls. On the other end are thousands of victims needing police help. Contrast increased demand for police services with the following facts.

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P.p.b. Employees, 870 officers, the same staffing levels as 1995 when the city was two-thirds the size it is now. The budget is already low compared to other cities. The budget comprises only 4.4% of the city's total budget, come ranks 49th out of the 50 largest cities in the US, before the 5% cut in p.p.b. Fiscal '21 budget and additional 15 million cut that happened earlier this year. In 2016, governing magazine found Portland with 908 officers had 29% fewer police than Seattle. Portland had 42% fewer police per capita. Let's not mix words. This vote puts lives at stake. You would not cut the firefighter budget in the middle of a raging inferno with the promise that fewer firefighters result in fewer fires. We're in the midst of such an inferno. Violent crimes are the highest in decades while the lowest numbers of officers and smallest police budgets compared to other large cities. When casting your vote, think of the crime victims and families. They are truly the most vulnerable. The people that need a quick response time and the most qualified and best trained police available, not a police bureau hobbled by a shoe string budget. Thank you for your time. I cede the rest of my time.

Clerk: Next up, Marlene Howell.

Marlene Howell: Hello, can you hear me?

Hardesty: Yes.

Howell: I fully support commissioner Hardesty's proposal and I encourage you to do the same. It's not only a matter of public safety, it's a matter of political will. And I trust that all of you have the political will to do the right thing at this time to help Portland turn a corner and perhaps draw attention to itself for how policing can be done with a smaller budget rather than for how it is being done right now with tear gassing and using munitions against people expressing freedom of speech. I support the amendment fully. I cede the rest of my time. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Matthew Barron, Amie Wexler and Sandra Decker.

Matthew Barron: Thank you, commissioners, mayor, your for your time. The most basic function of government is to protect personal and property rights in the present. That is to guard our right to life and right to livelihood. Portland does not share had same stories as others. In fact, our police are among the best trained and professional in the nation. Since covid clamped down on it, we've seen a spike in violence, homicides and murders up, more than doubled since last year. We witnessed three this last week long alone. Downtown is a ghost town. Business owners and risk the futures of employees. It's no secret officers are spread thin. It's no wonder why emergency response times take longer and longer. Do we think we need less police presence right now? An \$18 million cut is not a drop in the bucket. It is a substantial kick to undermined support in the police bureau's ability to do their job. Commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly's plan is

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a short sided knee-jerk reaction that looks like a bid for popular appeal. If they get their way, victims use the first line of defense in just justice. Do we want to dig out of a pit of unintended consequences. Give the police a place at the table. Let's get our city to fund the police bureau's coordination with Multnomah county's sheriff and public health. Let the police presence with county workers, prisons and rehabilitation centers, help cities unsheltered, including the violent mental health. Help them find the care and attention so they can build the skills to sustain lives and build their livelihoods. Thank you very much. I cede my time.

Eudaly: Mayor? Mayor?

Wheeler: Yes, sorry, Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: I would like to interject. I'm hearing some misunderstanding about the intent and impact of these amendments. Number one, this budget cut would not require a single reduction in current personnel. It had require us -- the bureau to cut vacant positions, which are very unlikely to be filled during covid as our training program is shut down. We actually can't, my understanding is we're unable to train officers to put them into those vacant positions. Whether you support this amendment or not, please understand this will actually not result in less police officers. The other thing I would like to point out is that -- I mean, I'm a survivor of violent crime. I know how important those call times are. And I know that we sometimes need police to intervene in situations where there is threat to life or other serious crime. However, those police do not prevent crime. They respond to it. And this conversation is about getting to the root causes of crime. Someone used an interesting analogy of the fire bureau. Well, the root cause of fire is similar to the root cause of crime. It's poverty, mental health and addiction. For me, this conversation really shouldn't be about -- it's not a simple critique of our bureau. It's actually a critique about the system that we every single taxpayer and voter has helped -- has helped create and sustain through measures they vote for, candidates they vote for, et cetera. If we don't start investing in community and upstream solutions to crime, it's true, we will need more and more police. And in my opinion, that is an incredibly backward approach to public safety. That does not actually keep our community safer. Thank you.

Wheeler: And thank you, commissioner Eudaly. Director Kinard, can you put that question in the parking lot for later about whether we can cut 18 million in general fund from the police bureau budget for the remainder of this fiscal year without further lay offs? I would like to know the answer to that question. I don't need it now but I would like that answer later.

Kinard: Mr. Mayor, I'll put pen in that.

Clerk: Next up, we have Amie Wexler.

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Amie Wexler: Hi, thank you. My name is Amie Wexler. I'm the associate director at the Oregon justice resource center and co-chair of our policy action networker. And I'm going to make this brief so we can hopefully get to a vote today. I want to say that we support the demands and the work of commissioner Joann Hardesty and her amendments. We would like them to go further, echoing unite Oregon and people's coalition. We need to be courageous and confront challenges even if it's inconvenient for our schedules. The city should listen and take this vote today. We need leadership and clarity. Commissioner Ryan, I welcome you to there commission. I know you ran on the issue. I truly hope you can support the work of commissioner Hardesty, who backed you in your race and you said you would be backing her as well. Thank you for your work. Let's dismantle white supremacy and support the amendments. Thank you. I cede my time.

Wheeler: Thank you. For the record, the events I have this evening, is a community event i've been invited to. It's not community versus not community. It's that i've already been extended. And accepted an invitation to be in the community some time ago.

Clerk: Next up, we have Sandra Decker.

Wheeler: Sandra, are you there?

Clerk: She's on the line. It looks like she's muted.

Wheeler: Sandra, try star 6. That might work. Let go ahead and move.

Sandra Decker: Can you hear me now? This is Sandra Decker. Thank you very much. I'm here today to support commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly's \$18 million cut of a police budget. I too think we should go further. I have a brother with mental health issues who has been harassed by Portland police for 30 years in this city. I'm the living caregiver for a woman with developmental disabilities and would never called the Portland police under any circumstances to help my brother or the woman I live with to help her. I'm a volunteer with net neighborhood emergency team, p.b.e.m., to the importance of food security for our city. I have for the past three years been taking food to the homeless. I want to take away the populations that the Portland police do most harm to. I already mentioned developmentally disabled and mentally ill. Since 1992, the Portland police have killed 148 people of color. They shouldn't be called out under any circumstances. I wouldn't call out police no matter what was going on with people of color involved. In 2018, 52% of the arrests were homeless people. Poverty is not a crime. People are not choosing to be delighted to live outside and with food insecurity and mental health insecurity and medical insecurity. They are being forced to do so. I'm aware the san Francisco former mayor brown required 40 hours of training in psychology for his police officers and that's

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a joke because the California state requirements to be a psychologist require a master's degree and 5,000 hours of supervised practice before they can be licensed. I don't want them to handle protesters. They certainly should have all of their weapons taken away, cut their budget for their tear gas and other weapons. Because we have a right to protest. And we're standing up for this \$18 million budget cut. San Francisco, by the way, is also working to limit the police union from silencing police who do not want positive change. We need to be dealing with the police union. And as we heard earlier, there are threats to the city. And get them out of the driver's seat 100%. I want to vote today. I want you to vote for Sarah for mayor, it's all only way we get this passed and have it working well for the citizens of Portland. I cede the rest of my time. Let's vote today.

Clerk: Next up, we have Jonathan Frochtzwajg, Grady Preston II and Mark Wells.

Jonathan Frochtzwajg: Can you hear me?

Hardesty: Yes, we can.

Frochtzwajg: Thank you. Good afternoon, my name is Jonathan crocks way, testifying on behalf of cascade in support of two budget amendments. As one of Portland's leading lgbtq organizations, we're asking city council to approve the proposed lgbtq ia plus policy analyst position. Among the 50 largest metro areas in the u.s., Portland is the second highest percentage of lgbtq people. Yet there is currently no position in Portland city government dedicated to the needs and concerns of this underserved policy. The lack of a role is most harmful for the most marginalized members of the community, transgender, nonbinary and lgbtq people of color. From violence to homelessness among queer youth, the position would help the city to recognize and address a range of challenges facing lgbtq Portlanders. Please fund it. We urge you to approve commissioner Hardesty's proposed amendment to the Portland police bureau budget. Cap serves people serves people with living hiv, most likely to be black, latinx or indigenous and experiencing homeless. We see the many ways in which local government is not adequately supporting those we serve. Devoting a portion of the city's budget to the police bureau while critical human services go unfunded is neither equitable nor effective. This is a sincere effort to -- right sizing the please bureau so it can -- police bureau. We hope you will follow black leadership on this racial justice issue by supporting commissioner Hardesty's vision. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have, Mark Wells.

Mark Wells: Good afternoon, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Good to go.

Wells: Thank you, mayor wheeler and city council for the opportunity to share my views on why

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you should not support any further reductions in the Portland police bureau's budget. My name is Mark Wells, the current president of the Portland public safety action coalition, a nonprofit advocacy group formed by a former mayor. We currently need and will continue to need a sworn police force for our city. I heard members of council say we need to limit the scope of the police so they can do the job they were hired to do. Which is to solve crime. Further cuts to p.p.b. And a \$50 million cut will make this impossible. I heard the district attorney speak last night and shared a biggest challenge addressing the gun crime violence in Portland. He said it's unfortunate the unit is gone and the needed resources to investigate gun related crimes is quote lacking. He followed this by saying it was the worst moment to gut the g.v.r.t. Unit. The newly elected district attorney of Multnomah county who won by over 70% and undeniable champion for criminal justice reform. Before ensuring a solid program in place to respond to 595 plus shootings, we eliminated a valuable resource. Don't repeat the mistake again and to the suffering family members cheated out of a highly police investigation. Victims and families of violent gun crime deserve this much. And to think less is illogically. Work with us to define the scope and responsibilities of the police officers and give them what they have been asking for. Clear definition of duty, appropriate resources, political and vital community support and trust to respond to criminal activity, and support and provide excellence service to victims and families. Prove an alternative programs in place and let police officers focus on crime, assisting victims of crime and quick response times through follow-up and investigation and community confidence in the trust will show up every time. Thank you very much for your time. Please vote no.

Hardesty: Excuse me, mayor. I have to respond to this particular statement. The gun violence reduction team demise still has 47 detectives in Portland police bureau. None of those detectives lost their job. We didn't solve the gang problem with the gang enforcement team. And we certainly did not solve the gun problem by having a gun violence reduction team. I think it's disingenuous when people imply without the gun violence reduction people that 47 detectives are unable to do their job.

Wheeler: Mr. Hardesty, I'm sorry -- Mrs. Hardesty, is there smoke behind you or something on my screen? Sorry to interrupt you. You are muted.

Hardesty: Nothing is on fire yet, except me. I appreciate that, thank you. Didn't want me to catch on fire before the vote. I just wanted to make that statement. I appreciate the testimony but it does not do well when people misrepresent the information that they are testifying on. Thank you.

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Clerk: Next up, we have Grady Preston.

Grady Preston II: Hello, can you hear me? Perfect.

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Preston: Hello, and thank you to the members of the city council. And those giving their testimony today so far, I've heard fantastic testimony from members. My name is Grady Preston II, a homeowner in southeast Portland. And I would like to express support for the 18 million amendment by many community leaders, commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly. I support this because I would like to take a moment to discuss the nightly becomes or community falls victim to by the current mayor and police commissioner, ted wheeler. His police department has spent many millions of community funds across over 100 nights of protesting to directly cause nightly violence and potential increase the spread of covid with unnecessary violent arrests. Our mayor and police commissioner has not spent a minute since the feds left to give explanation why he allows the employees to be paid two times their salary so they can throw community members on the pavement without warning. Why does it take to get them pulled off the street. No reports to the injuries the community members given by the p.p.b. Every single night. Injuries upon injuries. I agree the 18 million in the amendment will not be used appropriately by the Portland police bureau and needs to be reinvested in the community and in front of your departments demanding it. Vote out ted wheeler and vote for this \$18 million amendment package. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Brandon Farley, Angela Foster, and Henry Kraemer.

Brandon Farley: Hello, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes, we can hear you.

Farley: Okay. I was shot with a kinetic munitions in June reporting the riots in downtown Portland. The injury I sustained was brutal. I couldn't walk for over a month. It was a Portland police officer who shot me. And it was quite a traumatic experience. Even after this experience, I still believe the police should not be defunded, there should not be divestment in funds. They should have more funding for training so stuff like that doesn't happen to me or any other journalist or protesters out there. Because if we look at this on the surface, these police officers are not well equipped to handle the people on a nightly basis committing violent crimes. I wasn't even in the commission of a crime. The pain is lasting. And that pain could have been prevented if there was proper training. I ask please that you invest more money in training for nonlethal munitions and the body-worn cameras pilot program. That is important for accountability. It's four months and I still don't know who shot me and I had a camera and I haven't gotten the

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security cam footage. If there was body-worn cameras on the officer, I would know who shot me. That's all.

Clerk: Angela Foster is next.

Angela Foster: Hi, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes, we can hear you.

Foster: Hi. My name is Angela Foster. I'm from the warm springs and Klamath falls tribes. I want to speak in support of defunding the police bureau by fleas 18 at least 18 million I redirecting the money as outlined rethink Portland plan. It comes at a time when Americans and Portlanders are financially struggling, and a time where the same Americans and Portlanders are speaking out about the broken system that our community suffers from. Especially the black, indigenous and people of color. We've given the Portland police bureau a chance basically to be upfront about the cost they accrue. And this year, they won't even put their names along with who got paid what. Not only have they become less clear about the money they are spending on, they have also gone over their budget by almost \$7 million in projected budget. Or in their projected budget for this year. I'm definitely all for defunding the police. They are already completely over funded as it is. I want -- I would like for the commissioner -- or I mean, the city council members to vote with Joann Hardesty and commissioner Eudaly. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Henry Kraemer.

Henry Kraemer: I live in northeast Portland. I support commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly's proposed \$18 million cut to police funding and want to protect funding for alternatives such as the street program. I wish I could testify in support of a larger cut. Huge portions are calling for defunding of the police, tens of thousands of Portlanders called for defunding of police and investment in alternative public safety solution. This cut is an exceptionally moderate, cautious step towards rebalancing public safety dollars, it is quite literally the least city council can do while claiming to be remotely responsive to the communities. We need the proposed amendment to be voted on today, not next week, month or year, today. We're years overdue for rebalancing a public safety program. The people are crying for change, asking for cuts for months and months and already delayed significant budget cuts during the last cycle. We cannot see another delay. It's appalling we need to come here today and beg you to cut the police budget. Cuts to services are usually very hard. Sophie's choice decisions. In this case, tens of thousands of Portlanders marched to cut one and only one bureau's budget, the police bureau. Such a clear call, the Portland police proven themselves opposed to Portland's values. They ignore the training time and again betrayed the public trust and do not deserve the

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Portland taxpayer money they have so long enjoyed. Time to turn off the faucet to police and cut the budget and move dollars toward real safety measures. Please cut the budget. Thank you so much for taking the time to listen to me today.

Clerk: Next up, we have Debra Kolodny, Tre's Wright, and Sarah Iannarone.

Debra Kolodny: Hi, I'm Debra Kolodny, rabbi and executive director of PUA. I prefer to imagine black and Oregon 45 million and refund and invest, I wholeheartedly support cutting 18 million from the P.P.B. Budget and reinvested in COVID-19 relief and B.I.P.O.C. Communities. Because evidence shows that police cause harm, do not prevent crime and most often do not solve crime. Whereas investing in people prevents crime and building local economies. I urge the mayor and commissioners Ryan and Fritz to vote on the right side of history to join commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly in choosing people over property, democracy over state sponsored violence, reparations, healing and resourcing B.I.P.O.C. Communities over continuing to harm them. I yield the rest of my time so black and brown community members and organizations can testify. I'll submit the rest of my testimony in writing. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Sarah Iannarone.

Sarah Iannarone: Hi, my name is Sarah. Mayor, commissioners, thank you for the chance to speak on this urgent matter of life and death. My pronouns are she, her, hers, and a candidate for Portland mayor. The public has testified and asking you to stop throwing good money with the bad with the bloated police bureau budget. The vote needs to happen today so Portland can see leaders standing up for black lives. The proposed reallocation puts Portland on a moral path that reflects the city's values. Following the death of Walter Wallace Jr., yet another black disabled person in Philadelphia, Portlanders are reminded, no lives matter unless black lives matter. As reported in the Oregonian, these people need house keys, not handcuffs. To lead them out of poverty and recidivism, reauthorize the use of funds to immediately purchase and open hotels as emergency shelters and work alongside Mike Schmidt to stop prosecuting them for crimes. Support everyone denied protection and enforcement of the law. Vote today to stop wasting money on police who kill black and indigenous people without accountability. The people of the city demand it. Tonight, we have agreed to postpone our east Portland action plan debate so Mayor Wheeler can stay as long as it takes for him to hear the necessary testimony. Any other candidate invited is willing to reschedule. Carry on as long as you need and please vote today. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Jennifer Taft, Alan Ferschweiler, and Karen LaBonte.

Jennifer Taft: I'm going to say that's probably me. My name is Jennifer Taft. I live in Rockwood.

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I'm basically making testimony today that I agree with Ms. Hardesty stand on defunding or refunding the police. I am an educator. And I live in the Rockwood area most of the police calls I have seen in my area have more to do with houselessness and mental health crisis and the police have clearly shown they cannot handle situations that are tense. I am appalled at our overtime of \$5.3 million and everything that I see does not show me that the Portland police are using their time wisely or constructively towards change. As well as seeing that as normal Portlanders struggle, they spent \$300,000 on food and local restaurants. I'm not seeing they are making changes, I'm not seeing changes in their overall aggression and hostility. They have beaten up, shoved, pushed and harmed the residents of the city. And as somebody had said earlier after watching the video in Philadelphia as well, we cannot tell ourselves that cannot happen in Portland because it could. I yield my time. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Alan Ferschweiler.

Alan Ferschweiler: I'm president of the Portland firefighter's association. Speaking about the 300,000 management position being proposed in the fall bump. First of all, the union opposes this position. In a time we need more boots on the ground to put out fires and respond to emergencies, we don't need another layer of management to be able to manage our personnel. The initial cost, full cost is \$300,000 to this position. This year, they are going to take 200,000 out of various bureaus to be able to fund that. I believe the fire bureau is about \$80,000. In the words of the 911 services that put in their budget remarks on this, their portion would be unsustainable and harm 911 services. We feel the spring or fall bumps and spring bump should not be used to make a permanent position but rather be only voted on during the regular budget cycle to fund this type of position. Our fire chief Sarah boon has done a wonderful job leading the men and women of our fire department. She doesn't need another additional layer to report to. The recorded they had the budget office has not had many negative input. I talked to at our advisory committee when tom Reinhardt was there. I don't speak for non-represented people in the fire department, say they believe this is a good idea. So therefore, I am actually speaking for them even though I don't represent them within the union. This is a tough year for the firefighters, starting with the covid response, we're very much still dealing with downtown protests, dealing with the immense wildfire response and 70 firefighters throughout the state, including out of Eugene and Medford and Salem to fight fires. It's been a very difficult year. We don't believe we need another person in management to tell us how to do our job. We think the fire chief --

Clerk: Time is up.

Wheeler: Allen, thank you for the testimony. And I would like to have an offline conversation

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with you about it later. It's obviously important if we're going to do this it has to be done with the support of the firefighters and the chief. So let's commitment to having further conversation about this, hopefully this week.

Ferschweiler: Thank you very much for your time. I appreciate it.

Wheeler: I appreciate it. Thanks for your leadership.

Clerk: Next up, Karen LaBonte.

Karen LaBonte: Mayor wheeler and commissioners, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Karen LaBonte, a homeowner in inner southeast Portland, a lifelong educator, a parent and ordinary citizen. Here to speak in support of commissioner Hardesty's amendment to redirect 18 million to community services and ask you to vote accordingly today. As a city, we claim the identity of being progressive, to being a sanctuary city where lives and humanity of all its people are valued. Yet in the budget as proposed, I see a recommitment to a status quo where some people and ideals are valued more than others. And others receive less care who have their humanity invalidated on a daily, hourly basis. The proposed budget recommitments to a status quo where violence is prioritized as a response to anyone who exists outside quote social norms unquote of white society. The budget as proposed is ultimately a commitment to a city identity that is a lie. It's simply time to put our money where our mouths are. I ask the council to vote in favor of commissioner Hardesty's amendment today. I cede my time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Tre's Wright, Doug Klotz, and Mimi German.

Doug Klotz: Hello. Yes, this is Doug Klotz. Hi. I support the proposal by commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly. To take the 18 million away from the police bureau. And I'm not concerned about the drop in street officers as we've heard, there won't be any reduction. Besides that, as we know, half of the arrests are of homeless folks. And it's putting just part of that 18 million toward Portland's street response will have a better affect and take away the need for quite a few of those calls. I think this is on the whole, better for all folks involved. I support the proposal that Hardesty and Eudaly have brought forth. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Mimi German.

Mimi German: My name is Mimi German. I live in saint johns, a houseless advocacy in saint johns primarily. And in northwest Portland. I would like to first of all, bring in the name of my dear friend, who I usually sit beside at city council meetings in the days pre covid, that is Joe Walsh. I would like to say I'm in favor of this vote happening. In favor of cutting 18 million. It's such a small amount. I was hoping we would be able to vote for 50 million as the black lives matter organizers had asked for. This is as someone else said, this is the least that can be done

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and should be done and must be done. Today, I was in saint johns over at the cuts where the houseless camp is. And we had someone over there who was very sick. And I needed to call an ambulance for this person. And when I spoke to dispatch, I said to 911, I told them that I did not want, I wanted an ambulance and she said, I can send an officer over as well to help this person. I said, do not sends an officer over if you are, send no one. And we would deal with this person because we know the effects of what happens to our houseless community when the city sends its cops in. So fortunately for us, she agreed. She actually agreed with me that it would be more dangerous for him, this patient, to have a cop there than just an ambulance. The ambulance did come, the e.m.t.'s help the person get to the ambulance and took him away. Now we need covid testing for everything in case he has covid where is that coming from? Ted, you have been never been out here in saint johns. People out here have nothing except for what we bring them. It's disgraceful. The cops come and arrest people for different things. They are brutal. Now we need covid testing. Who will take people to get the covid testing? There is a lot to think about, ted. You thought about nothing, absolutely nothing except p.r. Stunts like go to c.3p.o. Saying how great you are for showing up there. You are like three months late.

Clerk: Your time is up.

German: Thank you.

Wheeler: I was invited to go. And as one of the proponents who set it up, I thought it was important I be there in person so you have the correct information.

Clerk: Next up, we have Tre's Wright.

Tre's Wright: Yes, hi, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yeah, you are good to go.

Wright: Thank you. I appreciate you letting everyone get an opportunity to voice their opinion. Just a normal citizen, not into politics much, a year ago or what not. I've been focusing time since 2020 has surprised us a lot on watching live streams of these protests to see for myself what is going on. I'm not manipulated by anything else. I just want to say, I do think the officers have abused and gassed citizens that do not deserve it, have not done anything to deserve it that are out there to protest what they believe is right. While the people that do violent acts or anything illegal per se, are just running away, getting away most of the time. And the people that are just standing there that you can obviously see are innocent and wouldn't be anybody holding a molotov cocktail have taken the most abuse. Hopefully we can move forward in better training and accountability for our police officers, especially p.p.b. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Alli Sayre, Evan Ward, and Seemab Hussaini.

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Alli Sayre: Mayor, commissioners. My name is Alli Sayre. A resident of southeast Portland. Here today to testify in support of commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly's amendments. Specifically, I want to highlight the need to fully fund the Portland street response. As someone who has worked as an e.m.t. In the metro for years, I've seen houseless folks harassed by the general public who call 911 for public spaces for the crime of merely being visible. The police are complicit in transporting houseless folks to the hospital, arresting or transporting. I once had the direction of a police officer transported a houseless man to the hospital who was doing nothing but sitting on a bench committing the crime of being black in public. I took him across the river in Oregon city and discharged before I finished the paperwork. I was dismayed to find he left his coat in the ambulance. I went to the shelter in Oregon city to return it but unable. I still think about that and my role in displacing that man. Unfortunately, the scenario repeats itself dozens of times in Portland. Harming countless individuals along the way. Police frequently escalate them or result in inappropriate disposition, transporting people who do not need medical care. To provide compassionate care to some of most vulnerable members of the community. Mayor Wheeler, you ran for office four years ago, promising to reform p.p.b. What happened? Do the right thing and vote yes today to reallocate \$18 million from p.p.b.'s budget and accept all of commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly's budget amendments. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, Evan Ward.

Evan Ward: Hello. My name is Evan Ward. And I live in southeast Portland. I am a homeowner but that should not determine my level of physical safety. Everyone deserves to be a safe and secure as -- excuse me, as I am today. We need to use the limited resources we have to protect Portlanders as best we can. We should eliminate funding for the specific ways the Portland police are hurting Portlanders. And redirect those resources to protect all Portlanders, especially the most vulnerable including black and indigenous Portlanders and people living outside as well as people with disabilities and mental health conditions. One, the police have failed to protect protesters who want to express opposition to police brutality and racism, instead, beating them up and arresting them for the charges the D.A. Won't prosecute. We should stop and cut funding for rapid response and teams that brutalize Portlanders engaging in activity protected by the U.S. Constitution. The police have less lethal munitions and associated equipment by using them to protect people. They are injuring peaceful protesters and journalist. If commanders are unable to maintain discipline, they should not be issued to Portland police. Three, the police are currently charged with managing conflicts between Portlanders living

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intents and people living in houses nearby. We need funding for people living outside and funding for form housing to prevent -- affordable housing. If we take the money we currently pay officers to throw away the belongings of people living outside and redirect it to keep people housed and building additional housing our community will be much safer and stronger. Four, any business with the high cost of the police bureau would be out of business.

Clerk: Evan, your time is up. Next up we have Seemab Hussaini.

Seemab Hussaini: Greetings. I'm offering a bridge to testimony as until Mayor Wheeler decides he'll commitment to full listen on testimonies and vote. I will again abridge my testimony.

Submit in writing. And ask everybody else to try and do the same.

Wheeler: Let me jump in here. I believe my debate, my previously scheduled debate has been canceled for this evening. So I can stick around as long as people want me to stick around this evening.

Hardesty: I'm not going anywhere.

Eudaly: I'm here until the end.

Ryan: Same.

Fritz: Me too.

Hussaini: Commissioners, thank you for having me here today. Commissioner Ryan, I was grateful for how your handled last night, antifascist protesters in front of your home, defund p.p.b. By 18 million. It may have felt like it took council to listen to this boogie man called antifa, I hope you came to the realization it wasn't so bad. Although, I understand why you couldn't provide an answer, that understanding is clouded in pessimism, can you blame us? We're a community in fear and rightfully so. This budget is a litmus of who you are to the people that need you. A budget is an expression of power. The city council decides who is fed, housed, lives and dies by the city budget. Expresses how the city commission can say, we will not allow over 50% use of force arrests to be of houseless individuals? -- signaling to us not divesting without a reinvestment strategy is just another dog whistle to law enforcement cronies, the status quo will be maintained. How do you justify to the people, the budget is more than half that, more than that of all other bureaus combined. The mayor accepted defining antifascism and defunding the police bureau as a pejorative. Defund Portland police by 18 million. I ask all of you to pass the vote without delay. Defund police bureau. Imagine black, and Portland people's coalition for their research in advocacy, I would like to thank them. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up Salome Chimuku,

Hardesty: Can I jump in? Thank you, mayor. I wanted to correct the record from Mark Wells. Who

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stated that our district attorney, Mike Schmidt was appalled that the gun violence reduction team was eliminated. I want to read his quote. It wasn't about the g.b.r.t. I think I explicitly said that. I did say with gun violence happening right now, we need resources to do those investigations. My understanding is that p.p.b. Has six people assigned to investigate gun violence. It's not enough for us to make the cases. Wanted to correct the record. Mark Wells misstated Mike Schmidt's position. Thank you.

Wheeler: If I could add, there is going to be a lot of testimony we're all going to hear that is not necessarily accurate. I've heard a lot of testimony representing my positions on a variety of issues. Which is highly inaccurate. But we're never going to be able to get through this this evening if we objective to everything that we're hearing. I encourage us to take notes. And then colleagues, at the end, if there is mattress that need to be corrected on the record, we'll have ample time.

Hardesty: I appreciate that Mayor. I didn't want that to stay out there in the universe unchallenged.

Wheeler: Gotcha.

Clerk: Next, Salome Chimuki, Akashdeep Singh, and Felicia Desrosiers.

Salome Chimuki: This is Salome. A life long resident of Portland, grew up in the Columbia villa. Attend aims worth united church of Christ and live in the concerns neighborhood. I've done everything to help my city. I made a career in the public sector. Through volunteer work, boards and more, I give my sweat to the city's future. In June along with Cameron Whiten, we started the Black Resilience to give to those in need. These folks in Portland dealing with the economic impact of COVID and racism. Over the summer having found myself jobless -- my city did not respect me and the way I respected it. I come before you today to give my advice on the many ways the city can give back to community people like me who have been gig in a -- giving in a way street. I'll read a section of open letter we coauthored together. The Super Women schema suggests the Black women and feds and invincible. A social phenomenon by generation to generation, the obligation to admit strength and care for others a Black feds subconsciouses. We're seemingly invincible and suffer negative consequences with or without ample possible without divestment from police, the city of Portland must invest in the creation of an entity that provides programs exclusively for Black fem empowerment. A general budget in maybe also a funding source as it should also reflect values of equity and justice, accessible to all including Black fem Portlanders. Some --

Clerk: Time is up.

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Chimuki: Community building program for black survivors and empowerment for black fems and a study in the city of Portland. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next, we have Akashdeep Singh.

Akashdeep Singh: Good afternoon, I stand and commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly's amendment to cut the budget. Portland is not a brand, rather a city, whose b.i.p.o.c. People are scarred by white supremacy. Let's not contribute further to the history. As a former new yorker, and current Portlander, I urge you to vote yes on the amendment today. Thank you so much.

Clerk: Next up, is Felicia Desrosiers.

Felicia Desrosiers: Hi, I fully support commissioner Hardesty's proposal to cut \$18 million and hope that all of you, mayor wheeler, and commissioners Ryan and Fritz join Eudaly and Hardesty. I'm a neighbor, I'm a moment, Portland is my home. The spirit of determination, mutual aid, love and resiliency since the murder of George Floyd, throughout covid and wildfires and nightly police brutality, are stores my faith of living in a safe and just society. We need leadership to monetarily support those most in need. A budget is a moral document. Commissioner Hardesty's proposal arrives in a crucial moment and an opportunity to be on the right side together. Vote unanimously in favor of this proposal today. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Elyssa Kiva, Hali Naranju Anderson, and Dana Buhl.

Elyssa Kiva: My name is Elyssa. I live in north Portland. First of all, [expletive] bade on the experiences of myself and close friends. I lived in the city my entire life. I've had family members, who have interacted with the police and they were not helped. They have done anything positive for me. And they have done tons of harm to me, my friends and family over the last few months. We have to cut the budget. Don't let the pain and trauma our community has gone through be for nothing. This is the central demand we have had and been fighting for, I yield the rest of my time.

Wheeler: I need to remind people we have an agreement with our broadcasters, this is family television. It's okay for people to emote and express anger. It's okay to express frustration. It's okay if it's directed add me. We can't have people coming on and saying the kinds of things you just said and still be able to broadcast to the community. Please understand those are fcc requirements. I ask people respectfully, don't drop the "f" bomb during testimony. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Hali Naranju Anderson.

Hali Naranju Anderson: Thank you for taking the time to listen. My name is Hali Naranju Anderson, a resident of Portland. I love my neighborhood. But I'm always filled with a

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bittersweet sadness. My neighborhood has a higher rate of poverty, fewer supportive services and significantly over policed. Every day I drive past more tents than I can count and it will continue to grow in the dead of winter when the eviction moratorium ends. I'm disappointed the office is suggested removing 2.1 million in funds from Portland street response to respond to emergency calls rather than the militarized police force. I have a younger brother with severe mental health incidents and do not feel safe calling 911 knowing a armed officer may make it worse. I was tear gassed in my own home along with neighbors and their babies. Portland police bureau has proven they will not be held accountable for responses to protest and illegal obstruction of legal observers. I'm also disappointed significantly reducing the budget is not a stronger priority in your agenda, Mr. Wheeler, for nearly six months the Portland police spent tens of thousands of dollars of munitions that punish the residents of Portland, simply for being at our near a demonstration. Please vote yes on the Hardesty amendment to reallocation. To put it in to street response that will provide solutions to the unemployment, mental health, addiction and housing crisis in Portland. To reimagine community safety. Now is time to stop the inability of the unaccountability of the police bureau. Reimagine safety in our city. I wanted to speak, Dan Ryan. I voted for you, and convinced -- I voted for you because you standup for community justice, please make me proud. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you for the testimony. I wanted to clarify the Portland street response despite commissioner Hardesty's best efforts is not yet up and running. They, we heard in the work session last week they would not be able to spend the amount of money in their budget this year. That's why we're putting it out to help people living outside. The money is ongoing, and that allocation has not been cut, we all support the street response.

Naranju Anderson: Thank you for the clarification.

Clerk: Next up, Dana Buhl.

Dana Buhl: I'm Dana Buhl. Pronouns she and her. I serve as a director of social justice at first unitarian church, united against hate and neighborhood emergency team member. I urge the city council to approve \$18 million in budget cuts to the Portland police bureau. The movement to defund existed in Portland before the recent national uprising sparked by the murder of George Floyd. It will continue beyond this particular budget cycle. For years the Portland movement has been led by family members who have lost loved ones to police violence. Led by black, brown and indigenous youth and families who know too well the impact of targeted policing in schools and neighborhoods. It's led by community members who know first hand the

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mental health and drugs addiction services are inadequate to keep people housed and unhoused are among the most impacted by unsafe police system that criminalizes community members. The voices of those most impacted by the policies and practices of local government should be at the center of all of our budgeting processes. We are in a pandemic with devastating economic consequences to Portland residents, disproportionately black, brown, indigenous, and queer and trans community members. Urgent reinvestment should be made to affordable housing, food security, mental health and addiction services, with a commitment to racial justice as the moral and practical principle. The community has asked that during this budget cycle, \$35 million be removed from the budget that from the police budget. Commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly's proposal is that just over half that amount or 18 million be cut from the police budget for other necessarily and humane community services. Commissioner Ryan, mayor wheeler, I urge you to vote to support this \$18 million plan. Commissioner Fritz as well as. The lives of many of our neighbors and beloved community members depend on it. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Edith Gillis, Antoinette Edwards, and Jason Jardino.

Hardesty: Give us an update of how many are left after these three speak please.

Clerk: Sure thing.

Antoinette Edwards: [audio cutting in and out] to reimburse you [audio cutting in and out].

Hardesty: There is a lot of static in your phone, Antoinette.

Clerk: Edith Gillis, are you able to unmute?

Edith Gillis: I'm Edith Gillis a care provider from the Oregon care commission and the Oregon project independence and street medics. I'm caring for low or no income elderly or disabled Portlanders hurt by cuts by city services in order to fund the police, who chose not to prevent, intervene with and investigate and solve crime but instead the Portland police have consistently chosen to terrorize, injure and impoverish Portlanders and cause crisis. Vote yes today to cut the p.p.b. \$18 million, I would rather it be 50 million. And reinvest that into housing and food security, covid relief, and protection of human and civil rights. The Portland police bureau has made bad decisions as if to extort us, extending the wait times. Don't take that bologna, they could use half the money and do a far better job. I yield my time. People with disabilities, unhoused neighbors and victims of crimes by police, b.i.p.o.c. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Antoinette Edwards.

Wheeler: Antoinette are you unmuted? --

Antoinette Edwards: Can you hear me? I know the o.y.v.p., they have prepped a response to address your concerns I questions. I hope we can agree gun violence is a health issue as

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commissioner Hardesty stated. We're in the middle of a crisis, an pandemic, a widespread occurrence of infectious disease in a community at a particular time. This is ongoing. This is not the time to subtract or be divided regarding solutions that work. We must add and multiply our collective and collaborative efforts to address this Portland crisis. If we are to be the beloved community that reverend dr. King talked about, we must set or moral compass to courageous leadership. That will guide you to keep humanity at the center of the discussion. As the former director of o.y.v.p. I see the trauma they continue to experience. Our communities are traumatized. We're in an apathetic slumber. No names attached to the loss. I will say the names. I will start with a young man that I knew. That was killed in daytime, three people got out of the car by wood lawn park, killed him, 50 shells. Walked in silently easily to the car and the mother in her grace, losing her only son said I hope his life and death will not be in vain. I ask that of you. I must say in my closing, I won't mention all the names because I don't want to become emotional. Beyond that field of right and wrong, rheumy said, there is a place and I'll meet you there. I'm deeply concerned about this vote today. \$18 million, is this reimagining? What is this about? Are we prepared for the consequences? I encourage a young woman, a Latino to do the rights thing because she's been in domestic violence and shot and wounded.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Edwards: And cried and said, I have to do something tomorrow at the boards. I'm writing a letter to my children, I may not return. Do we want to use -- lose the best and brightest?

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate it as always.

Clerk: Next up, we have Jason Jardino.

Jason Jardino: My pronouns are he, his, and a Portland resident. You are the swing vote, commissioner Ryan. Last night you requested the police stay away multiple times while you spoke with peaceful protesters that came to your home. I would like to ask why. I suspect because you knew one and only one possible police response, escalation to brutal violence. The city in is mortal terror of police. I would not call the p.p.b. For any emergency. Even if I had an intruder. I would rather be armed -- I would rather deescalate. I and thousand of Portlanders have no faith in the p.p.b. It can begin with commissioner Hardesty's amendment. Vote in favor of commissioner Hardesty's amendment to redirect 18 million dollars from the b.p.p.b. Budget. Thank you.

Clerk: Commissioner Hardesty, we have 78 people remaining.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Jim Labbe, Camilo Marquez and Peter Merritt.

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Jim Labbe: Good afternoon, mayor and city council. My name is Jim. A lifelong Portlander and budgeting Oregon. Here to support the amendments including the proposals of council Hardesty and Eudaly to reallocated 18 million of the police bureau budget toward investments that can begin rethinking public safety by addressing violence and crime and racial injustice. Over the last decade, the Portland police budget has grown faster than the population and crime rates. I fully agree it's time to get Portland a new path that's more --

Peter Merritt: Hello, can you hear me?

Labbe: Am I -- safe and healthy communities, in crafting that pathway, it's fine we don't just allocate resources but redistribute decision making power. We need mechanisms like budgeting that can tap expertise, creativity and lived experience of communities in defining solutions. We've been part of a conversation since 2018, about launching budgeting Portland. I want to use the last part of my time to communicate how that conversation is defined in envision p.b. It's not a community advisory process to inform the budgetary decisions even if outcomes can help you rethink budget priorities. Budgets a deliberate democratic process, allocating a portion of it city budget through a binding decision and vote. Most importantly delegates power to find a solution that the government implements. The unleash the knowledge of the community, allocate a growing share of the city's general fund to support budgeting.

Clerk: Time is up.

Labbe: Thanks for the chance to testify today.

Camilo Marquez: My name is Camilo Marquez. I speak on behalf of commissioner Hardesty's amendment. I am a 78 year old retired psychiatrist. I recently appeared performing the role of Jack Collins, a homeless person, who was one of the 9 people honored in a film, Silent Voices, by Donna Hayes, Grandmother of Quatrice Moose Hayes, who was killed by the police at 17 years of age. Each of the people in the film who were killed by a Portland police officer had a life and a story to tell that was violently cut short. We get to honor them with dignity and to speak what they have to tell us about living and dying in Portland when you are black or mentally disturbed or homeless and a crisis that warranted help and support from caregiver who have the skill to manage these issues better than the police whose single approach appears to be violent confrontation. Following is an excerpt from my part. He could have beat my [expletive] with his baton or used pepper spray or even tasered me but he chose to shoot. He had already called detox assuming I was drunk, all he had to do was wait. Me and hoopers have a long history. I road in the van a million times. I would have gone with them. I like them people even if I wasn't drunk. This extraordinary film should be enough to convince anyone of the need to shift the

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priorities and the funding of public service in Portland. It can be seen on YouTube. I can say more having spent a career of 30 years working in the public sector with people who had disturbances caused bide mental health --

Clerk: Your time is up.

Marquez: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Peter Merritt.

Peter Merritt: Hi, everyone. My name is Peter Merritt. I'm a resident of northeast Portland. I would like to start by thanking commissioners Hardesty for her proposed amendment, to cut 18 million from the Portland police bureau budget. And commissioner Eudaly for her support on this issue. Your bold action does not go unnoticed and the people of Portland appreciate your approach to the city budget as a moral document that represents the values of the people it serves. It's clear the way the city allocates money, specifically to the bloated budget of the Portland police bureau does not represent the values of Portlanders, evidenced by months of daily demonstrations, overwhelming supported for divestment, remember the 60,000 plus emails and phone calls you received. And a massive disapproval mayor ratings for the response to the police brutality, punishment and most importantly racism. I don't need to lecture you on the institutional racism embedded in policing and criminal, quote/unquote, justice in the united states or make the case or divestment and abolition because the data speaks for it. Is. Black people are three times as likely to be killed. Two times to die as a result of police force during their lifetimes. Communities see increase in crime and decrease in prosperity. For economic opportunity, education, affordable housing, healthcare, et cetera, but criminalization and aggressive policing does nothing to curb and in fact perpetuates crime and violence. In the face of all of this, mayor wheeler told us now is not the right time to address the police budget and reinvest in communities of colors, disproportionately impacted by policing, overzealous police force is gassing and beating constituents for months and centuries before that. Respectfully, mayor wheeler, when is the right time if not now. Again, I greatly appreciate your work.

Clerk: Your time is up. Next up, we have Mont Chris Hubbard, Zachary Powers, and Connie Wohn.

Mont Chris Hubbard: Mont Chris Hubbard in support of the amendment to cut \$18 million from the these bureau. Everyone who has spoken has done so as eloquently as I would have. I'm optimistic the commissioners can and will and build execute a plan to use the funds to reimagine the concept of community safety. Thank you --

Clerk: Zachary powers.

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Zachary Powers: My name is Zachary Powers, representing myself. A lot of people have said what I have written, I'll skip through most of it. In regards to chia sands how we know from the Oregonian's work, the Portland police bureau makes more of the arrests on houseless residents of Portland, reinvesting funds away from the p.p.b., I'm in favor of the amendment, should reduce the need for policing. So it's a much greater good, use of those funds. Why we see defunding police as our own option to reform. I moved to Portland in 2010 after p.p.b. Killed Erin Campbell. After following them in the news, it is functionally -- I feel our only option to reduce police violence is to reduce the number of police or resources. Every mayor we've had in Portland since I've lived here installed themselves as the police commissioner and hasn't shown about ability to change the mindset of the police bureau. Instead of violent response, thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Connie Wohn.

Connie Wohn: My name is Connie Wohn, a member of the policy action network. It's a new volunteer committee group that has been started by the o.j.r.c. To acknowledge and speak to many of these issues that have been coming to the forefront. I would like to start by recognizing Hardesty and Eudaly for their leadership and o.j.r.c., imagine black, Portland people's coalition and unit. With those groups, we've seen them -- unite. -- we've seen them call for an actual divestment of \$35 million. I know that is a reach from what is being called for by, currently on the table with Hardesty and Eudaly's request. But I do like to think that we could prescribe to the notion if we provide the budget that is given, it will get used. But if we can try to reimagine public safety and policy, then a new option is possible. We have had this dialogue, we have had this dialogue in June. And it keeps coming back up. I think we're seeing that the community and the society in which we live in is calling for a different way. Currently the overtime costs are tracking towards \$200 million. And I think the overtime that this year will create due to all the protests and stuff we're going to request this is not backfilled. That this is not taken off of this considered part of this budget and no vacancies or positions are filled. No positions are continued with what this request for 18 million is. Overtime is not something that obviously was something that was budgeted. But I think it's a cause in reaction to what is happening. And that's something that we really need to pay attention to. Again, reimagining public safety is why people are protesting and why people are in the streets. Continuing to it fund --

Clerk: Connie, your time is up.

Wohn: In this way is not correct. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Michael Rosen. Damon Hickok, and Jessica Atwater. Michael, are you able to unmute? Looks like they may have dropped off. Damon Hickok.

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Damon Hickok: Can you hear me okay? Damon, longtime Portland resident, 40 plus years in education and community stuff for about 20 years. Just for transparency, I talked to commissioner Ryan about being on his staff. But I really wanted to talk today about changing the tone and the city like I was going to say how I felt about Hardesty's stuff but I'm sure you made up your mind. So the problem with the city you are beefing with the cops, the cops are beefing with you guys. And it trickles down to all of us and makes it a sucky experience. And you, as city leaders need to focus on healing the city. It can't be a pissing contest between you and the police. It's not working for the regular folk, at least not for me and the people I know. One way is to reinvest in the police activities league. That gives the police something positive to look at and the community a positive light to see the police. We can't all be bad or good guys. I'm looking at a lot of money being given out and black leadership. Was it a vote I missed out on. It seems to be the same people a lot of times. I don't see them when it really matters. I see them when it's time to take pictures or time to get in front of a microphone but not really work with the people. Not really working with the kids. Ms. Edwards is one of the best people of all time working in the community. And also, I would encourage a lot of you to see what it's like and go out to the numbers and think twice about just divesting in the police altogether. At the end of the day, I'll get off the mic, figure out how to heal the city. What you are doing now isn't helping, it's hurting.

Hardesty: Just so you know, I live in the numbers so I don't have to go visit.

Clerk: Next up is Jessica Atwater.

Jessica Atwater: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me okay?

Hardesty: Yes.

Wheeler: Yeah.

Atwater: Jessica Atwater. A white resident of Montavilla. I'm testifying today to urge Commissioner Eudaly and Ryan and mayor Wheeler to vote yes on all three of commissioner Hardesty's amendments. They focus on inclusive investment that Portlanders need and missing. We cannot wait to make the city -- that's about it. Keep pushing and stay safe in Portland.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Lowen Berman, Jules Boykoff and Dr. Jim Gaudino.

Lowen Berman: I'm 78 years old. And for the past 38 years been a resident of northeast Portland. Speaking in support of the measure introduced by commissioner Hardesty to transfer funds from the Portland police bureau to provide support to black and brown communities. And for all [indiscernible] to ensure public safety. So what are the factors that enhance public safety?

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Permanent living wage jobs, descent housing, excellent schools, access to quality healthcare, access to social services and times in of crisis. These factors, not the presence of police that encourage public safety. Some Portlanders fear a lower police presence will result in increased crime and violence. If that's the case, then west wind in the southwest hills must rife with crime and violence. Folks there hardly ever encounter the police. The simple fact our police hardly ever stop crime or violence. Generally called after a crime has occurred, write up a report for the insurance company and go on about their business. When called to deal with individuals and ongoing crisis situations, police actions often increase, not reduce violence. The actual police and police funding to protect the property and the privilege of the well-off and those in power. Police will arrest and charge black, brown and low-income individuals for stealing a can of beer from a neighborhood shop. However, a hedge fund manager market manipulation that results loss of homes and lives of thousands citizens, will not result in them breaking down doors and putting them against the wall. I urge additional funding of police combined with increased investments in black, brown and other low-income communities. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Jules Boykoff.

Jules Boykoff: I'm a resident of southeast Portland and professor of science in pacific university. I'm in support of commissioner Hardesty's proposal to channel \$18 million out of the Portland police bureau budget and reinvesting those into much needed programs that will help every day Portlanders struggling in the age of covid-19. Programs like the Portland street response and the c3po camps. The numbers don't lie. In the long-term, violent crime is on the decline in Portland, homelessness has only intensified. We need to be nimble with thinking and funding. Shifting money where it's needed. If I may I would like to speak to commissioner Dan Ryan. When campaigning for office you stated and I wrote quote, in it of a homelessness crisis, and economic nose dive with long overdue over haul of community safety, we have to ensure we are doing everything we can to aid vulnerable community members end quote. You are right, to connect the long overdue overhaul of the community safety with the plight of the most vulnerable community members. We need to do everything we can. Supporting the budget proposal is an extraordinary opportunity for you to show Portlanders straight out of the political gate you are a person of your word and willing to do everything we can for our most vulnerable community members. Passing these budget proposals is extremely important. Now is the time to be visionary. Now is the time to be courageous. I urge you to join commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly and support this proposal. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Dr. Jim Gaudino.

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Dr. Jim Gaudino: Hi. I am a public health preventive medicine physician specialist. People were asking for experts. I am one of those experts. I'm also an affiliate professor with the o.h.s.p.s.u. School of public health. Speaking in favor today of commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly's amended proposal to redirect funds to needed services. I can tell you that -- I want to give you a quote here. This was you can't have public safety without the public. That is a keela sheryl in the national public health association meeting. He also said, we no longer should have police be the first point of contacts for safety. I heard the word, hobble, and I can tell you that we actually need a rebalancing. Police have, with all due respect, I have certain tools. We're talking about revise -- arriving at the time when suffering and blood is spilled. Health are upstream issues we have hobbled by not funding them well, Oregon is one of the worst funded health systems in the nation. I urge you to take the bold step. I used to be a carpenter and would not use a hammer as a tool when I ready needed fine tools for cabinet making. I put it another way. You wouldn't call a surgeon and do a hysterectomy when someone needs family planning services. We need to look at the right tools for the right reasons. Police violence, violence in general, gun violence, the impacts of white supremacy and systemic racism on health and mental health and climate change are all public health issues and we're in the middle of a crisis. These are threats happening now. I would urge you.

Clerk: Time is up.

Dr. Gaudino: Thank you very much. If I could just say, we need to have programs that are evaluated with feedback and transparency and quality improvement. We need to know what the police are doing and ask them to do a better job with what they have and thank you so much for listening.

Clerk: Next up, we have Kai McMurtry, Brandon Buell, and Andrea Valderrama.

Kai McMurtry: Hi, can you hear me?

Hardesty: Yes.

McMurtry: My name is Kai McMurtry. More than half of Portland rest and half of use of force are against houseless force. A third killed were experiencing houselessness. They makeup 3% of the Portland. This council approved a settlement of nearly a million dollars to lane martin, killed by police. This is the most recent settlement and it follows the 2012u.s.d.o.j. Findings, Portland cops engage in a practice of excessive force. These a few anecdotes of many. P.p.b. Had seven chiefs one fired, one resigned, one interim, one chief out law presided over demonstrated and chided them as whiners and complainers. Since the eruption of black lives matter protests, i've heard mayor wheeler repeatedly claim previous mayors and councils have capitulated to p.p.a. Making

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reforms impossible. He uses the line to shield himself from criticism. It's a bully organization whose only goal as far as I can tell to export Portland tax dollars to surrounding suburbs, the president refers to Portland as a cesspool and resist any attempt to increase accountability. Since this was called in in 2014, we have increased the budget by 36%. To nearly one quarter of \$1 million, we have a department with rotating leadership, brutalizing the mentally ill. You have the power of the purse right now. I thank commissioners Hardesty and Eudaly for the bravery. And pleaded with Fritz and Ryan to show your courage. Continue the process in earnest of funding real community safety. Approve the amendment before you leave tonight. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Brandon Buell.

Brandon Buell: Hi there. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: yes, we can hear you.

Buell: I wanted to speak in support of Eudaly and Hardesty's motion, along with a vast majority of the people calling in. I can't help but be reminded the last time I called in to a city council meeting, we asked for a 50 million reduction, and now we're here at another point in which most of your mailboxes are full. I know because I've called you. And most of your emails bounced back saying you won't have the time to respond because so many speaking to you. Portlanders are asking you to do what we would like. Is it a democracy or not? I support this being cut. And to Dan Ryan, I saw you sat and spoke with protesters and it was heartwarming. What if the police responded before they made it to your house. I want you to think how they responded over 100 nights to the protests and ask yourself, whether or not those were valid reactions or whether or not we need to find a way to have a dialogue like you yourself did with people asking for basic changes to the structure of the way we police the city. I'll yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Andrea Valderrama.

Andrea Valderrama: My name is Andrea Valderrama. I'm the new policy director and registered lobbyist with a.c.l.u. Of Oregon. Here to support the amendment of Hardesty. And imagine black asking for 35 million in cuts. We would like to share support for increasing the food assistance program, household essentials and Portland street response. Ensuring family, and families of color ask stay in their homes and ask adequate access to food is essential. These needs outweigh units to. Portland street response program as the weather is colder and especially during this pandemic, additional resources must be allocated to ensure Portlanders experiencing mental health crisis are getting the care they need. And three, resources for universal eviction defense. There is a wave of evictions on the horizon and these dollars are essential to mitigating a bigger housing crisis. We would like to reiterate the need for ongoing and permanent universal

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representation fund. All of us b.i.p.o.c. Communities are experiencing multiple simultaneous crisis from smoke and pandemics. We strongly support these amendments and urge you to vote aye. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up. Angela Todd, Michael Sonnleitner, and Collette DeWitt.

Angela Todd: Good afternoon. My name is Angela Todd. I'm a business owner, I live in southeast Portland. I'm representing myself and my participation in the coalition to save Portland. I want to note, I don't feel this hearing was publicized to the general public to ensure voices in the community are heard. Statistically poles shows the vast majority of Portlanders, 66% are not in support of defunding the police. Yet, the vast majority of voices heard today on this call a full 90% actually a little bit over now are in favor of this defunding. There is no question this is not a cross section of our city's opinions. Commissioner Hardesty, papering the room is hardly ethical for someone elected by the city. And instead it speaks of activism and silences others. This is a scary place for our city and democracy. And it feels intended to keep some community members silent. I live in southeast Portland. And I think this issue is nuanced. I believe we need more help for homeless and vulnerable. Many of my neighbors have been victims of crime, including being beaten and robbed. Many neighbors do not have a second car or bicycle when items are stolen and loss of work or property is an extreme hardship. We frequently hear shootings in the neighborhood multiple times a week, we have families that moved away after children have been exposed to the danger. These conditions are a sharp contrast to a few years ago. This decision today, this vote it affects lives. When Portland crime reached a 30-year high this year, when shootings are well over 180% from last year, when 66% of those shot this year have been black Portlanders, this decision isn't as easy as presented here today. Defunding the police feels rushed and haphazard. Pushes this through as proposed puts lives at risk. We all deserve to feel safe. It doesn't mean we should defund understaffed police department. Our police are from our community. We have forgotten this. They are statistically more minority than the general population. They have a very hard job to do right now. Let's go back to the drawing board and develop ideas for mentally ill and displaced and drug addicted on our streets. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Michael Sonnleitner.

Michael Sonnleitner: I'm hoping everyone can here -- hear me. Thank you. I also live in southeast Portland. And I have a different take on things. Basically, some of you know as a trustee as Portland community college, others know me as a political science instructor at p.c.c. And

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peace and conflicts study chair. I'm not speaking for any of those backgrounds now. Personally, my home in Montavilla neighborhood has had over 20 police visitations in the past five months. More than one a week related to two home break ins in my home. Multiple violations of restraining order. Involving a person with mental health challenges. And also, two violent fights in front of my home that I wasn't involved in thankfully. All of those police that have come to all of those events I have had an opportunity to visit with. They usually do arrive 20 to 30 minutes after my 911 call. Because they are stretched too thin. They have too much on their plate. Those who spoken to in my neighborhood, admit they are not equipped in training or background to deal with mental health crisis or a great many problems houseless people face. I want to speak on behalf of my view. That it is in the long and short-term interest of the Portland police bureau itself to support Joann Hardesty's three amendments to the budget itself because that would free --

Clerk: Michael, your time is up.

Sonnleitner: Free the police for dealing with actual serious crimes rather than having to deal with issues that they have no clear expertise relating to. Thank you so much.

Clerk: Next up, we have Collette DeWitt.

Collette DeWitt: Thank you to the council for hearing testimony. Mom's demand action for gun sense in America. I live in outer southeast Portland. One of the areas in our city plagued by shootings. We're requesting that the council fully fund the two, full-time positions requested by the office of violence prevention. We are also requesting at the that the council provide additional funding to support the on-boarding and training of the offices new policy manager. Portland is experiencing an alarming increase in gun violence. In response, the office of violence prevention is engaging in community based violence intervention and prevention work to support communities and families impacted by gun violence. Among the office of violence prevention's community partnerships are the healing hurt people program and the trauma and violence impacted families program. Increased o.v.p. Funding would allow for expanding the capacity of healing hurt people, a program that provides wrap-around services and support to people hospitalized for gun violence and shown to reduce the risk of reinjury and retaliation. Expanding the capacity of the trauma and violence impacted families program by adding an intensive case manager position and creating restoration academy, a pilot program offering employment and training opportunities for recently incarcerated individuals. The intervention and support services requires an incredible amount of work on the -- incredible amount of work on the office of violence prevention. The city of Portland must increase investment in the office

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of violence prevention in order to serve more families, partner with more community agencies, and reverse or city's alarming and escalating gun violence epidemic. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Marih Alyn-Claire, Annette Johnson and Tara Hershberger.

Marih Alyn-Claire: Hi, this is Marih Alyn-Claire, I am a tenant advocate with Oregon renters in action. I concur with Commissions Hardesty and Eudaly regarding redirecting the 18 million dollars from the p.p.d. that we previously used for arresting our homeless instead of putting them towards housing. I realize we are in a challenging time right now regarding COVID 19 and we need to adjust the homeless population, but I want to talk right now about an ask. What is our city doing to address the needs of the prehouseless folks. These are the COVID housing casualties that won't be able to pay back rent in 6 months. Lower income renters under \$40,000 who are jobless now or diminished to now income and have burned through their savings. The eviction policy is a kick the can down the road track. Now they are thousands of dollars behind, taking care of family, jobless or sick themselves. I talk to renters a lot, I answer their calls, and they are saying it's unrealistic for them to keep up with their current rent after the moratorium and then pay back rent. They don't make enough money to being with and it won't cover both. We can't imagine anyone having to make 2 house payments. We can predict the evictions coming in 2021. So I ask, what is our city doing to prepare for these needs? I propose we create a city wide community effort now, before the storm hits us. That's forecasting and preparedness planning strategy, taking into account triage.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Alyn-Claire: I will go ahead and submit the rest of my testimony. I do support this proposal and I hope we vote on it today. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Annette Johnson.

Hello this is Annette Johnson and I live in inner-SE area. I was downtown, I go downtown quite a bit. I saw the police on 3rd and Couch, it was like 6 police cars and they had a black young man under arrest. He had gone down to the Chinese garden, he had some form of altercation. Hew as a repeated offender, they said they were going to take him to jail and release him for menacing. So they went through his property, he was homeless and mentally ill. We all knew that. They went through is property, they were searching him. They put the needles on the sidewalk. I asked if they could deescalate him and one of the officers gave me his card and said they were doing the best they could. After they got him in the car, they looked through his backpack and they said can you believe what is in here? They pulled a dead rat out of his backpack and put it on the ground. That's who you have downtown, that's what's running ramped downtown.

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Mental illness and drug addiction. I would love to see the friction between Ted Wheeler and Joann Hardesty and Amanda Fritz and Ryan who is new to come to your sense. You guys are working together to represent. And Joann Hardesty is the only black one on there and it's obvious she is always being disrespected in my eyes. I was going to say a whole bunch more, but I asked God to help me. Ted Wheeler, I pray that you not only not get voted, but that you make a decision to step down. You represented the Proud Boys at the ICE protest. I lived across the street. Ted, you will be found out. I'm praying for you. Joann, I'm praying for you too because you are outnumbered.

Clerk: Next up, we have Tara Hershberger.

Tara Hershberger: Good evening, I'm Tara Hershberger. I live in East Portland, not far from where 3 years ago 17 year old Quanice Hayes was murdered by Portland police. I'm calling in to voice my support of Hardesty's amendment to cut 18 million dollars from the Portland police and to have that money go towards food, shelter, and housing programs as well as ongoing programs such as the street response team. I furthermore want to say that I do not support any amendment that would increase funding to the police, whether that be so called equity, or for body cams, or for additional training. All of those things have already happened and they have proven ineffective. We need to stop allowing so much of our budget to go towards the police when they are not here to protect the community and in many cases they are causing crime and violence. I would further say that Portland do not cooperate in any way with the feds in terms of the upcoming election season and any officers who are currently deputized, please assign them to desk work. I believe that there was something that was passed earlier today in reference to this and I really support that and want to encourage there to be no cooperation with the feds. To keep any previously deputized officers to desk work. I will ceded the rest of my time. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Margaret Ann Jones, Marisa Espinoza and Tyler Wilkins. Margaret Ann are you able to unmute yourself?

Wheeler: Keelan, lets go forward with the next individual and Margaret will be on afterwards.

Clerk: Ok, next up is Marisa Espinoza.

Marisa Espinoza: Good afternoon, my name is Marisa Espinoza representing nw project. Older adults experiencing homelessness and housing instability. Please adopt Hardesty's amendments which reinvest p.p.d. dollars into community services and prioritize the full funding of Portland street response. I was a bilingual case manager for 5 years servicing vulnerable seniors who were living in tents, cars, sheds, couches, and in shelters and who were in dire need of housing. Most had severe behavioral and mental health challenges and don't have access to treatment. One of

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my clients bipoc who presented as bipoc experiencing homelessness due to systemic racism. While my clients and I worked on a housing plan, they often remain outside, and we fear if one day, sleeping outside in a cold tent or lacking funds to get across town to get meds could spark a deadly interaction with police. For black participants in the program, this fear was warranted as the Oregonian reported two months ago of those shot by ppd since 2003, over half were people with mental illnesses and 22% were black in a city where the population is under 6% black. I've seen first hand how police are not equip or able to help someone in a behavioral health crisis and instead needlessly escalate conflicts. I know from experience that trained providers know how to deescalate without violence. They can guide them to health and social services, rather than direct violence towards a person in distress. Street response created a team that could be a game changer for a city by finally delivering what is actually needed. Real community safety for people who are struggling outside. Thank you so much for your time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Tyler Wilkins.

Tyler Wilkins: Hello Mayor Wheeler and Portland Council. Thank you for allowing the time to speak today. My name is Tyler Wilkins and I am cofounder and codirector of participatory budgeting Oregon. I come to you today with other community members who are unified under one voice to divest Portland police and invest in Portland people. Thousands of people made their voices heard in June's budget meeting in support of divesting police. And here we are again repeating our demands. Policing and community safety are racial justice issues. Defunding ppd and reinvesting in community allows us to shift away from our alliance on policing and move towards addressing root causes and unmet needs. We have to reimagine relationships between people and their governments. To do so, we have to invest in mechanisms that afford community real power and the ability to design real decisions that affect their livelihoods. Like participatory budgeting do just this by centering the lived experiences of black and brown folks. When we talk about centering these processes on marginalized communities, we are recognizing that people closed to the problem are closest to the solution. When we lead with their ideas and voices we create communities that are safe and resilient. Thank you Hardesty and Eudaly for your leadership in this proposal. It's a great start and we all know that there is still much more work to be done to rethinking public safety in our community. Portland community members have worked tirelessly to analyze the city budget and the convoluted police budget to create community led budgets. I'd like to thank unite Oregon and Image Black for their work in proposing solutions. Mayor Wheeler and Comm Ryan, the community as asking you to support the 18 million budget proposal. The community is here with you today to remind you that we

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are all in this together. Thank you, I ceded the rest of my time.

Clerk: Margaret Ann Jones are you able to unmute? Next up we have Dwayne Headstrom, Gloria Gonzalez, and Johanna Brenner.

Wheeler: Dwayne are you there? Dwayne are you on? I can hear somebody. Who is it? **Lionel**

Irving: This is Lionel Irving. How are you doing Mr. Wheeler. I fully support Mr. Ted Wheeler and I'd also like to say hello Mrs. Hardesty. It's an honor I love your passion for our community. My name is Lionel Irving I'm a black man from this community, I live in Portland, OR. I mean NE Portland. I've been living here all my life my family as well. I'd like to say this is a very important vote that we are about to cast. I don't have an opinion one way or another because it's going to affect us either way. We are going to break the impact of this, we will take the brunt of it. So I ask that you guys vote yes for the bump on the oybp so that guys like me can be on the front lines with their family members that are going through these traumatic events when they happen. All of these shootings that have been going on with the absence of the police, we will need front liners. So I ask if you look at programs like myself, I have a non profit called love is stronger and I also have a business called men building men where we work with at risk youth, the most vulnerable youth of this community the ones that are getting left behind and preyed on by older gang members, those are the ones we are fighting for and are standing up for. We stand for peace and understanding. When you do distribute that money, put us in the lane so that we can continue to help these families. Not only do we have people at the hospital, we also have people at families house. We are reaching out to oybp to reach out for help to get these people somewhere to go for the night because something happened in their house. Imagine your kid had to go back into their house when someone has been put to rest. So I ask you, I'm very passive about this because I'm a former gang member. I've helped poison this community and now I'm on the front line helping to save it. I'm a soldier, I pay my bills, I pay my taxes, and oybp offered me a platform for redemption when the community wouldn't open the door for me because of my record. And now they've given me a chance to speak.

Clerk: your time is up.

Irving: Okay, thank you guys.

Hardesty: I would like to know why now. I would love to learn more about your programs. Those are the kinds of programs that never make it to city funding and I'd love to learn more. Can you connect with my office and give us information about your two programs, I'd be grateful.

Irving: Yes ma'am I will do that. Thank you guys for listening to me and love is stronger.

Hardesty: Thank you.

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Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: We can see if Dwayne Headstrom is able to unmute.

Wheeler: Dwayne are you on? Alright let's move to the next person and maybe he will come on later.

Clerk: Gloria Gonzalez

Gloria Gonzales: Can you hear me?

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

Gonzales: I think it's important for you to continue to support the office of violence prevention because of all the work they do in the community. My husband was just recently shot while at work. I was frantic at the hospital not knowing his condition I didn't know if he was dead or alive, but with the help of the program that you have, I was able to get information from within the hospital on his progress to help ease my mind by finding out he was in surgery and was alive. Brown was my contact person, I don't know if he knows, but he has literally been the rock of our family over the last month, along with a few of his colleagues while they console us and support us through the process at the hospital. He's also been supportive and encouraging for myself, my kids, and my husband while we heal from the tragic events that took place that day. We've been really impacted by what's happened it's a struggle day by day to just live our normal life as before. Every day we walk out the door we fear the unexpected so having the program around to help our family dealing with something like this is very helpful and it give us hope. Not just mentally, but financially as well. They've come through with food for our family, they've helped us stay afloat, pay a bill or two. My husband isn't working anymore due to his injuries from being shot, so it's been a struggle for me to take care of my kids and grandkids, but for every need I've had, this org has come through to help us find a resolution and I'm super grateful. Without the program, they wouldn't have been able to help me with these resources. I just hope that the program is around for years to come, not just for me, but for the community dealing with tragedy or gun violence, thank you.

Wheeler: Gloria thank you for your testimony and thank you for the kind words. I'll make sure your feedback goes to that program so they can hear that. All of us are thinking about your family and your husband and I hope he makes a speedy recovery. Thank you for sharing your testimony.

Gonzales: Thank you.

Clerk: next up we have Johanna Brenner.

Johanna Brenner: My name is Johanna Brenner, I am professor of sociology at Portland state

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university and a member of the Portland metro people's coalition committee. I've written testimony that I will submit, but I want to make a few points because I feel like there has not been enough response to a couple of things that people have said. I am speaking in favor of it and I want to address two things. The first is the 911 calls. A number of people have pointed to this. The fact is that the vast majority, over half, of 911 calls are about disorder crimes or disorder calls and they have to do with either people experiencing some kind of need for a welfare check. A quarter of the 911 calls are about unwanted persons. They are not high priority calls, but they do take police resources away from doing the kinds of jobs that police are supposed to be doing. A number of people have mentioned the underfunding of the police, but there is also a question of how the police distribute their resources. So the fact is that only about a quarter of 911 calls relate to crime incidents and if the police weren't spending so much time responding to houselessness, they would be available to respond to these more serious crime calls. The second thing is about underfunding. I appreciate what Comm Eudaly said about there won't be further cuts in the police, but it is true that without filling those vacancies the police would be down in staffing. I think it's important to point out that the police are spending many many hours arresting and booking houseless people who recycle in and out of jail. Kia made this point and I want to make it again. In 2017 not only were only half of the arrests about houseless people.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Brenner: Okay, I'm done. Thank you for your time and please, uh, thank you for listening to all of this testimony.

Clerk: let's try Dwayne Headstrom. Looks like he's unmuted. Are you able to speak Dwayne? Okay. Next up, we have Ricardo Lujan Valerio, Andrew Riley, and Rachel Saslow.

Andrew Riley: Sorry about that. Hi there, can you hear me.

Wheeler: Yep, we can hear you.

Riley: For the record, my name is Andrew Riley, my pronouns are they/them and I have the pleasure of representing unite Oregon alongside my colleague the Dean, who will also be testifying. Our demand today along with imagine black is simple. Cut an additional 35 million dollars from the police budget. We also support Hardesty's amendment to make 18 million dollars to cut of ppd in this fall bump. While we continue to advocate for a 35 million dollar reduction we feel the commissioners is a sensible package of sensible cuts to police. Unite Oregon believes that world in which police and prisons are a thing of the past. To put it simply, we want the police out of the areas of our lives where they are unnecessary and we want safer police alternatives to address mental health calls. I don't know what else to say that hasn't been

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said in all of the calls and emails over the past 5 months. I'm not sure how I can better highlight the violence of policing and overwhelming number of images and videos and testimonies that we have heard, seen, and experienced of police brutalizing protesters in Portland since May. Civilians have been gassed and beaten in their homes when they have asked why children have been gassed. Police have left scars on us that can be seen and cannot be seen. This is only a micro-causing of the violence that police have had afflicted on Black and Indigenous people, queer people, and houseless people since this city was founded. Enough is enough. In the midst of everything that 2020 has confronted us with, with people across this city hungry and in need of housing, you are presented with the unique opportunity to do something different. This is not your usual fall bump, because this is not your usual year. We urge you to cut funding for the PPD and let's begin the process of building a Portland where the people's needs are met and safety is backed by police violence. Defund PPD, invest in Portlanders, Black Lives Matter. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Ricardo Lujan Valerio.

Ricardo Lujan Valerio: Hi good evening. For the record my name is Ricardo Lujan Valerio. I am the director of advocacy with Latino Network, I'll try to keep my comments brief. Just want to support the 18 million dollar proposal that Comm Hardesty is putting forward. I think it's significant to understand that we are living in a time of reckoning and it's not business as usual. We've been hearing from our community that we need to reform our community safety needs. Within the immigrant community it's a larger issue given the events taken place in Portland in the last months and even the federal activity that we've been subjected to. The pulling individuals into unmarked vans and tactics that are very militarized are no different than what our immigrant communities face on a daily basis. And so what's important is that when those things happen, our community sees it as a whole to law enforcement and they don't necessarily differentiate local law enforcement from federal law enforcement, and it says a lot about the impact that our community faces. So we are definitely in support of that approach. The second proposal that we want to support is Eudaly's Oregon Work Relief Fund. As the city may remember, you all allocated 250,000 dollar to help over 140 individuals here in Portland with the 1.7 million dollar investment will help to bring that number closer to 1,200 individuals instead. We are deeply in support of making this amendment move forward as well. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Rachel Saslow.

Rachel Saslow: Good evening, my name is Rachel Saslow and I am a SE Portland resident and volunteer with Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. I volunteer with Moms Demand

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action because I have three young children and also because I am a gun violence survivor. As you know gun violence is a public health crisis here in Portland. It's been increasing since before the pandemic and there have been over 660 shootings this year and it's not even November. This is a sharp increase from the 393 shootings Portland experienced in all of 2019. To prevent gun violence and to support survivors of gun violence, Portland needs to adequately resource the office of violence prevention. The office of violence prevention works to intervene and prevent gun violence, build community resilience, and create a safer Portland. The office works closely with community based organizations to increase their capacity for gun violence prevention and intervention. The office of violence prevention works to address gun violence through an equity lens providing support and resources to Portland black and brown communities who are disproportionately impacted by gun violence. Currently the office has only two full time staff. Portland must resource this office. We are asking that the city council provide funding to the office to hire additional staff. Additional staff will help coordinate the office's work, collaborate with community partners, and ensure that the office is responsive to the needs of the Portland black and brown communities most impacted by gun violence. Please prioritize health and safety in Portland by prioritizing the office of gun violence. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Mo Phillips, Jessie Burke, and Dorothy Elmore.

Mo Phillips: Hi my name is Mo Phillips and I'm a musician, teaching artist, father, and husband living in Sunny Side in SE Portland. I'd like to start by thanking Comm Hardesty for decades of tireless efforts to bring change and justice to Portland. I'd like to thank Comm Eudaly for the integrity for which you have worked in your office and I am here to fully support the budget amendment from Comm Hardesty today. I'll keep it brief so we can get to that vote. Thanks to the two of you. Mayor Wheeler, in the words of my teenagers, "I can't even". Comm Fritz, if you've been waiting for a moment over these many years to really shine and take the relatively bold step of supporting Comm Hardesty's amendment, now would be that time. And finally Comm Ryan, welcome. I suppose you've got a different kind of welcome last night, but by all accounts you handled it quite gracefully. So thank you for that. Hopefully that direct action showed to demonstrate how invested people are in turning the wheels of justice in this town. So rest assured those wheels will keep turning and we'd love to have you be part of that change that's clearly necessary. You are elected the to lead man, so now's your chance. "You can do it". Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Jessie Burke.

Jessie Burke: Yeah, can you hear me?

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Clerk: Yes.

Burke: Hello. My name is Jessie Burke and I'm a woman in minority small business owner in oldtown china town. I'm also a mother of 3 ages 6, 9, and 13. Grew up in abject poverty and I'm a former social worker and teacher. I'm here to request that we do not decrease our police staff positions even if they are not currently filled or decrease the budget for the Portland police. Cities are ecosystems and there are many competing priorities that we must keep in balance to keep our ecosystem symbiotic. In old town we are living in a real life Mad Max. The level of lawlessness we experience daily is something I know none of you are experiencing, because if you did, the idea of cutting one of our only calls for help would have never crossed your mind. We in old town are in the middle of what so many Portlanders observe as arm chair critics with feedback from the comfort of their own home. We are in the heart of the city's opioid epidemic, mental health crisis, and homelessness crisis. We are a neighborhood in constant chaos. I suggest you speak with clinicians at cascade behavioral health to get a sense of what's happening on the ground. There has been a lot of commentary about how police spend there their and what is and isn't needed by the community. So I did some research of what is recommended by experts on the city of crime prevention and public safety. I found a white paper written by the international city and county management association center for public safety management that discussed the recommended number of officers based on population. I will email a copy of this to each of you. To summarize, it's recommended that for every 1k resident there is between 1.8-2.5 officers. The city of Portland's population is approx.. 700,000, when you dot hat math, those number suggest we have between 1,260-1270 officers for Portland's population. Portland had 870 officers. That is a ration of 1.2 officers per 1000 residents. I'm frustrated with this response to cut positions because it feels like an idea that was not vetted with research or any plan to replace those resources with better options for greater change. This response feels much like a CEO cutting staffing and services to customers while simultaneously - -- getting profits.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Burke: Two more sentences. We are in crisis and to reiterate what Damon Hickok says, it feels like city council is not on the same team and your fighting is making the rest of the city fight. It feels like when challenged or when citizens disagree with you, our city council gets defensive rather than reflective. Rather than showing the research or doing the work to meet the needs of our system. If we won't have this leadership, old town, I know will begin to manage itself. And I'm not sure that's what the city of Portland needs. Thank you.

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Clerk: Next up, we have Dorothy Elmore.

Dorothy Elmore: Good evening, I'm Dorothy Elmore, I'm a retired assistant chief with a background in mental health. I would like to be with a holistic idea that has proven over time works. Why don't we dedicate resources to community and problem oriented policing approaches that have been shown to reduce crime and improve community satisfaction. How about investing in community and police collaboration and partnership instead of police and community alienation and division. How about we reforming the police bureau's policies and practices to identify, address, and eliminate the institutional racist practices that are embedded in the very fabric of policing. And how about supporting the men and women of the Portland police bureau who put their personal safety on the line every day. And lastly, how about not defunding the police bureau. Today's police are tasked with responding to a vast variety of calls for service stemming from violent criminal behavior with underlying social service issues and crises. Yet officers are often not supported with adequate service providers who put treating these underlying issues as part of their daily duties. I don't want to minimize the destructive impact that institutional racism has had and continues to have on black and brown people in our community and across this nation and I do acknowledge the atrocities of police brutality against black and brown people are of great concerns and need to be addressed and stopped. However defunding the police bureau is not the answer. I support investing more in mental health care and housing and expanding the use of community mediation and violence interruption programs to shrink the scope of police responsibilities. I just don't agree with using essential police funds in order to accomplish this endeavor. I strongly believe that a collaborative effort between Multnomah county, city of Portland, metro and the state of Oregon to jointly agree to provide money to fund these vital services in and around the Portland area would be more equitable. Especially since both the city and metro have passed substantial bond measures to defund these services. This decision that you're going to be.

Clerk your time is up

Needs to be thoughtful and forward thinking. It is not just the hear and now, but what impact this decision will have for years to come. I think that comm Ryan, please do not be strongarmed into voting. Vote with your conscious, vote with your heart, and vote with what you think is right. Be thoughtful and be impactful. This decision is extremely critical in the future of the Portland police bureau and how we do our work to provide safety for our communities. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, Dorothy. Comm Fritz has a comment or question.

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Fritz: I just wanted to say thank you Dorothy for that and those words and for all your leadership in the community and your significance in all of our lives. Thank you very much.

Elmore: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Charles Mattouk, Nita Guidoux, and Brad McCray.

Wheeler: Could you say the names again Keelan. I'm not sure...

Clerk: Charles Mattouk, Nita Guidoux, and Brad McCray.

Charles Mattouk: Charles Mattouk here.

Wheeler: yep. Yep.

Mattouk: Business owner and resident in old town and china town. I'll echo what Jessi Burke and what others have said about the neighborhood in the center part of town and the rest of downtown being affected. A lot of the resources have been pulled towards uh certain activities and we are seeing a really rampant increase in crime on a daily basis. While on this call I've shielded both the test and private message from two other people in our neighborhood. We've suffered another break in. it's a numbers game and I think people are getting wise to the fact that the numbers are quite limited and the police are strained in their resources. And I think putting up 18 million without clearly saying where we are going to put that money on a quick vote today is a poor idea. We are very much lacking resources to deal with the daily crimes that we have to witness both of property and persons. So until we can have a clear idea of what we are going to do with the money that we plan to reallocate from jobs that currently aren't filled, it would be wise to spend more time revising this. And I'll yield the rest of my time. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Nita Guidoux.

Nita Guidoux: Hi my name is Nita Guidoux, I live in SE Portland. I'm a mom, an attorney, and a volunteer with Portland chapter of moms demand action for gun sense in America. I'm testifying in support of the office violence prevention's fall supplemental budget request. Specifically, I'd like to advocate for the funding of 2 full time positions within the ovp, as well as additional funding to support the training and transition of the office's new policy manager the office of violence prevention is the principle coordinator across key gun violence stakeholders and strategies. The ovp plays a central role in both brining together and holding accountable stakeholders including law enforcement, public health officials, educators, social service providers, community leaders, researchers, and data analysts. The office also oversees resource allocation, policy and program implementation, evaluation, and sustained learning. Most importantly, the ovp centers its mission around community. Our community. To prevent gun violence. Currently, the office has only two staff members. The director and the policy manager.

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Additional staff within the office will increase the ability to respond to the needs of community members and local partners. New staff would include a person dedicated to community outreach and public information and a person to help manager the incredible prevention and intervention work of healing hurt people and straight level outreach. These new positions would allow the director and policy manager to focus on high level strategy, collaboration, and leadership. I strongly urge the council to invest in this office. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: next up we have Jennifer Kristiansen, Gabriel Johnson, and Paul Frazier.

Jennifer Kristiansen: Good afternoon. Can you hear me?

Ryan: Yes we can.

Kristiansen: Okay, my name is Jennifer Kristiansen. My pronouns are she/her and I am volunteer member of the Oregon justice resource center policy action center network, I'm an attorney, and a mother of two teens, and I own a home in SE Portland down the street from where the ppd shot Tyrell Johnson. First I'd like to say I support the work and demands of Comm Hardesty, and the orgs that have proposed changes including unite Oregon, imagine black, and the Portland's people coalition. Secondly, I will point out police brutality in Portland is higher by a significant amount than any other city tracked by independent researchers. Not per capita, but by actual numbers. Portland accounts for 398 of the 1,221 counted incidents of protest related brutality inflicted on people since the end of May, which you can see for yourself at 2020pb.com, that is nearly 1/3 of the total. More incidents of brutality in Portland than of much larger cities including New York, Los Angeles, or Chicago. That is not a training issues, that is a culture issue. Our budget needs to show a desire to change that culture. Comm Ryan, I urge you to stay true to your promises made in your campaign and join Comm Hardesty in your vote to reallocate funds from the ppd into useful community programs. If you consider yourself as you stated on your campaign website an ally, leader, and a partner in supporting this work, supporting cuts to the Portland police bureau programs that have caused more harm than good is the very least you can do. Council Member Ryan, you noted during your campaign and I quote, "Now is not the time for a continuation of the status quo. The status quo is our streets and neighborhoods blanketed in clouds of tear gas. Press and protesters shots in the head and groin with less lethal and our city's police force terrorizing the community." You as the city council have the power to make change and I urge you to exercise that power. We can no longer afford to delay or be afraid of the complexities of justice. We cannot afford more cowardness of you mayor Wheeler. We must take the opportunity presented to us and begin the difficult task of reimagining how our city treats the black and indigenous communities and others on the margins and that starts by

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creating a more, moral budget. Thank you and please vote for these much needed changes.

Clerk: next up is Gabriel Johnson.

Gabriel Johnson: hello my name is Gabriel Johnson. I'm a black man. I'm a lifelong Portlander. I am the director of the coalition to save Portland. I am very passionate about our city. I'm very outspoken. I will say that I was awoken during this um, this this time that we find ourselves in as Portlanders and as as citizens of the united states. And one of the things that that really really bothers me is that I hear a lot of people talking about black this black that. Bipoc this, people of color, and we have all these people in Portland who are standing up for blacks, but we aren't hearing black voices. But you are hearing mine and you are going to hear mine today. Granted we are very short on time, so I'm just going to cut straight to the point. I'm highly against the 18 million dollar cut from ppd. I support Portland police bureau with all of my heart. I'm very passionate about public safety. We've gotten to a point of lawlessness on our streets and everything that everybody is talking about is not going to happen until we bring peace back to the streets. Because I have neighbors downtown who cannot walk to the park block without having a homeless person chase them with a knife and tell this this fmg park is theirs and get out. These are some of the things that we keep seeing over and over and over by hamstringing out police. If you are black and you are in Portland, you are more at danger of being shot and killed by another black man than you are by a member of the Portland police department. I think this focus on the police is basically smoke and mirrors. Um we have some organizations that are coming up in the name of blacks, reimage Oregon 3.4 million dollars. I highly oppose giving them 3.4 million dollars. They are not inclusive of all blacks in Oregon, let along Portland.

Clerk: your time is up.

Johnson: That's okay. Imagine black is not inclusive of every black in Portland. Comm Hardesty, you have failed the black community in this city because you don't stand up for everyone in this city. I have so much to say and so little time, but what I will say is vote for Ted because he is our only hope to save Portland at this point. Today. Thank you.

Clerk: next up is Paul Frazier.

Paul Frazier: hello my name is Paul Frazier, he/him. I appreciate the words that Rev. Stone shared earlier. I am in favor of Comm Hardesty's amendment. Let's look at the police they were awarded a department of justice consent degree. That is not an accolade for a job well done. Some adages and laws of sign apply here. The ideal gas law states that gas is expand to fill their container, take that to an adage Parkinson's law is that the work expands as to fill the time available for it's completion. Apply that to the ppd budget. The amount of money we put in

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every dollar of it will be spent. Whether it is on take out over time or tear gas to barrage the streets of north Portland, including my house where my two year old daughter was sleeping. Please listen to the people. When less people than this show up to testify that a new building is creating a shadow or changes the character of a neighborhood, that building will get delayed or even blocked. Please listen to this larger group of people who are testifying on life and death issues. People are being killed by the Portland police. Teenagers, people running away from a transit officer, who tripped and fell. People experiencing mental health issues. Uh Mayor Wheeler, you shared in your opening that the budget should be anti-racist and have fiscal responsibility, I don't understand how you could say those things and then not cut the budget. Fiscal responsibility, the amount of money we are spending on police instead of the community prevention. Police responding to a crime, is inherently a lagging reaction. If we took action before the crime in community investment, we could prevent those crimes from occurring. The police, what they say to protect and serve, but who do they protect, who do they serve. Business? The police union? Or the people? We have no confidence in the union. The union exists no to serve the people, but to serve the police. As Sinclair says, "it is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends on his not understanding it." Which is what I see the Portland police doing. This cut is the bare minimum, please support this. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Sam Sachs, Dan Lenzen, and David Tunley.

Sam Sachs: Thank you Mayor Wheeler, members of city Council thank you for having me. First I'd like to say thank you to Comm Fritz for your service to our community of the years. It's been a pleasure to know you and work with you and I thank you for your service. I also want to welcome Comm Dan Ryan to the city council. I'm calling today because I want to support – can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes I'm sorry. If everyone can mute so we can hear the testimony. Go ahead.

Sachs: Okay, so the reason I'm calling is specific to the office of violence prevention. On average, the last 11 years, 50-70%, 70% being in 2013, of the homicides by firearm are black indigenous people of color, under the age of 40. That means 50%, I think it's much higher this year. Noah, 22 year old boy was shot and killed this weekend. There was a 16 year old boy shot and killed recently. Another man was shot, black man, was shot in his car. I cannot support defunding the police until city council comes up with a plan specific to addressing the gun violence, the public health crisis that is overwhelmingly impacting people of color in our community, but specifically, black people in our community. Black people are being shot and killed at an alarming rate. Unfortunately, you know, it will happen again before election day. Because of the rape that is

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happening and has been since the gun violence reduction team was taken away. You want to get rid of them, fine, I don't think that was a good choice, but what is your plan to address gun violence? Yes, the office needs two more positions, actually it needs 4-6 more positions and it needs more outreach workers. I would also like to say to Comm Ryan, I don't know how it would be possible to take in all of this information you've taken in today and be pushed or pressured to make a decision without digesting all of it.

Clerk: Time is up.

Sachs: And having a vote. It seems very pushed and pressured to have a vote. If you care about black lives, you need to address the gun violence issue and that money needs to go to the office of violence prevention. And please can we get a place to address gun violence today? Including working with the Portland police. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you Sam and just so you know where the office of violence prevention niki green is actually doing a great job of trying to bring together all of the resources that your advocating for. It includes community outreach and the intervention and prevention and then completely separately, the police bureau is working on the investigative follow up piece. So there is a strategy that is in place and it's being built out in part through the proposals in this fall bump package. So thank you for noting that.

Clerk: Next up, we have Dan Lenzen.

Dan Lenzen: Hi, can you hear me?

Wheeler: We sure can, you are good to go Dan.

Lenzen: Hi my name is Dan Lenzen. I'm a long time employer, property owner in Portland and many other states. So good evening Mayor Wheeler, Comm Ryan, it's good to make your acquaintance. Amanda it was great to hear you again, it was good chatting with you and I did relay your well wishes to my folks. Comm Eudaly, it's good to see you again, the last time we saw each other as you may remember, is in our restaurant and bar in old town. Comm Hardesty, I have not had the pleasure, but it's good to E-meet you. To the proposal at hand as far as decreasing numbers of tax payer of the city, I have to tell you, I'm in disagreement of any further decreases of the the Portland police bureau for many reasons. This proposal for decrease in the fall bump lacks data supported results oriented alternatives. The recommendations are no real plans or ideals, the principles are solid, while lacking implementation. You failed in giving an alternative to the existing system. The decrease you propose has unintended consequences. 140 officers will be laid off. From the Oregon restaurant lodging association, the report that in the Portland metro areas sales are a 50% of sales last years. Inner city is a fraction of that to get the

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50% mark outside of the Portland metro area. The average compared to last year is closer to 75, in the lodging side, it's about 20%, while the rest of the country is at 50% occupancy. Comm Hardesty said our city needs to stop writing blank checks to ppd and start holding them fiscally responsible. The proposal laid out is a perfect example of what makes no sense to do the opposite. It lacks substance, it's vague. If there were concrete designs of where the funds would be channeled, we'd be able to support it. You've made a brilliant case as to why not to cut the budget. To the counts cutting the budget will result a different effect on small business owners, customers, employees and our perception of safety have eroded. It will do so even more. The resulting impact is we will struggle and lose more. Many of us will join the growing obituary list of closed small businesses. Reduce the ppd budget have no alternative while the workload stays the same.

Clerk: your time is up.

Lenzen: Have problem with OT and don't give direction, but complain about your performance to everyone who will listen.

Clerk: next up we have David Tunley.

David Tunley: Good evening everyone and what a blockbuster event we are having tonight. Seems to be the event of the week here in Portland. I will have to, my name is David Tunley, for the record. My husband and I are homeowners in the NE section of Portland in the Laurelhurst neighborhood. I just have to echo my fellow Portland citizens in says that I am asking the city government to reject Comm Joann Hardesty's proposal to reduce the police bureau's budget by 18 million plus dollars. It is clear by the redirect that Joann's proposal to reduce ppd's budget of 18 million plus dollars is politically motivated. It is ill-advised. It lacks clear and concrete resolution to the issues that she so eloquently describes, such as the protest demonstrations first amendment violations, police brutality response. I find it laughable to assume that an entity that is so ill prepared to handle policing responsibility would do better with a reduction in resources. I can't really think of any major entity such as a police bureau that does better when they are reduced in funding. Also what is that risk here and what Joann fails to address in her 18 plus million dollar budget reduction to the Portland police bureau is the safety and security of all Portland citizens. And I don't think I have enough time or do I really need to go into details for evidence to support this claim. You can't drive around this city for more than 15 minutes without seeing empirical evidence of the state in which the city has become due to increased crime at every corner of the city. Now you can debate at the hands of whom, the houseless, the vulnerable, the police department, the fact of the matter is we are seeing a rapid increase of

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crime and I don't believe that a reduction of funds to our police department will help keep the citizens safe and secure. And to Comm Dan Ryan, this is going to be a monumental vote for you. What happened last night at your home is unacceptable and ...

Clerk: your time is up.

Tunley: I would hate for you to set a precedent that you can be bullied or intimidated into a police choice.

Clerk: next up we have - -

Hardesty: it's commission Hardesty, not Joann.

Tunley: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Todd Marston, Debra Porta, and June Schumann.

Todd Marston: hello can you hear me?

Wheeler: We can hear you Todd you are good to go.

Marston: Thank you so much to City Council members for holding these meetings and allowing public testimony. I know it's long. I'm excited to be testifying for my first time tonight. I moved to Portland from Boston in late 2015 hoping to live in a more progressive city. It was fall of 2016 when I finally walked by Portland city hall. It actually happened to be that very moment when protesters were being violently forced out of the building. I later talked with a friend who had been part of that protest, protesting against the bloated police budget and he has since expressed the experience caused him lasting trauma. Fast forward to this summer, and multiple friends of mine have experienced significantly more trauma by being brutalized, intimidated, and arrested for exercising their first amendment rights to protest. One is experiencing eye issues from repeated exposure to gasses that the police have been pumping into our streets. The absurd irony of this is almost humorous, but this is truly happening and you all know it. While COVID 19 is a respiratory illness that has killed close to 220,000 people police, have still been using toxic gasses nightly. This is why I think it's perfect that the 18 million be directed from the police budget towards pandemic relief efforts. Thank you to Comm Hardesty and Comm Eudaly, I urge Comm Ryan to please side with the people's health and wellness on this issue. And maybe Portland can be truly progressive city moving forward. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Debra Porta.

Debra Porta: Thank you mayor Wheeler, Commissioners, I'm here today to speak in support of the creation and funding of the lgbtqia+ policy analyst position. In my years as part of pride NW, and I apologize I'm Debra Porta executive director of Pride NW. In my years as part of pride NW, there have been 3 distinct administrations in city hall. With each one has come the starting over

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and loss of working relationships that came before. Each new mayor and each new commissioners comes with whatever relationships the may or may not have and the process of reinventing the wheel begins. The kind of success and accomplishment that elected leaders come into office hoping to have on the issues important to you just is not possible without existing continuity, institutional knowledge, and most important, relationships that have been built over time. Even the best among you will fall short of where you want to be and of where we need to be as long as that continues. And that is assuming we do not have someone elected to the Portland city council that doesn't happen to be quite as supportive of whoever came before them. At the end of the day it is my community to pay the price of depending on who ever happens to be in an elected office at any given time. These days are a good example of that. It's well past time for this city to make an investment in the long term, real work, that is necessary to fully serve this city's LGBTQ+ community who is represented in all of the communities spoken to so far in this session. And I ask that this council make that commitment today. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have June Schumann.

June Schumann: good evening Comm Eudaly, Fritz, Hardesty, Ryan, and Mayor Wheeler. I'm June Schumann I'm here as a representative of the Newport One policy commission. We are in support of Comm Eudaly's amendment for the city of Portland to contribute 1.75 million dollars to the Oregon worker relief fund. And we urge all commissioners to support the amendment. In our report to the city council on June 25, 2020, we recommended that the city invest additional dollars in the Oregon Workers Relief Fund in addition to the 250,000 already approved through the office of the community and civic life request. Our recommendation is based on the undocumented Portlanders workgroup, which estimated the community need at over 100 million dollars statewide. They recommended that each jurisdiction contribute 2 million dollars to meet the urgent need of laid off workers not covered by federal unemployment assistance programs. Their recommendation was based on the following factors, 1. Immigrants serving essential industries and carry out vital roles that keep Portland functioning and put them in higher risk of infection, despite them making up just 13% of the population. In 2018 immigrants comprised of more than 21% of all restaurant and food service workers. 20% of all transportation and warehouse workers in Portland, according to research conducted by the new American economy. 2. Unemployment benefits are not available to all who are laid off. While we acknowledge the hardships felt by all who lost their jobs due to the pandemic, some immigrants and refugees are excluded from unemployment assistance due to their immigration status or are represented in greater proportion in workforce exclusion.

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Clerk: your time is up.

Schumann: Ok. Thank you for supporting this measure and I hope that you will approve the additional funds for the Worker Relief Program. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Jessica Maravilla, Lakayana Drury, and Kristin Gross.

Jessica Maravilla: Good afternoon everyone, my name is Jessica Maravilla, I am the policy director for Casa Oregon and I'm here to provide testimony in support of the 18 million dollar proposal by Comm Hardesty and the 1.75 million proposal from Comm Eudaly, both being of vital importance to our indigenous, immigrant, and bipoc community. I would like to thank Mayor Ted Wheeler and all Commissioners for your 250,000 economic support for Portland residents via the Oregon worker relief fund, however it's not enough. Casa among other over 100 community based organizations that make up the Oregon worker's relief fund support Comm Eudaly's request towards the 1.75 million towards the fund. This investment request would make the whole original 2 million dollar ask and support the stabilization of Portland economy by investing in the community now. Many gainfully employed Portland area residents who are immigrants and contribute to the Portland metro region's prosperity have disproportionality been impacted by COVID 19. These groups have been excluded by most assistance programs such as the federal unemployment insurance program, snap, tamf, and the 1200 economic impact payment in addition to the earned income tax credit. Currently our latinx community makes up more than 40% of the covid cases despite represented 13% of Oregon's population. The need for this response is significant as there is an estimated 27,000 ineligible immigrant workers in the Portland metro region in need of cash assistance and whom are disproportionately impacted by covid 19, just some facts of what the fund has already done. The fund has already distributed over \$5 million to 3,542 immigrants in the city of Portland alone. In over 12 million to 7,422 immigrants in the Portland metro region. 81% of families supported had a least one dependent or child in their home. We need your help to continue this vital program. The city can address structural inequalities by providing financial relief to residents by the support of Comm Eudaly's request and the Oregon worker relief fund would meet the growing needs of those left behind by our current system with this culturally sensitive program. Together we can ensure that all funds are allocated to Portland's most vulnerable individuals by covid-19. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Clerk: Next up we have Lakayana Drury.

Lakayana Drury: Thank you. Can everybody hear me?

Wheeler: We can hear you. You are good to go.

Drury: Appreciate it. Thank you mayor wheeler for having me and city council for hosting this

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meeting tonight. I think it's a very important discussion. I'm glad to see the time is being allotted for people to speak. My name is Lakayana Drury he, him pronouns. Create relationships with law enforcement and young black men and co-chair of the Portland committee of community engaged policing. I agree with everybody who says that the crime is unacceptable in the community and that the rates have gone up. But fundamentally disagree the police bureau is the agency to solve that. What needs to happen, there needs to be investments in education for young people. Services for mental health folks. While we can all agree we want to see crime and things reduced, the police is not the answer to that and historically the data doesn't support the belief that the police bureau can reduce these things. And I would just challenge law enforcement that are listening today or might listen to this in the future this is not an attack on law enforcement. But really an invitation from the community saying we want a new partnership. We want a smaller bureau directed at specific services and we want additional money to go towards the services and things that are really going to heal this community. That's what I have to say. I appreciate the work that is being done. And I look forward to working with law enforcement and other community leaders on these issues. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Kristin Gross.

Kristin Gross: Good evening. So many hours ago we heard that city attorneys need more money because of the massive amount of lawsuits they are handling. Many of these stem from police misconduct. This misconduct recently has everything to do with the use of force on those criticizing police violence. I hope you can all see how many in this case defunding the police could help with both issues since it's circular. Social services, medical attention, housing and continued decriminalization of drugs are proven to be better solutions and have much lower long-term costs than arresting people over and over again. Investing in community means money stays in Portland and goes to those in need rather than more salaries for police who don't live in the city and have no investment in the city and community. Statistics show 85% of officers don't even live in Portland or the state or surrounding areas. Black lives matter, defund the police, and mayor wheeler you don't care about what this community wants and needs and you should resign. I concede my time.

Clerk: Next we have Alaide Vilchis Ibarra, Lawson Wakeman, and Sydney Mead.

Alaide Vilchis Ibarra: Thank you. Divesting money from the police bureau. I'm executive director of the interfaith movement for immigrant justice and co-convener for caucus for black lives. We have been having long conversations in faith communities in Portland about our city budget. As communities of faith we know the budget including our city budget are moral

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documents when they reflect moral priorities to outline the hopes for our future community. As I was writing this testimony, my first interaction with the bureau was the day I had to close the windows in my north Portland home because the gas used on community members demonstrating for black lives a couple blocks from my home was being used. The demonstrators including faith leaders there to bear witness continued to get gassed everyday. This is not the public safety I want my community to invest in. I carry with me today the stories of immigrant community members and the impact covid-19 has had on them. At this time when so many in our community are in crisis it's a moral choice to shift funds to invest in affordable housing, accessible education and economic justice. It's time to reimagine our city budget so it focuses on the world we want to see and the world we want our neighbors to have. As a Portland resident, community leader, person of conscience I ask you listen to the minds like Portland metro people's coalition and imagine black. Take the step to vote to divest \$18 million from Portland police. Invest in black and brown communities. Including the worker relief fund. Thank you for your attention.

Clerk: We have Lawson Wakeman.

Lawson Wakeman: Can everybody hear me?

Wheeler: Yep, we can hear you.

Wakeman: Hi, my name is Lawson Wakeman. I live in northeast Portland and speaking with no affiliations today. Thank you for hearing my testimony I would like to address to councilor Fritz, Wheeler and Ryan. if it's not already abundantly clear, let's take a quick moment to unpack why this is so important. Ted, if you are busy dictating another campaign message to siri put your phone down and start paying attention. Commissioner Hardesty pledged, that is your constituents, the citizens that elected you that you are beholden to. The community is in dire need of support more than now than ever because of the pandemic which has disproportionately affected people of color. -- to not support reallocating funds is to instead support the continual over funding of the police bureau. That will go to inflating police's salaries with overtime. What's more these salaries don't even stay in Portland and help fuel the economy as 82% don't even live in Portland. You are choosing to support the bloated salaries of members of the bureau, like neo-nazi mark kruger who was the highest paid, earning a quarter million almost tripling his base pay with overtime. -- all to say nothing of the clear and purposeful slow down in 9-1-1 responses to punish the city for daring to hold the bureau to the higher standard they can only pretend to embody. To continue to fund the bureau is to give candy to a child during a temper tantrum.

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Clerk: Lawson, your time is up.

Wakeman: It's never tear gassed entire neighborhoods for having a water bottle tossed in their direction. Thanks for your time.

Clerk: Next up we have Sydney Mead.

Sydney Mead: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. My name is Sydney Mead and I serve Portland business alliance and downtown clean and safe. Mayor wheeler I want to thank you for bringing forward this amendment which would allocate \$25,000 to help fund downtown clean and safe. This is a continuation of a long-time program shared by p-bot, prosper Portland and downtown clean and safe. This position is recognizing the current scope of work between downtown clean and safe and the city of Portland. This position plays a vital role in the overall structure of the downtown retail development program, which is charged with fostering the vitality of downtown Portland by encouraging the retention and expansion of existing businesses and attracting new businesses to locate within the downtown enhanced service district. This year has been a chaotic whirlwind for us collectively and devastated our downtown businesses and economies. In 2019, third quarter ended with a 3.3 retail vacancy rate. Currently we have a 7.1 vacancy rate. This one stat in the larger trend brought on by the dual crisis of covid-19 and the civil unrest and reckoning we are all undertaking as a city and country around racial justice and race relations. This statistic indicates a lot of the challenges as well as the opportunities for growth in a positive sustainable change and indicates the retail district has its work cut out for it as we move into 2021 and navigate these crises together. Funding for the downtown retail advocate position will help us move the district forward and continue to work towards our goal of bringing back a vibrant safe and thriving downtown. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. And Keelan after the next speaker, can we get a check how many folks are left, please?

Clerk: Yes, of course. Next up Susan Keil, Kimberely Dixon and Caitlin Keitel.

Susan Keil: Hi, I'm talking about something rather rudimentary but important today. I'm Susan Keil. I'm past chair of pioneer courthouse square. And on the current board. I'm talking about the busiest restroom in the city. We have an all user restroom in the pioneer courthouse square. The commissioner fritz was very involved in bringing to fruition. That restroom is used by, let's say this way, there's 125,000 flushes a month. Which is a good deal of usage. It's 11 stalls. And the only reason that restroom works is that it came with an attendant. And city council agreed to fund the attendant for that restroom because it is the only way that it works successfully. In the

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last year, or in this current year, actually, we have been running a lot more expensively than had been envisioned because of all of the covid supplies and extra cleaning. The masks that are being supplied to users of the restroom who don't have them. Many of those come from a very vulnerable population given the location of that restroom. And the fact that many of the public restrooms around there have been closed. So frankly, we are about \$87,000 short of being able to have that restroom open through the balance of the year and cover the additional costs of the supplies and cleaning. Commissioner Fritz' amendment would take care of that problem. We have also experienced vandalism and she noticed that in her comments and requests as well. It's clearly something --

Clerk: Your time is up.

Keil: Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. And Keelan were you able to come up with some statistics for how many folks are left?

Clerk: Yes, we have 17 left.

Wheeler: Okay, very good. I will ask my colleagues what their preference is. We have been at this for five hours and I don't want to ignore my colleagues. So if there's any guidance, I would like to hear it.

Hardesty: We are on the downstroke for me it's fine, we will go through the next 17.

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

Fritz: I want to hear the remaining people testify. I have questions and frankly I'm exhausted. I will leave it to the council if you want to get the questions out at the end of the testimony. I need more time to get more details about the proposed cuts. So after testimony I prefer we adjourn until next Wednesday.

Hardesty: I don't support that. I don't support adjourning until we are done.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly, I see your hand is raised.

Eudaly: I am here for the long haul. I will have remarks to share as well as information on the items we are hoping to fund through this cut package. And I will support what whatever commissioner Hardesty wishes to do as far as the deliberation.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan? You have your hand raised?

Ryan: Yes. I think it's a good question. I'm glad earlier we decided we were going to listen to all the testimony tonight. I have to say it's been really valuable. I also find that the question earlier, that was our commitment I agreed to. By listening to the testimony, I have become more convinced it's a good idea to go to town on these amendments and really check the numbers. I -

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- I personally would appreciate that. I know I have also said this to my colleagues that I thought doing all this in one meeting seemed rushed. And I support getting through the testimony tonight. And then adjourning.

Wheeler: Yeah. And I share that commissioner Ryan. 17 doesn't seem like a very daunting number when we started with 160-something. So I absolutely say let's honor those who are here tonight. Let's stick it out. And hear that testimony that should get us to 7: 30-ish or so. If people want to ask some questions after that, let's wait and see how people are doing. But I also want to honor the community. I want to make sure that we get this right. I will certainly have some questions as well. So that's sort of where my head space is at the moment. So we will continue, Keelan. It sounds like we have a consensus that people want to continue to hear the testimony. I didn't hear anybody say other than that. So let's go ahead and hear out the testimony. We have 17 folks left.

Clerk: Next we have Kimberely Dixon.

Kimberely Dixon: Thank you, mayor and commissioners. Hi, hello. Thank you for this opportunity. I asked the council to resist defunding any further without significant deep thinking of impacts. Let's be clear. The narrative from community originally had to do with appropriate investigation into police involved shootings and appropriate disciplinary action unencumbered by the police union. Mayor, I have asked you to invest into communities specifically youth and families. And I believe your intentions around the investment is in part in response to just that. My hope is part of those dollars would be directed to the first responders of that office, street outreach. I hope for implementation of a viable living wage for outreach also of a vulnerable population, for the services they provide. Community needs more boots on the ground, with lived experience and that look like them due to the per capita demand in the current climate we are in. We need to get in front of our crisis and not just react to it and we need the resources to do so. Commissioner Eudaly, you stated you need to know more about what o.b.p. Programs are and if we are really taking a holistic view of violence prevention. I'm sure your time in office you don't know more regarding the office, that says you are out of touch what is happening in this city and specifically to our families. With what we have in terms of 15 homicides in one month, you didn't seem to find that as a priority for conversation? Commissioner Hardesty, you stated people are demanding that you all be leaders. We are in crisis, it requires us all to be bold and visionary. If being bold looks like after g.b.r.t. Was disbanded, bringing us to rousing over 600 shootings for the year, community have spoken with have a no-vote on that type of boldness. We do need police reform, absolutely. We do need to think about how to do things differently,

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absolutely. And we need collective minds.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Dixon: Particularly those of us who have been impacted by violence. Thank you for listening.

Clerk: Next up we have Caitlin Keitel.

Caitlin Keitel: I live in Portland and work here as a therapist. I'm here to implore to cut the police bureau budget by \$18 million. Portland police bureau is no exception. P.p.b. Has done virtually nothing to protect us from far-right hate groups who come into our city to threaten bipoc members. Yet invested obscene money into overtime. To harass and assault peaceful protesters organizing for systemic change and meaningful public safety. Please commissioners and mayor wheeler, listen to the black, indigenous and people of color in our community offering sound economic arguments for the reinvestment of p.p.b. Funds to programs that address the root causes of survival crimes, homelessness and poverty. Please, decriminalize homelessness and reinvest into permanent affordable housing for all. Robust public education. Community mental health and addictions treatment and reentry programs for people impacted by the system. In my work as a local therapist it's painfully clear to me p.p.b.'s ongoing response to black lives matters protesters has caused individual and collective trauma here in Portland. The people of Portland need you, city council, to be courageous in your vision and your leadership. Please pass commissioner Hardesty's amendment today and continue to cut significant portions of the p.p.b. Budget at every opportunity for the next several years. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Hannah Burns, Loretta Smith, and Guy Berliner.

Hannah Burns: Hi, can you hear me?

Wheeler: We hear you, Hannah.

Burns: Thank you, I'm here to voice my support of commissioner Hardesty's vision for this budget and the amendment with rethink Portland and support of commissioner Eudaly. I'm a survivor of gun crime. Shot in 2018, a lot has been said tonight in my name. I couldn't agree more with commissioner Hardesty, gun violence is a public health issue. The former g.b.r.t. Has only confirmed my sis suspicion, it's a failed bureau. Sucking the city budget dry with retirement, overtime, spending on hazard douse chemicals to cover neighborhoods. Subsidizing the fast-food feast or boots to say nothing of the lawsuits of people who don't only live here, but brutalize us. Won't be identified by name. They don't keep us safe, we keep us safe. I won't bother appealing to the humanity of mayor or commissioner fritz. As a constituent who voted for you, the willingness to have productive conversations who believes in you, I'm appealing to you personally, to support this effort toward healing our city. If the reallocations called for in

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June by overwhelming amount of testimony had been implemented then we would be in a different place. But here we are, over 100 days later and you have an opportunity to do the right thing and support your fellow councilmembers in this vegs, anyone with any sense of moral courage isn't bold, just necessary. Thank you, that's all.

Clerk: Next we have Loretta Smith.

Loretta Smith: Thank you. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes, we can hear you Loretta.

Smith: Thank you, mayor wheeler, commissioners Hardesty, Eudaly, Fritz and Ryan. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak with you. I stand here in support of the commissioner Hardesty's amendments to divest \$18 million from the police bureau for reinvestment in community programs and services while imploring you all to consider an additional \$17 million in cuts to reflect communities original demand for a \$50 million budget cut. And first I must say that the fact this is even on a debate, speaks volumes to how far this council has to go before it can claim to be truly representative of the values and the beliefs of the residents of Portland. This vote must happened to. There can be no misunderstanding about the importance of this work and the desires of the community the fact as we grapple with yet another unjustified killing of a black man by a police department, people of color are tasked today with further debating our humanity. And right to be free from state-sponsored violence to a council 80% white is absolutely breathtaking. If I were on the council. This would have been settled because I would have been voted and been the third vote. Here is an important thing to note. Systems of oppression and state-sponsored violence will fight tooth and nail to protect themselves. A further reduction in the Portland police bureau budget and service of additional community investments, if not meant to weaken our public safety infrastructure, but instead is meant to put a centuries-old system of racism, discrimination and violence into a state conducive to reformation, transformation and innovation. So for me, any rhetoric concluding that additional divestment from the Portland police bureau must somehow be linked to immediate improvement --

Clerk: Your time is up.

Smith: Is not so. I encourage you and urge you to please support this amendment.

Clerk: Next up, we have Guy Berliner.

Guy Berliner: I want to speak in support of the reallocation of p.p.b. Funds. By no means do I want to discount, but having said that we can't ignore the deficiencies at present. I want to draw attention to incredibly troubling facts. First of all no comprehensive code of legal standards

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exists defining the fundamental duties of police. This is especially troubling in light of *Castle Rock vs. Gonzalez* of 2005. According to that ruling police have no constitutional special duty to protect the public. This vacuum effectively gives police veto power by way of physical coercion in the threat of withholding their services. We should willingly spend millions for defense but not one penny for tribute. P.p.b. Clearance stats are appalling. That's far lower than the national average of 61.4%. We are troubling still, f.b.i. Research police have been dangerously infiltrated by members of white supremacist threat groups. We know of instances shockingly here in our own city. Police are the point of the spear, for a society that has collectively decided on every level against adequately investing in its o.e.b. Future. Whether ecologically, socially or locally. No amount of consent decrees or local shifting of funds by themselves will significantly alter that collective decision, we have to acknowledge. A change has to come at all levels. Otherwise in the words of Martin Luther King we are continuing to march towards spiritual death. Let's pull back and interrogate and define and hold them to definitive standards for their service before resuming it.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Berliner: Thank you.

Clerk: Next we have Gregory McKelvey, Clint Culpepper, and Joseph Row.

Gregory McKelvey: Hello, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

McKelvey: Mayor Wheeler, commissioners, thank you for the chance to speak on this urgent matter of life and death. My name is Gregory McKelvey, I use he and him pronouns. We all saw in a recent article we are spending \$34 million a year, arresting and rearresting the houseless. Ted, you claim to be a budgeting expert, you must agree this is a waste of funds. Spending on tear gas, overtime, excessive force, shiny boots, protecting the city from people suing it. The potential millions being dumped into Wheeler's super pack and money he gave to campaign for misogynistic attacks. You have for some reason taken a hard-right turn since recent polls show your imminent defeat were released. We ask you keep your outright ideas to your campaign and keep it from the vote. You stood on the clean energy fund, elections law and every turn you can, don't let this deadly vote be your legacy. What is the point of public legacy if you don't listen to it. We are in the midst of a historic uprising. What do you want the history books to say about you? The community has been waiting too long. You are public servants, vote. A debate was cancelled today because of the urgency of this vote. Voters deserve to know where their elected officials stand before election day. Don't let Ted Wheeler and his endorsers not have him be on

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the record with this matter.

Clerk: Next up is Clint Culpepper.

Clint Culpepper: Hi, my name is Clint Culpepper. I often testify in front of council representing the Portland state university as well as Portland's bicycle advisory committee. I do not represent them at this time. I am here on my own behalf. I just wanted to make sure that was clear. Thank you, council for hearing my testimony today. A fundamental tenet of the black lives matter move, we, white men specifically listen to black women. Today, the first black woman to sit on Portland city council has brought forth an amendment taking into account what tens of thousands of Portlanders continue to ask for. I strongly urge you to vote for commissioner Hardesty's amendment today. And I cede my remaining time so we can do that. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Joseph Row.

Wheeler: Joseph, are you on board? Let's go on to the next person and hopefully Joseph will be able to join us.

Clerk: Okay. Next up we have Tristan Isaac, Teresa Roberts, and Jasmine Dean.

Wheeler: If Joseph pops in we will stick him in, okay?

Tristan Isaac: Hello, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Isaac: Awesome. Good evening, Portland city council. My name is Tristan. I'm here to testify in favor of the amendments proposed by commissioner Hardesty and supported by commissioner Eudaly. Any challenges faced by this city during the pandemic highlight the degree police aren't equipped to address serious threats to public safety. Quite the opposite in fact. You found the current situation sees police -- perhaps there's a popular narrative echoed by many people and others who testified today that deserted downtown is somehow caused by crime or riots. Just completely ignoring the fact we are nine months into an unprecedented pandemic and economic downturn. Down turn. It's an inaccurate scapegoating contributing to the false narrative that police keep us safe while the Portland police themselves protect their clubhouses and precincts, gassing bystanders and terrorizing the city. While dozens of Portlanders have been victims of spike of homicides, more than 6,000 of Portlanders have died of coronavirus. That's a problem cops can't solve. It's usually cops that show up to kick you out when you can't pay the rent. If we redirect \$18 million from the police. It's also the case the majority of the budget cuts proposed by commissioner Hardesty will not affect staffing levels as they only comprise vacant conditions within the police bureau. I'm not particularly persuaded by that argument. I would much rather see cops be handed their pink slips but there's always next

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legislative session. I urge you to vote and defund the police until it's completely abolished.

Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Teresa Roberts.

Teresa Roberts: Thank you, I'm a longtime listener, first time caller. I wanted to thank you Keelan and Auditor's office and community. It's been a long haul. My name is Teresa, my family lives in Multnomah village saint johns, and two adult households in Sellwood. We vote and we pay taxes. But we have lived in tents, we have lived in our cars. We have couch surfed and now our kids have MBA's. We are here. We're not going anywhere. We really care what you do. And we really watch what you do. First a couple of fact checks. Somebody came on and said 65% of a small sampling support the police. But k.o.i.n. Published a poll of 100 -- let's see, 126,066 responses, 64% of which said that the ongoing Portland protests should end in police reform. 64%. Also just to point out it's pretty disingenuous of any police supporters to come and quote, misquote the district attorney after they sent him and council strongly worded letters and votes of no confidence. The district attorney said he would not prosecute 70% of their arrests of activists. And now we hear that like the other, the houseless. So like they clearly do not like activists and houseless people and are totally focused on them, possibly because when they deal with those people they don't have to fear as much for their lives as they would with real criminals. But that still wouldn't explain all the unprocessed rape kits ordering in 2000.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Roberts: So also when we talk about the police budget, I would be curious since they were the main department to take bereavement leave in order to process their grief over the deaths of a black man in another city. It was one in five police staffers. Most i.p.r. Complaints are police on police. Not citizens against police. Do they still have the firing ranges sub let to i.c.e. Can we get rid of a golf course. Those lose money for us every year. We could save money. Of course you could just combine them. Advanced weaponry. That stuff is expensive. And we already pay the retirement of the retired cops who run shops they buy that stuff from. Like haven't we given them enough? We wonder how we got here with the police making \$200,000 a year with overtime while the city attorney's office is doing triple the o.t. I will tell you how we got here, 2009 Dan Saltzman had the balls for disciplining a police for -- a 12-year-old and you pounced on him.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Roberts: You let him and we have a rogue police force. Don't fund them anymore.

Clerk: Let's try Joseph Row. Next up Jasmine Dean, Max Sprague, and Gerald McCorkle.

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Jasmine Dean: Hello. Thank you. For the record my name is Jasmine Dean. I'm here representing unite Oregon with my colleague Andrew Reilly. We want \$35 million cut from the p.p.b. Budget. We want to end the over reach of the p.p.b. Unite Oregon's vision for community safety, rests on three principles, we want to dramatically limit our contact, begin to demilitarize and reimagine community safety. I want to start off by saying I hear a lot of Portlanders say there's not a great outline what needs to be cut and what needs to be invested. They have been expensive community engagement on where these funds should be, as well as unite Oregon. I wish I could walk downtown or north Portland and feel safe. The reality is the houseless doesn't make me feel unsafe but the police do. The looks I get from the people as I'm walking down those streets, I'm a black woman. And Latino black woman my hair is always out. They look at me and instantly believe I do not belong there. If you ask the community where the funds would go, we give you answer, p.s.r., job readiness programs, houseless programs, mental health, the black community. The community gives you the answer you ignore it. We want to defund the p.p.b. And reinvest in the community. People are getting evicted and living on the streets. Covid runs out in five minutes in the summer. Wheeler and Ryan would choose to let more Portlanders go homeless and fund a service that is not helping. By allowing p.p.b. To keep the giant budget you are telling Portlanders who is allowed to be housed, fed, who is in power, who lives and dies. Ryan, you ran on changing Portland, police reform, house the houseless. You said you were an ally and amplifying. We are those neighbors. We are calling for this cut. Do as you said and amplify our voices over your own. The community is calling for these changes. The community is calling for an investment in itself. Do what Portland voted you in for and help our community. Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up is Max Sprague.

Max Sprague: Thank you, I hope you can hear me okay. Thank you for staying late and providing this opportunity to speak today. My name is Max, pronouns they, them, I'm an average Portlander. I have no affiliation, just someone who at some point voted for one or more of you. Portland is a city that deserves true community investment and support. We are a city of artists, bakers, athletes and bikers. If there's anything we have proven over the last few months we are not a city that sits by idly as our neighbors suffer. I would like to use my limited time to address commissioner Ryan on the matter of commissioner Hardesty's proposed budget cuts and proposed amendments to the fall budget. Commissioner Ryan is a non-binary transplant from a deep part of the country, I was so happy to vote for you, an openly gay man. It's that excitement that has me calling in today. Vote as my elected leader and fellow member of Portland's lgbtq

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community. How am I supposed to feel safe in Portland. This isn't a politically motivated question. I appreciate you as a gay elder would appreciate that. How are we supposed to feel safe in public safety officials turn a blind eye while white nationalist who would see people like us harmed or dead. Flood our homes with chemical agents with no regard to our children. How can I feel safe when I know statistically calling them means risking my life and livelihood when you wouldn't even call them yourself, Mr. Ryan, last night. If we are having this conversation as two white queer Portlanders what do you think our black and brown are asking themselves. You have heard about response times but what do they matter when we have been told these services are absolutely not safe for our use. Civic Portland's vision of community safety fundamentally doesn't include the safety of people like us. People like you and me and our loved ones. If you vote against this frankly modest cut to a \$200 million dollar budget, a rewarding the system and refusing to invest in Portlanders I must assume you have some answer I don't. I can't believe you have gone so far up the ladder you have lost sight of the rest of us. It's made me ashamed to say I voted for you. It's my sincere hope we take this time to vote tonight and when we talk about this time in our city as history we talk about community together, stronger, not burdened by leadership. Steepen self-interest, to act when they were needed the most. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Gerald McCorkle.

Gerald McCorkle: Today, hi, I'm Gerald McCorkle. Today as we talk about spending priorities and values I imagine going to the store to buy the things my family needs. I imagine my children are counting on my. Me. Cold, hungry and scared. I have to be careful, I don't have very much money. So let's go shopping. If my family is hungry I could buy groceries. If I don't I know we will be able to get by one way or the other. Maybe a food bank or charity will fill the gap. If not, we could just steal it. And when we get caught, we get fed in jail, right? If my family and budget is the city, then the food that comes from charity, food banks and jail are all paid for by somebody else, so free food, right? All I have to do is pay for the cops to make the arrests. I wonder, maybe instead of paying the cops we buy groceries. If my family is cold, I could try to spend my money on housing. But it would be so much easier to throw up my hands and give up. Then after god only knows how much suffering we land in the criminal justice system for simply trying to survive without a house. Again, the county will provide for us, right? Finally, if my family is scared, what can you do? I guess it depends on whose family I belong to and what, or who we are afraid of. If we were a rich white family scared of graffiti, homeless people and trash my family would clearly insist I spend our limited resources on expunging these undesirable

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elements from our pristine city so it stays on brand. Of course, we are rich, I don't understand what limited resources mean. So I spend whatever it takes to white wash our city. But that is not my family. And that is not what we are afraid of. And in the past few months I had a few things happen to me that might scare somebody else. I have been assaulted by armed thugs, pushed to the ground. Trampled, gassed, shot, I have had my property stolen and destroyed. And the real kicker, the thugs that did all those things, while I was trying to peacefully protest, breaking no laws whatsoever.

Clerk: Your time is up.

McCorkle: I pay their salaries and benefits.

Eudaly: Thank you, Jerry.

Clerk: Next up we have Destiny Huston, Roberta Jantz, and Lanea Olson.

Wheeler: Keelan, who is first, Destiny?

Clerk: Looks like Destiny may have dropped off.

Destiny Houston: I'm here, I'm here! Thank you, I am here and I did not hear my name. So, okay. My name is Destiny Huston, I'm a black woman, mother of three, full circle doula, born and raised in the city of Portland. Please support commissioner Hardesty's plan. Commissioner Eudaly, thank you for your support of this amendment to defund the police budget by \$18 million and reinvest that money in our community. Please allocate some of that money to replace traffic stops with radar signs. Or traffic calming devices. They are being used around the world because they are effective slowing speeding drivers down. We can save black lives and reduce the burden for people living below poverty who are more likely to be pulled over. Mayor wheeler when the protests first began you stated this was a reckoning. When you said you felt in that moment you were going to respond effectively and in support of black lives. I am so disappointed by your actual responses and in actions. If black lives matter to you today please show it by doing these three things. Vote aye today. Name Hardesty the police commissioner and submit your resignation with an endorsement for Teresa. These actions are what a reckoning would look like. At the very least, please support the \$18 million budget cut that is proposed today. Commissioner Ryan, I commend you for speaking with the community members that were protesting at your home. I hope you will vote aye and honor their voices. Thank you for your tireless dedication, commissioner Hardesty. Thank you for listening. Please do the right thing for black people today. And vote today. Please respect commissioner Hardesty's request that you vote today. Police respect black leadership. By voting today. And please respect the greater Portland community by voting today. Again, thank you for your time.

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Clerk: Next up we have Roberta Jantz.

Roberta Jantz: Hi, Roberta Jantz. I'm a Portland -- well, community member of north Portland. I will cede my time to my friend and community activist Kevin Wright.

Kevin Wright: Hi, I'm Kevin Wright. I'm a father and a protester. I would like today to speak upon Joanne Hardesty's \$18 million budget cut for the police bureau. I would like to say this. That we need to implement this immediately. But more importantly, why we need to. I was shot at by individuals and reported the crime to the police. The police we gave all the evidence to, not only the names but the information of the assailants and they were unable to, in their report, saying there was not enough evidence, even though we gave them all the evidence they needed. I say that to say that it shows that the police are unable to sit up here and handle their actual duties they need to sit up here and be accountable for. And that, because they are unable to do that and failing at it, it doesn't make any more sense that it continue to increase their budget or to sit up here and allow them to have the budget to sit up here and do this. Defunding the police. The \$18 million. Would directly, as was said earlier, take -- sorry. It would directly -- it would directly take -- my mind went blank. It wouldn't sit up here and take any officers off the duty. It would sit up here and not allocate new positions or because of corona. That \$18 million wouldn't affect those. Ted wheeler, I'm saying this directly to you, if that \$18 million isn't going to sit up here and affect officers on the ground but they could be --

Clerk: Your time is up.

Wright: Be directly put to different organizations, the mental health for the homeless or the houseless. Or different community efforts to better our community, why wouldn't you do this? If it's not going to take any boots off the ground. I directly ask you this question. I'm saying I have sat up here and been shot at by people and gone to the police and they have done nothing to sit up here or fight, even having all the evidence in hand. And even besides that I had one of your Portland business owners, part of your community, eric bowler sit up here and say that I was a gang member. And then had the police go around old town and sit up here and make me lose my job of being an entertainer, d.j. And event provider. And say I'm a gang member. One person says that, and I sit up here and cannot get work. Your police went and did that. So I plead you to defund, to sit up here and reallocate that \$18 million to the rest of the community that deserves and need it now. And also, to Ryan, I'm the one who talked to you last night asking for accountability after your vote today. I extend that to the rest of the commissioners within here. After this vote, please talk to your people. Please join us and speak to us in a way we can sit up here and hold you accountable to what your vote should be today. Not tomorrow. Not after the

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election. Today. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Lanea Olson.

Lanea Olson: Good evening mayor wheeler and members of the council. I'm here on behalf of opono as a registered lobbyist. I would like to express support for \$35 million divestment from the police budget and reinvest in alternate forms of safety for Portland's black, indigenous and people of color, though we also support commissioner Hardesty's \$18 million proposal. A cut from the police budget in the fall bump could provide other trusted forms of community safety, including affordable housing, prioritizing services for youth and creating more job readiness and training. By creating better systems to meet the needs of the community we align more with protecting bipoc folks and serving their futures. We also support the request proposed by commissioner Eudaly for \$1.57 million to go toward the works relief fund. They deserve to receive the same relief in times of economic hardship and approving funding is one step to ensure we can meet their basic needs. Thank you, I respectfully request a vote be held today to defund our police and invest in our community so we can all thrive. Thank you.

Eudaly: Keelan?

Clerk: Sorry, I was muted. Next up we have Nirel Jackson.

Nirel Jackson: Hello, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Jackson: Hi, thank you. I really appreciate the conversation. I appreciate, you know, the passion that people are bringing to this conversation. I do support the reallocation of funds. I am concerned that some of the proposals are addressing the symptom rather than the root. And I am curious about that. I'm trying to get my head around the budget. And but I definitely think we need to absolutely address institutional racism. We have to address impoverished people that need support. And I'm confused a little bit. The mental health, you know, to hear this as an outsider, I mean I live in Portland and I have been on and off for most my life. It is home. I live downtown for years. I lived in all parts of this city. And you know, I'm curious, since they got defunded, the mental health facilities were defunded. You know, now we are dealing with a lot of mental health crises. And the -- I'm concerned we conflate too often the mental health. Drugs with the houselessness and poverty. And that too often our communities think that drugs are the cause of houselessness. When in fact it may be a result ultimately of being unhoused that someone might turn to any kind of medication. I am concerned about the use of the police downtown addressing to peaceably convene and protest. And I'm concerned --

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Johnson: Of people being, you know, police declaring a riot. When people weren't being violent or disruptive. I would propose that we do come together, a diversity of people, hear each other and listen to each other and build a consensus and approach things in a more wholistic approach. I know I'm over time. Thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I'm told this was the last speaker that we have for this evening. And I have a couple comments to make and then I will ask where we are after that. I wanted to ask in June when we -- the transit police and did not add to the cert unit, that was 84 positions. 61 positions were already vacant. So there were 84 new positions that could do patrol. The question is what did Portland police bureau do with those positions? The implication that somehow the million dollar cut officers is absolutely untrue. Gentleman earlier said there was 140 positions cut. That is not true. We need to make decisions based on factual information and not based on assumptions or propaganda that is being promoted by the Portland police bureau. I also want to say you all made a commitment tonight that you couldn't vote until after we had public testimony. And now, people have excuses as to why they don't want to vote. They are tired. They need more information. I don't care about the other amendments. I care about the amendments I put in. And I started this tonight by saying I wanted a vote on those amendments tonight. So that's what I would like to see before we adjourn. If you want to talk about the other amendments next week, that is fine. That was my request. I have patiently been here just like the rest of you for five and a half hours. My work is not done until we take that vote.

Wheeler: Commissioner Eudaly and then commissioner Fritz.

Eudaly: I'm not quite sure how this evening is going to wrap up. So I'm going to share my reflections from the last few hours of testimony. If that makes sense. First I just want to share some numbers with the public. Nearly 30% of our general fund budget goes to the Portland police bureau. Who has received a \$42 million increase in their budget since 2015. This \$18 million cut represents a 15% decrease to their current general funding. This proposed cut would fund numerous essential services and supports to our most vulnerable and least-well-served residents. Many of which are currently being served by the p.p.b. In the form of citations and arrests. By investing in the services and people, we are making not just our lives, but our whole community safer. I want to draw a distinction between defending something and being defensive. It's not defensive to correct the record when anyone, whether it's a colleague or a member of the community states something that is demonstrably false on public record. Portlanders didn't elect us to walk in lock step with each other. Doing that in public like we are

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doing right now is critical to our process. I also want to address a comment made earlier that somehow the disagreement on council has led to protests. That is false. What has led to these protests is police violence against black people. We don't control the protestors. We did not meet their demands in June. They would not have been placated by a council that was in full agreement with not meeting their demands. I absolutely sympathize with business owners we heard from today. Even if I don't agree with their solutions. I owned a business three blocks from the neighborhood for 17 years. So I certainly know what the daily challenges you face as a result of our failure to invest in housing, mental health and addiction services, just to name a few of the root causes of our multiple crises. But the challenges you will be solving will not be solved by a -- approach to policing. You have seen that over and over again. This approach only addresses the symptoms and not root causes. As far as police staffing, I mean that's something I have been asking for adequate police staffing, I have been asking for four years. For a rationale for adequate police staffing for our city. The staffing is going to vary from city to city, depending on the population, depending on crime rates, depending on multiple factors. I'm still waiting to hear again from the police bureau what their rationale is. As well as how they choose to utilize their resources and deploy their officers. A recent poll showed, that was mentioned but misquoted earlier today, which surveyed 502 Oregon voters, showed that 66% of Oregon voters disapprove of the protests and don't believe they have been helpful to black Portlanders race relations or efforts to make police reforms. But nearly 75,000 Portland voters contacted our offices demanding cuts to the Portland police bureau. Thousands have protested in our streets. And hundreds have submitted public testimony. I ask everyone who, everyone listening, who I should listen to. 502 Oregon voters, or tens of thousands of Portlanders. Speaking of listening, we were accused of not hearing black voices. And I wanted knowledge that no single person or organization can speak for the entire black community. But I will tell you who I'm listening to. Or who I hear. I hear commissioner Hardesty. I hear unite Oregon. I hear imagine black. I hear reimagine or gone. And I hear black lives matter. The national movement. So I'm quite confident that I have been listening to the black community. And commissioner Hardesty and I are responding appropriately. The evidence base and therefore best practices for reducing police brutality and racial bias are still evolving. Mostly because we haven't bothered collecting data for the last, I don't know, several decades or perhaps centuries. What is crystal clear is our current system is not working and throwing more money at it will not make it better. We must invest in the root causes of crime and the various challenges we are facing as well as, those are community based solutions, not police solutions. Someone suggested that we invite the police to the table. They

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have had a guaranteed seat at this table. They could have come to the table in good faith and shown that they are ready and willing to rise to this occasion. And to respond to a national outcry against police violence. They could acknowledge past and current harms perpetuated by our police system and in particular our police bureau and tell us what they are willing to contribute. What they are willing to give. What they now recognize was the wrong approach to serving our community. Instead we have gotten the same defensive posturing and refusal to meaningfully participate in this vitally important conversation. As far as I'm concerned they have forfeited that seat. I would also point out that they were not elected by Portland voters, we were. And as we heard earlier, some 80% of our police force doesn't live in our community. And they are newly-elected union president doesn't even live in our state. It's our job to listen and work with community to solve all of the issues we have heard today. Because although we don't agree on how to solve these challenges, it seems we have consensus that our current system is not working. I know all of my colleagues want to do the right thing, even if we don't agree in this moment. And I understand their fear of getting this wrong. We could get this wrong. That's where I was just 16 months ago. I was afraid to support commissioner Hardesty's amendment, budget amendments to cut specialty units although I did support cutting the g.b.r.t. And I would like to add there is no legitimate evidence to suggest that eliminating that unit has anything to do with increase in gun violence which began in December several months before that unit was cut. I was concerned that the void left by eliminating these teams could lead to even worse outcomes for our community. My heart was in the right place but I was wrong. It's hard to imagine an alternative to a system when it's all you have ever known. That's what this moment demands of us. And that we act now to reduce harm to our community and invest in the root causes of human suffering. Of inequity and despair that we see in our community. That we are currently sending the police to solve. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Eudaly. Commissioner Fritz?

Fritz: Thank you. This has been an excellent hearing. I appreciate everyone who testified and the rich conversation we have been having. I was elected to spend taxpayers money wisely and I need more information on specifically what is being cut for \$18,022,100. That is very specific. I would like the budget office to have the opportunity to analyze that which is what we established them to do. I would like to know what is being funded with the proposed allocations. I would like to know, I have multiple questions. And so I don't think we can get those questions. You know we can't get those questions answered tonight. So I would be happy to send the questions to commissioner Hardesty and the city budget office and all my colleagues

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and I will be back and prepared ready to make a decision next week.

Wheeler: That seems very reasonable, Commissioner Fritz. I have a number of questions, as well. They are also related to c.b.o. Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yeah. I really want to thank the community for showing up tonight. There was some riveting testimony. We heard new voices tonight. We were reminded no one voice speaks for any community. I also took in 15 amendments. Many of them were just introduced. And they all connect with one another. And we are supposed to do systemic change. And we have to put all these pieces together. I don't want to be rushed right now. I'm kind of reflecting on what happened in the U.S. Senate this week. I think most Portlanders would agree on the fact they made a rush vote on a supreme court justice a week before the election. And so why would I want to be part of a government that does that in Portland. I think it's sensible to respond to reflect and to be reflective and not be reactionary at this time. And I look forward to digging in and coming up with real reform. Thank you.

Fritz: Mayor, I move to adjourn.

Hardesty: Wait, I have another statement I want to make.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, I was muted. You had your hand raised. Go ahead.

Hardesty: I was disappointed we didn't do our job tonight. People have been taking to the street every night for 156 days. It is shocking that my city council colleagues don't know why people are taking to the street. I wish I could have fulfilled the public's request and cut the full \$35 million. But that wouldn't have been a responsible move. Commissioner Eudaly and I worked very hard to make sure that the cuts we were proposing would not impact the staffing levels of police bureau nor an impact on the d.o.j. Settlement agreement. This didn't come out of nowhere. Many of you have had opportunities to ask questions on my amendments. All of you have had an opportunity to push back. I see it as a very cowardly move to put this vote off until after the election. Because that's exactly what it is. We had the opportunity, the public came and in droves tonight. Over 150 people. We made a commitment we would make the time to hear from them. I'm a bit disgusted with the lack of courage of this council. I hope after you go and reflect, whoever thought Loretta Smith and I would be on the same page about just about anything, but here we are. I am really disappointed in you, colleagues. We had the opportunity to show the public not only are we being responsible, but we are actually listening to the people who night, after night after night are telling us what they need. What a cowardly way to end what's been a brilliant afternoon of testimony. Want to adjourn, fine? I'm done.

Wheeler: I would like too respond to that as gently as possible. First of all there's no precedent

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for the council being required to vote at the end of testimony on a non-emergency ordinance which is what this is. Ordinarily there are some assumptions I actually want to test. It's been proved for example, \$18 million reduced from the Portland police bureau budget in the remainder of this fiscal year will not lead to any reduction in the number of police officers. I'm not sure that's accurate. So I want to do a little more digging myself on that. But I want to tell you where I'm in agreement. I'm in agreement we need to make further investments in the community around homelessness, around street response, around family support, around household food assistance. Around the covid response. Around rent support. These are all -- the office of violence prevention. And I'm actually very intrigued by commissioner Eudaly's amendment she put forth. I have questions about that, I very well may support that amendment. There was compelling testimony today. I support the reinvestment. It's the other side of the question I have questions on. What is the impact to public safety, to response time, to staffing of the cuts that are proposed. That's where my head space is right now. I will second commissioner Fritz's motion. Any further discussion on the motion to adjourn? Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: I would just like to say that, I'm not sure if Commissioner Ryan meant to characterize Commissioner Hardesty and I as being reactionary. We have had longer to consider these issues than you have. Months really to develop these amendments. I vote aye. And good night.

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: We should be able to disagree without being disagreeable. And I appreciate having the extra time, take the time allocated before next week to look into the proposal and be able to come back with my thinking on each of the amendments. So thank you. Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: I got lost on the aye. But anyway, I vote aye. It's been a long day, and I appreciate how enthusiastic and passionate Portlanders are. That was a lot of great testimony tonight. Thank you.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Wheeler: I believe she hung up.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I vote aye. But before we do that do we want to pick a time certain, please, so we have this time reserved?

Clerk: Yeah, next week, November 4th. Wednesday morning. You have a 10:30 time certain. You know what, actually, Thursday, that time has opened up. We could do a 2:00 p.m. Time certain.

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Wheeler: Let's take it.

Clerk: Okay, Thursday, November 5th at 2: 00 p.m.

Wheeler: Very good. Legal counsel, anything else we need to cover, or are we good?

Sheffield: I think you guys are good, thanks.

Wheeler: Thank you, everybody who testified. Great testimony. We are adjourned.

At 7:56 p.m., Council Recessed.

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October 29, 2020 2:00 p.m.

Wheeler: Afternoon everyone, this is the Thursday, October 29th, 2020 afternoon session of the city council. Please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: The city is holding this electronically. The city has several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of the meeting. It is available to the public on the city's YouTube channel. www.portlandoregon.gov/video and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to council by e-mailing Portlandoregon.gov. We're taking precautions because of covid-19. The pandemic threatens the public healthy and welfare that requires this. Thank you for your patience and flexibility and challenge as we manage through this situation to do the city's business. We'll now hear from legal councils and the rules on order and decorum.

Linly Rees: Good afternoon, to participate in council meetings, you must sign to speak about any subject. You must sign up on resolutions or the first readings of ordinances. The council agenda at Portland.government.gov indicates how to testify. Your testimony should be addressing the matter considered. When testifying, please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you're a lobbyist or representing an organization, please identify it. Individuals generally have three minutes to testify. Disruptive conduct such as shouting and refusing to end your testimony or interrupting others won't be allow. If there's disruptions a warning will be given that could result in the person being placed on hold or be ejected from the meeting.

Wheeler: We have one item. Item number 866. Please read that.

Clerk: Amend Trees in Development situations code to remodel exemptions from tree preservation and density and amend regulations for preservation of private trees.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you mayor and everyone, I'm thrilled to frame this for us. Here's opening remarks. This is title one of the tree code. It is used to meet the goals set forth in the management plan, increasing increased tree canopy and enhanced development and redevelopment and

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consistent and clear regulation. On January 8th, the city council passed a resolution directing services together with the bureau of planning and sustainability to conduct analysis and legal review about a specific possible change to the tree code in development situations. Specifically city council asked staff it look at amendments that would apply tree code preservation, tree density requirements in four zones where they're currently exempt, central commercial, central employment, general industrial one and heavy industrial for private trees and trees on city owned or managed property. Preserve trees from 56 in diameter and 20 inches in diameter. Pay based on an inch per inch calculation. The project presents opportunities to protect the existing tree canopy, increase tree canopy and areas of high heat indexes and near to communities and people with low incomes. Maintaining that tree canopy is linked with environmental and public health benefits, a strategy to combat the effects of climate change. At the same time, this project presents an opportunity to continue for a plan for employment which is often comprised of middle income jobs which have their own public benefits. Today we will hear a summary of the project and representations property urban forest commission. I would like to introduce Emily Sandy for the beginning of the presentation. Take it away.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan, before we do that, do you have a substitute ordinance you want to put on the table? If so, would you like to take the motion?

Ryan: Yes, i thought that motion was coming from you, I think.

Wheeler: I would be happy to. I would like to move the substitute ordinance.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: Second to move the substitute ordinance and Commissioner Fritz, that's one second ahead. And Keelan, any other -- is there any further discussion on the motion? Seeing none, Keelan please call the roll on the substitute.

Clerk: Fritz. Oh, did I hear commissioner Eudaly?

Eudaly: Sorry.

Clerk: Sorry about that.

Clerk: Eudaly.

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz.

Fritz: Thank you for working on this substitute that responds to community input. I'm sure we will go through those, aye.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Substitute on the table, and back to the presentation.

Ryan: Okay. Emily. Sammy, you good? There you are.

Emily Sandy: Mayor Wheeler and city council, I'm Emily Sandy with the bureau of development services. And we are going to discuss the project that commissioner Ryan laid out in his opening remarks. Summarize the project. You will also hear from the commission members of the opening of testimony as related testimony. And I'm going to give roughly a 30-minute presentation. It is long and a little dense. I'm going to pause a couple of times during the presentation in case you have questions and you could ask them at the end. After the presentation, I'll go through what I understand is the changes in the substitute ordinance for you. So I'm Emily Sandy, development services is the lead on this project. The subject matter of development situations. However, we worked really collaboratively with -- with the bureau of planning and sustainability and parks and rec urban forestry. There's several staff here today. Everyone has great areas of expertise. I want to acknowledge them and let you know they're here to help answer questions. So from -- from planning and sustainability, Joe and Sally and Tom and Jeff and Steve Kuntz from parks and forestry division. Brian and then bdf and myself and [indiscernible] p.i.o. That did a lot of work on the project. So I'm going to share my screen here. Can everybody see that?

Wheeler: Looks good.

Sandy: Okay. Background, in January of -- of -- of last fall, going back further, we came to you on a proposal on sun set date for mitigation on 36-inch trees and adopt in 2017. We asked to extend that sun set date. As part of the project, the planning and sustainability commission and forestry commission added -- added additional recommendations to -- to remove the requirements, exemptions for tree preservation and the zones that commissioner Ryan mentioned. Those are central employment, central commercial, and central industrial and heavy industrial. Also to reduce this key threshold that was at 36 inches to 20 inches. And that -- that threshold I will explain more what that means in the coming slide, slides. It also directed Portland parks and rec to develop a scope of work for a broader project to be brought back to -- to city council for -- for -- for consideration. We're not -- we're not discussing that until today. That will come at a later date. So we're addressing the first two today. It is way off the bat, and the planning and sustainability commission and forestry commission express their concerns to council. The planning and sustainability commission asks for tree preservation and density and managed land and three of the four zones discussed, central employment and commercial

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and general industrial one. But retain the exemptions in the heavy industrial zone. They -- they recommended reducing that key threshold from 36 inches to 20 inches. They also added a directive for stiff council in the original ordinance. It has been amended in the substitute ordinance for bps to evaluate tree and density exemptions for the heavy industrial zone as part of the upcoming economic opportunities analysis. I will explain a bit more about that.

The -- the -- the coding in exhibit a reflects the -- the planning and sustainability recommendation can commission and their recommendations letter is in exhibit. The forestry commission recommendation was to remove the exemptions for tree preservation and tree density in all four of the zones including heavy industrial. Like the pfc, the forestry commission recommended reducing that from 36 inches to 20 inches. I need to pause and explain what dbh means. It is diameter and height, that's the diameter of a tree measured at 4 1/2 feet above the ground. They also had some thoughts about specific guidance for the -- for the -- for the update of the economic opportunities analysis and that it must be equity and justice in alignment with policies and including aggressive action to prepare for climate change and its inequitable impacts on communities. The urban forest commission is for b and their recommendation letter is in exhibit d. So when it comes time to vote, whoever is making the initial motion will specify whether -- whether you're voting on or starting from exhibit ea, the pfc recommendation or the ufc recommendation. So backing up a little bit, we explain how the current tree code works for -- for -- for -- for preservation of private trees. It requires that one-third of the lot is trees 12 inches dbh or greater must be preserved or must be paid to mitigate for the loss of the trees. But for trees that are 12 to 20 inches and 20 to 36 inches is current my valued at 18 and 3600 dollars respectively. This is based on the city's cost to plan and establish either two or four mitigation trees respectively elsewhere. This are some inventions for certain types of industrial and commercial development. Specifically trees located in ex and ci and ihr exempt from tree preservation requirements. And that exemption applies to both private trees and those owned on managed sites. Tree density is a certain baseline number of trees required on the site. A calculation to determine the number of the trees is a function of the site size and the use of the property with residential uses requiring the highest level of tree density and industrial uses the lowest. Tree density requirements can be met by preserving or planting trees or paying a fee. The fee is for planting 1 1/2 and per tree required. That's required by the fee schedule app and 675 dollars per tree. Similar to tree preservation, sites, both private sites and city owned and managed sites ig one and ih are exempt from tree density requirements. And i i also want to note there's other exemptions in title 11 for -- for both tree preservation and density. This project

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is not doing what they were specifically doing with the zoning. Now, where does in the -- in the -- in the fee of lieu or often referred to the mitigation fee, where does that go? And mitigation fees go to -- go to the city's tree planting and preservation site. This fund can be used for tree planting as well as preserving trees for easement acquisition. The use of the fund is guided by the citywide strategy developed in 2018 by parks urban forestry which is called growing a more equitable urban forest. The strategy aims to increase tree canopy through the city in areas where it is needed most. It specifically prioritizes tree planting in neighborhoods that are both low income and low canopy. Industrial zones are not identified priority area largely because the strategy focuses on the amount of funds available to areas where under served communities live and housing is not allowed in industrial zones. This can be located adjacent to industrial zones. So then talking a lot about these four zones, this shows the locations. The subject of the project, the pink areas show the ih or heavy industrial zone. Purple and yellow and red areas indicate general industrial and central commercial and central employment respectively. You see they're generally located near the central city and gateways. General industrial is located surrounding the central city and -- and the Brooklyn rail yard and the heavy industrial zone is located along the north reach and the western parts of the Columbia corridor. For a little information about the services that trees provide as essential infrastructure. They establish environmental and public health services. You may be familiar with the environmental services which are improving air quality, storing carbon which is in store water burden and waterways and creating habitat. And it significantly improves public and community health. Examples city trees improve road and industrial safety and improve business activity and cardiovascular health and improve healthy birth outcomes and coping with those two. Structural value estimates the replacement of the tree and the partial approximation of the value of the services lost when a tree is removed. This illustrates the structural value of a deciduous tree and three different sized categories in residential and industrial areas. Reducing the size per 36 inch to 20 inches, and the cost of mitigation closer to the structural value of the tree that doesn't match the investment. The following notes show -- show urban heat index in the exempt zones. You see the index is high and much of the i.h. Zone a little lower towards the confluence of the two main rivers. The index is lower in much of the central city which is comprised mostly of cx and ex. And higher in the central east side where there's a mix of cx and ex and the general industrial zones and the Brooklyn area which is -- which is -- is mostly general industrial. Now for information about tree canopy and distribution in Portland highlights the need for tree canopy in several areas. Citywide canopy is just over 30 percent. This is not distributed equitably. But

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west side canopy is 56 percent along the east side canopy is 21 percent. On the west side, if you exclude forest park and the canopy is still 44 percent. Current distribution of trees are uneven and directly linked to income. Affluent west side neighbors have more tree canopy and other neighborhoods have less. Immigrant communities are also generally located in areas that are characterized with lower amounts of tree canopy. I should also note that areas with steep slopes or protected through other means such as environmental zoning contributes to canopy levels. Here in comparison with the previous site, you could see populations of color are more likely to reside in low canopy neighborhoods, particularly in northeast Portland. Particularly neighborhoods with a higher percentage of communities of color. And they're in industrial zones and some cases. This data is represented on the neighborhood level and Portland's industrial zones do not allow housing, however, housing can be adjacent to industrial zones.

Ryan: Emily?

Sandy: Yep.

Ryan: Can you go back? I'm comparing these two maps. It is so fascinating, right? Now the other one. And on them. Yeah. I want to play with that. It tells a story, right?

Sandy: Yeah. It is -- it is a -- it is a visual representation.

Ryan: That -- the colors are -- are obviously -- the shades are different in how we tell the story. It is really fascinating. Thanks.

Sandy: And i was going to pause here before i get to the economic analysis piece of the project. If there are any questions you have thus far?

Wheeler: I'm not seeing any, looks like you're good to go.

Sandy: All right, major parameter of our analysis maintains compliance with statewide planning goal nine, economic development. 09 requires demonstrating inventory of industrial and employment plans to accommodate forecasted economic growth over a short and 20-year horizons. This supply is analyzed and it is part of opportunity levels and this is for d.o.a. Which is the bureau of planning and sustainability. D.o.a. Was updated in the 45 comprehensive plan and was adopted in 2016. The eoa estimates the 20-year demand in the city. And uses multiple inventory for b.o.i. That i'd pies properties that are developed. Once the 20-year land is identified, the governments must [indiscernible] to insure that a projected income is still met. If the land supply introduced to a level beyond the [indiscernible] and projected in the e.o.a. And then [indiscernible]. To estimate the supply available, development [indiscernible] are incorporated in the analysis. Development constraints can be -- can be constraints for development, such as steep slopes. They may also be regulatory constraints like environmental

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overlay zones or funding. They may also be financial constraints that may effect market in a way that reduces the probability of a land [indiscernible]. And examples of this include the cost of a clean-up or the cost it provide public [indiscernible] to the site. This project has analysis and is offered in 2016 and may effect changes since then as a baseline. It is active and additional costs of the potential regulatory tools as development constraints. First up in the analysis was to -- to do a tree canopy analysis to estimate the frequency of the trees and the tree sites. To estimate the diameter of the trees located on industrially owned lands and tree [indiscernible] will definitely require [indiscernible]. Environmental consultants was hire to complete a gis analysis. And staff often used in Portland parts plays and visits for eight industrial sites to calibrate the model and achieve an acceptable and physical effort for that [indiscernible]. But for all other zones, private staff are needed for development permits to estimate composition of tree size. Using the tree canopy analysis, economics completed and economic analysis to assess the potential impacts of the proposals and the availability of industrial land required by [indiscernible]. The estimated impact and removal of tree preservation and density and zones as well as the dissimilar presentation of 30 as opposed to 20 inches and required preservations in all of the areas where 2,000 [indiscernible] and also to develop analysis while on the impact it a female drone of industrial land, but also to -- to quantify the event of housing production and housing costs. The analysis focuses on lands with tree canopies defined as underutilized and available lands inventory. There's danger for the [indiscernible]. And this means that persons that already are environmental -- or agreement in the river and zones are [indiscernible]. This can be critical of task regulated development advanced from earlier, the purpose of this analysis, we assume that fees are more preservation or planting would be paid unless that perspective of financial constraint. This is primarily due can to the difficulty of estimating certain area impacts, getting the right of different can sections and members of tree and conditions of trees and development needs of individual sites. This is also to help to -- to estimate the [indiscernible] that [indiscernible] would make to preserve the land for [indiscernible]. Here's the analysis focused on lands with tree canopy and identified as vacant and the demand inventory. And these were analyzed to mail in on the areas that would be effected by the changes. The acreage on these areas analyzed and the third column differs with canopy. I.h., though, has 50 lengths of the total acres of the four zones. The i.h. Zone has 60 percent of tree canopy acreage. 94 acres were analyzed in the sites. And not showing here, note there's an additional 137 acres of tree canopy on private property in the i.h. Zone. This is part of b.l.i. Or within the environmental zone. At this time the tree canopy is not expected to be developed to the next 20 years. The next two

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maps just show this -- this more visually. So they show the exempt status and exist canning tree canopies identified in the green. Areas in -- in the bli are analyzed and shown in brown and blue and red hatch areas that are pinkish of the scale are areas where other environmental protections exist such as -- such as green wear and environmental zones and they were not included in this analysis and are not part of the inventory. This snap is -- is the same as the previous map but the -- but it has i.d. One and are shown in peach purple and yellow and then in gray for the land zone previously. These are where tree canopy is for the model developed over the next 20 years. It should be known the tree canopy is okay with the right-of-way and the [indiscernible] and it sign the current proposals. There's little doubt that the sustainability commission answered and we put together for one subsequent and to provide a little bit more context of the total acreage. The acreage of the tree canopy and the acres that [indiscernible] of the tree canopy that were analyzed. There are 7,463 acres. Of that 1,488 acres are in bli. B.i. Canopy comprise 3.12 percent of total acres in the exempt zones to 153 and 1,463 acres. They comprise 37 percent of total acres of tree canopy. So -- so i almost half of the tree canopy within the zones is in the b.i. And while tree canopy was 6.8 of all of the industrial zone sites and 42 percent is at b.l.i. Sites. Tree canopy and b.l.i. Sites makes up 62 percent of the canopy in all four exemptions. And what this table doesn't show now, is that some of these areas again are already for environmental reg haters and greenway. In this table. So this chart -- this chart has total acres within other areas of the environmental protection including environmental delay and [indiscernible]. These were not analyzed and are not expected to go up in the next 20 years. They total 180 acres and 152 acres are -- are in the industrial zone. Together with the previous chart, there are 360 canopies at eih and roughly 41 percent of tree canopy areas have industrial zone are already [indiscernible] by owner. All right. Now for the outcomes of the -- of the economic analysis. The economic analysis has proven that moving exemptions for tree preservations and industrial revenue would be expected to result in the amount of industrial lands available for the development over the next 20 years to a level below the day. The capacity and the combined further [indiscernible] in the district is ten acres. Mildly estimated and -- and show eight acres. And we stop removal of the preservation and the industrial. And then additional 11.9 acres due to the [indiscernible] and the tree density exemption and heavy industrial. I will say we tried to get to a point where we could see if incoming industrial could cause one exemption which is a tree preservation and not -- and not another exemption or trees density and vice versa, it turns out with the state even if we move one of them, more -- more -- more below the -- below the supplies. In the i.g. One it was determined that at couple of the reductions at 20 inches and the

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property and would have some future development and environment that impact and not really see availability as a developer of land for the required supply. There was reduction preservation to 20 inches would result in a small but not significant increase in the level and paying 1-1 percent of total construction costs for construction over 20 years and the results and 54 fewer dwelling units over the next 20 years. This could be lost and -- and single drawing multi-dwelling.

Wheeler: Could I ask a question? I realize this is technical and it is thick. That's a headline to me. There are very -- whatever page we are, no significant impact on housing costs and over 20-year time frame, 24 units is di minimis. Is this analysis widely accepted as being an accurate baseline analysis.

Sandy: It is accepted among staff, I have not heard of the analysis itself. It is accepted. I'll note that it could -- it could -- the impact could vary significantly from site to site. You could have some sites with no impact and small trees. It sounds like there's heavy trees and a lot of impact. There's a loss and that is where they can't until from. There's situations where it may be cross protective and 54 dwelling units over 20 years.

Wheeler: Who did the analysis, is that by the city or did we hire an outside member to do that?

Sandy: That was Johnson Economics.

Wheeler: Okay. Thank you.

Sandy: Industrial Lands and Middle-Wage Jobs. Providing adequate land supplies and employment and industrial employment is important. The preservation was adequate for industrial capacity and insures the availability of minimum wage jobs. They're represented in the high wage applications and overlap in the low wage occupations. This relates to income disparity. Highways and major occupation group in the Portland region that is occupied by proportionately workers of color. You look they could resolve by higher starting wages and job careers, relative to this low wage occupation. This could be a study for those of color. This could be for all job and wage classifications. Insuring availability is one piece of the strategy to address to address systematic racism. There's possible outcomes and -- community is engagement strategy. Any questions. More economic analysis piece.

Wheeler: I'm not seeing anyone raise their hand, Emily.

Sandy: Okay. All right. So I mentioned before traces that people make. However, we use some data collected from the tree canopy and using the data used and in the are tree canopy models and with those measures of 2016 and establish that preservation threshold or required preservation and inch per inch at 36 inches. We established it for the future preservation and

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mitigation fees. The 2016 amendment did have staff in decreasing the number by 64 percent. That was a rate of increase in overall preservation and projected here. There's some of the reasons why these from projections may be inaccurate. Regarding the tree size threshold, there's more for the streets and trees. It could increase more of the trees will be removed. They have smaller protection zones in an area that you have a round tree to preserve it. The rate of preservation in general for one. And heavy investment could be lower to other existing exemptions. However, other site variables could be can a higher elevation including trees on large sites and -- or in parking areas. We have that the way of preservation and the amount in fees will both increase. However, it is a printout to the level. I want to talk about the community engagement strategy which was more in focus. It helped us with this project that came to a city couple in January. Our plan has 27 components. We had a variety of organizations of interest. There was those too complicated. There was a lack of clarity about the fund. There's a concern about how much it interfaces with other city mans and policies such as having affordability. There were more than 2,000 responses to the initial search today. And i illustrate areas that have support. This survey was -- was sort of -- gauged community interest and priorities. We planned trees in the community and the Columbia schools and aware in the area. Most of those also sport using mitigation fees to remove environmental health outcomes and more trees and support the removal of trees elsewhere. The respondents and economic development and the preservation and many noted these are not priorities that are mutually exclusive with increase of tree canopy. Those were weighed by those having interest in environmental advocacy. Finally, we held an online forum to present jobs and report with an additional survey on the specific proposals. Survey responsible, almost 85 percent to 15 percent in favor of the preservation of the exemptions. And and then ex and cx and reducing the thresh hold to 20 inches and retaining the exemptions. There was a coalition and other associations has discuss concerns about the cost of development and concerned about cost and mitigating for trees and certain circumstances where they're required to be managed. We have disappointment of the work done and then retaining the staff proposal of retaining the exemptions. There was testimony submitted to the planning and urban development committee. So a recap, the recommendations again. Sustainability recommendation is to remove exemptions for tree preservation and tree density. That for private owned trees and preserve the exemption and ih or heavy industrial zone. To reduce the key preservation and make the interest just working in diameter. Overall sites must continue to preserve at least one-third of -- of -- of helping with the trees over 12 inches in diameter. It is these that would remain [indiscernible] for trees and the cost of the plant. All trees

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20 inches will be required to be preserved or pay inch per inch litigation fee. Those come with the one-third. And the specific directive in expectations evaluating the exemptions through the economic opportunity analysis. Forestry commission recommendations is much the same except except they recommend removal of unmanaged trees in the i.h. Zone and the other zones. They also recommend that they do that from 36 to 20 inches. They also encourage considerations if evaluation. I want to highlight the committees for the exemptions and the tree canopy overall and the heavy industrial zone. Increasing tree canopy for a climate change and protecting the most use and providing economic growth and job opportunity is important. Future work to address free canopy and heavy industrial zones must work toward a solution for both of these goals. Reevaluate the resolution in the i.h. Zone will be a partner, the update to the economic opportunities analysis under -- under -- under the p.n.s and could potentially guide a future title 11 project. Both the psc and usc has provided guidance in the recommendations. This is part of the same and this is a specific direct can give of the ordinance to undertake this in the area updates. Cps working on the update. And regarding this prompt process we take about two years. The update e mail and environmental recommendations including b.e.s. And environmental data. And also with the [indiscernible] tree requirements and the zone. I want to remind you that we have a council resolution and we have towns with the scope of work and the state of the tree code. This is in the fate of the housing scope now. It is not specifically funded currently however, and the advocacy is appreciated. Any questions that could be coordinated with the park and into the e.o.a. Thanks for your time and patience. I want to remind you that -- that planning and sustainability recommendation is exhibit a and the corporation commission is exhibit b. Did you want me to go over the substitute ordinance now or did Commissioner Fritz want to go over that. Or the mayor, how do you want to do that.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz has a suggestion.

Fritz: Thank you for the presentation. I just want to say one piece of it and you can say what i missed. One of the pieces and we had the resolution back in January, there was a directive for Portland park and recreation to come back by December 7th with the scope of work for an overall update of the -- of the tree code and due to covid and other challenges, that's not yet ready. One of the things in the sheet is to change the due date of that update to march 31st. And also to include a set day and they would -- the council will consider funding for the scope of work for the budget process. That scope of work could also include further work on the i.h. And there are other additions in the testimony regarding -- regarding economic opportunity and analysis and making sure that is done as a priority for the bureau of planning and sustainability.

Next, please.

Sandy: No, I think that covers that timeline. The other -- the other -- the other substitute was a slightly -- was a change to the directive that the planning and sustainability recommended. I had opportunity to look at that briefly. I can read that. It is a substitute ordinance under directive c. What that says is the bureau of planning and sustainability will evaluate the preservation and exemptions as part of the economic opportunity analysis update consistent with city goals including those related to tree canopy and environmental health and climate change and urban key islands. The e.o.a. Should analyze equitable public health and justice especially for those that are essential workers and these are black and indigenous and people of color and community members living adjacent to the i.h. Zone. The bureau of mapping and sustainability, the bureau of services and the recreation shall bring viable strategies for the heat island effect and concur with the completion of the updated e.o.a.

Fritz: Thank you very much. There was also some discussion working together on the substitute ordinance as to the mass direction to just -- to just address the issue that gold mine doesn't work if you're land locked jurisdiction. We added a whereas that says that on the recommendation of government relations director Edward. We didn't add directive on that because we're going to be discuss canning that in the upcoming agenda that is coming up shortly. I see that Linly has her hand up.

Rees: Just a question or clarification for commissioner Fritz or Emily. Am I right in seeing in the substitute ordinance that council would choose either the language in directive b or c since those are somewhat overlapping?

Fritz: Hang on.

Rees: I suppose hearing no answer, staff and I could talk about that outside.

Fritz: I was having difficult time muting and unmuting. I was chatting away by myself wondering why no one was saying, that's a profound thing to say. They're the result of offices working together. I don't think they conflict. If you hike it hear testimony and you have suggestions for combining some of the language was really important. We want to make sure we get it right.

Rees: Okay, thank you Commissioner.

Wheeler: Could I be jump in one issue and normally thank you very much for the presentation. That was thorough. It was great. I want to thank you Emily for your incredible work on behalf of the bureau of development services to focus on the two areas in title 11 in light of multiple emergencies. I want to thank our staff of bureau and mapping and sustainability and parks and

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recreation and the city attorney's office for working together with bds and working with so many community members that are passionate about the healthy tree canopy to title 11. I want it acknowledge the hard work of the planning and sustainability commission and urban forestry commission and hearing staff's representation and raising questions and proposing options for the council's action today. I also like to introduce a perceived problem that i heard may be happening in some limited circumstances. I'm concerned about a developer that they have to develop a water and sewer line on a specific location on the property. The trees need to be torn down and removed. The city requires a fee to be paid for that tree. If it is over 36 inches or the city council approves this change it would be 20 inches in diameter. For me it seems like a case where they wouldn't require this. And the trees chopped can down because of the city's regulations. I like to know about the reasoning. Do you hear any testimony coming about in this potential problem and whether or not it is substantial enough where staff could draft an amendment for less than two weeks. Anybody object to us potentially hearing about this issue? Commissioner Fritz.

Fritz: We had discussions about that and we didn't think we could get that analysis done in two weeks, because the bureaus are involved as well. Our recommendation is to come back at the end of march as well as the scope of work for title 11. There's another issue that your staff raised we could voluntarily apply the tree code on the i.h. Land owned by the city. That could come back by the end of march.

Wheeler: Good feedback. Thank you. Commissioner Eudaly.

Eudaly: I was going to say that i would ask staff to explore this if our partnerships are on board and it is viable. I think there's two questions. One is there any flexibility with the placement of various utilities that might require a tree to be -- to be removed. And under the circumstances where a tree must be removed should we assess a fee?

Wheeler: I'm asking a more fundamental question, how real an issue is this? And public testimony from people whether this is -- this is a realization that they directly experienced and if so could they tell us a little bit about that?

Eudaly: Again i'll give my uninformed opinion. Perhaps we shouldn't charge a fee. I think they should be required to plant. If developing the property has impact to the canopy and we know we need trees.

Wheeler: Good perspective. Commissioner fritz do you have a hand up?

Fritz: I do. As we heard on Tuesday the discussion regarding the meeting. There's -- there's the streets 2025 and working for a couple of years and the city staff have been working on it for a

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long time. It is something that needs to be fixed and it is not entirely obvious to fix. I just want to go to back to the point about the two directives. This is my mistake the fee was superseded. We want it and then at the end, the up date must be expedited by a priority for dps and we get things on the table.

Wheeler: Linly, did you catch that?

Rees: I did. Say it more slowly and i'll appreciate it.

Fritz: Delete directive b go with c and add on the end that eoa analysis must be expedited as a priority for bps.

Wheeler: That's a motion? Do i have a second?

Ryan: Yes.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan you're trying to second. Motion from commissioner Fritz for clarifying that. Commissioner Ryan second and -- and -- and we'll go ahead and -- and commissioner Fritz would you like us to call the roll or keep it open.

Fritz: It is technical amendment and we could call the roll.

Wheeler: I think so as well. Keelan call the roll on the amendment proposed by commissioner fritz. [roll called].

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment passes. I noticed when you keyed the mic there's a little delay and it tends to cut off commissioner Eudaly in the roll call. If you could key it and just wait a second and then speak i think it will stop cutting it off.

Clerk: Of course.

Wheeler: Thanks. Amendment passes by the way. We're ready for public testimony. All right. Keelan, how many folks do we have signed up this afternoon?

Clerk: Looks like we have 17 people on the call to testify.

Wheeler: All right. If everybody could keep it within two minutes we would appreciate it. Keelan will call you and state your name for the record, please.

Clerk: First up we have Solomon Duke.

Wheeler: Good afternoon.

Sandy: Mayor, mayor, commissioner Ryan we actual had have -- have invited testimony first from -- from urban forestry commission.

Wheeler: Why don't we start with the invited testimony and if you could be so kind, could you call up invited testimony in the order you like it. How many folks do we have signed up in invited testimony?

Sandy: Just two.

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Wheeler: Good enough. Go ahead and start it off.

Sandy: First I'll introduce Daniel Newberry from the urban forestry commission.

Daniel Newberry: I want to say thank you to the city council for the urban forestry commission's views on this issue. Before you today, as you heard, there's two major proposals to amend tree preservation and tree density standards to get rid of exemptions and reduce the threshold for the fee and no payment from 36 down to 20. I think there's relatively little -- little -- little difference of opinion between city staff and urban forestry commission and sustainability. I like to focus my comments on the commercial and industrial issues. We believe there's two primary reasons why all four of these exemptions need to be lifted, also to include heavy industrial in what the city council is going to be doing. There's two reasons for that. Emily made those two reasons really clear. Those are climate change and equity. If you look at the map of the heavy industrial zones throughout the city that we saw earlier on the presentation today. There's huge blocks of land in Portland with relatively few trees. It creates an island effect so that surrounding neighborhoods that are frequently. Low income are hot because of a lack of canopy. We want to change the trees we have in those areas. Portland declared a climate emergency this year. And we think that this is important and need to be considered more important now than last year. People need to be aware of what happened, especially in our part of the country and fires and how we really need to be doing can what we can to address climate change. The more the trees are cut the more the problem is exacerbated. Why would we not want to lift the haye industrial exemptions? We heard Emily talk about the city's reluctance to remove the i.h. Exemptions and it is based on the opportunity analysis. The analysis used and scheduled to be up date next year does not include equity or climate change, it is really focused on supply of industrial demand. We see that the city attorney's office believes there's a risk of legal challenge because making sure we cut down is decreasing the supply of industrial land and this could be seen as a reduction of the goal. We recognize this is a huge problem, especially in light of the fact that the economic opportunity analysis is scheduled to be updated next year. Consider this process is going to have to be done all over again. You're going to spend your time and a big public engagement process when this is going to be readdressed in another year or so. So why not take care of it now. I think everybody is agreed from what I heard so far that these really are issues of climate change and equity that need to be -- need to be addressed. I think the real tragedy here is that once a large tree is cut, it will take generations to be replaced. I was saying since this would be redone in a year, why wait? One thing we agree on that you saw today that was around, we really would like you to direct staff to consider these issues be included in the

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updated economic opportunities analysis in 2021. I like to say thank you if allowing me to speak here. That's all I have now.

Wheeler: Thank you, appreciate it.

Sandy: Then mayor, we have the Eli Spevak, chair of the planning and sustainability commission.

Wheeler: Great.

Eli Spevak: Hello, welcome to city council. This is not the first time I testified. This is the first time I done so from a tree house in my yard. It was a 20-inch walnut that was preserved in a development consideration.

Wheeler: That's awesome.

Spevak: I appreciate the city council took the suggestion from both of our commission when faced with a fairly simple extension of 36-inch plus tree a year ago. We appreciate you listened to us and then brought it back with great work by staff to make important changes. We support decreasing the tree diameter threshold where fees start to accrue down to 20 inches. If we're going to have 36 inch or larger trees, we have those no grow into that size eventually. We support it going to the cs and ex zones. And all of the testifiers almost all of them approved moving from the i.h. Zones as well. We wanted to remove that from the discussion. That consumed our deliberations. We fully respect the recommendations but we ultimately decided to accept the staff's proposal. I want to show the logic of that now. We noted there's substantial community health and public he will effect in decrease of tree canopy and those that live in work in zones. We wait for job opportunities in the zones. For a relatively diverse workforce and they may in the require high educational payments. Those jobs are scarce, and we need more of them. Also providing capacity it fosters these jobs is required based on goal nine. We struggle with that. We felt that the land inventory ranges types that are outdated. Being updated they should include elements of the green new deal so we don't have the pitting against job opportunities. That's a struggle. This can happen. We mow this will go through the city council and we got at least two commissioners ready to volunteer on that project. I'm excited to see the proposal for that. We recognize there's some risk however that they may -- it may never happen or may be significantly delayed or may yield similar requirements as it does today, still with no room if regulations in the enhanced tree canopy or the environmental zones. In other projects too, like wetlands that are relevant to the discussions. Given these risks we decided a middle ground. That would take additional staff time and cost money and potentially yield productions that would be passed. We don't want that either. We're excited to present this as staff

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recommended it. The first time since I've been on the planning commission, we recommended this council ordinance to be part of the recommended. All of the amendments you made would be considered and funding that in the psa. I'm glad you did can this better. Particularly concurrency and they could wait until the offer is completed and expediting it. I heard a comment about city owned land in the zones and have tree code apply. That would be consistent with the recommendation if the city council wants to proceed. I will leave it at that. Any questions I'll answer them. Thank you for taking the time.

Wheeler: Thanks, Eli. Colleagues, any questions. Thank you. We'll move on to public testimony. Perfect day for a tree house, Eli. That looks good. Who do we have signed up?

Clerk: One more update, we have one more sign up. We have Robert Sallinger first.

Wheeler: Hey, Bob.

Robert Sallinger: Hi, good afternoon, can you hear me okay?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Sallinger: Good afternoon, members of city council. Thank you for taking this issue up. We appreciate the work done can by the city and the process laid out. This is a long time coming. We were part of the original title 11 stake holder committee that worked out in 2009 and 2010 and 2011. We think the amendments before you today are really positive steps forward in terms of exemption of land uses. We think those are positive steps forward and agree with the -- with the pse and urban forestry commission that those should all advance. We also support the approach that you're taking on heavy industrial lands. We appreciate the amendments that have been proposed today and encourage you to adopt those. We're exciting about coming back to the end of the e.o.a. And follow-through through this time. The last time it was update and back here on heavy industrial land. So making sure that when eoa is update again we follow through this time. Those lands are critically important from an ecological perspective and an island perspective and equity perspective and to meet the overall targets for the city. We can't just write them off. We can't forget about them. They have a really important role to play and i'm hopeful that the steps we're taking today would get us together on that issue as well. Again, thanks to council for their work and the bureaus and the pse and the urban forestry commission as well.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Solomon Duke.

Solomon Duke: Hi, I'm Solomon Duke. Our group and many others have been working towards a more environmentally just tree code for years. Good news is, the city is proposing to remove

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the tree code exemptions for commercial and some industrial, as well as lowering the threshold for inch for inch mitigation for tree removal. We're ignoring a huge piece of the problem. Can you imagine if the 1971 Oregon bottle bill, the first of its kind in the U.S. To offer refunds had resolved all Coca-Cola products. This would reduce the amount of bottles being recycled while giving an upper hand to the world's wealthiest corporations. Do not make this mistake. Make it strong like the bottle bill. We're here to ask the city council to remove all exemptions in the tree code, including heavy industrial land. The economic opportunities evaluation, used to argue for the exemption of heavy industrial land, provides insufficient data that is excluded from corporations. It makes oversimplified assumption that heavy industry that used to pay a mitigation fee for every tree rather than planting new trees elsewhere. Removing the exemption on heavy industrial land would not take away industrial land. It instead would insure that the industry tree plants mitigate the trees that are cut. We need an evaluation that includes well rounded data regarding environmental and equity opportunities. Jobs should not come at cost of equity and the environment but instead the tree code should allow them to come hand in hand. Forests are smoldering, the ice is melting, and spire communities are left to reckon with the effects of unmitigated climate change. We shouldn't do just simple equations.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Duke: Just one more sentence. We need a view that takes the community and climate to heart.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. And thank you for the work of the youth council. Really appreciate it.

Clerk: Next up, we have Piper Wyrick

Piper Whyrick: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: You sound great.

Piper Wyrick: I'm Piper Wyrick. I'm asking you to remove exemptions from all industrial land, including heavy industrial. Requiring mitigation for some industrial land protects some of our cities. It seems like Portland city government knows what is right when it comes to addressing climate change but you need to stand up to industry and capital. Now is the time to figure that out. Protecting trees is critical when it comes to protecting our communities as well as our environment. A lot of discussion has been about connections and communities, environment and heavy industrial land. The environmental hazards due to tree loss effects marginalized immunities, especially right next door. Industrial -- industrial -- industry may provide these jobs but at what cost. Working in these areas has health protections and increases covid-19 risks. Trees absorb air pollution as well as our remarkably bad tree islands. This is why we must remove

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the tree cut exemption on heavy industrial lands and hold them accountable too. We cannot stop partway especially as climate crisis worsens. It also states it doesn't take into consideration the effects on the environment. By doing so could be a conclusion. We can't assume more land means more jobs and growth. Decisions need to be made without industrial bias and we can't stop until updates in the future. The climate is being destroyed now. These exemptions don't take away land or jobs or necessarily preserve the trees. It requires the industry to save the trees. If going against the e.o.a. is not possible, it needs to pursue the goals that we committed to as a city. We need to hold on to what we know is right when it comes to environmental justice because we're already regretting we didn't act sooner. We need equity opportunities analysis and not economic opportunities analysis and remove from all industrial and commercial land. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, Deanne Ford.

Deanne Ford: Hello, my name is Deanne and I'm a homeowner. We're here for the same thing. We want trees for our further generations. However, I believe the approach that is proposed will have the opposite, complete opposite effect. With the restrictions I'm personally unwilling to plant trees because I don't want to have to deal with all of the complicated restrictions. Portland will be left with dying trees and no new trees to take their place. My question is do you can want people to willingly plant trees or are you going to further police our lives from mandatory tree planting and excessive fees a fines to care for our yards. This will impact a person individually. Maybe i have a tree that is dying or has stress, I can't afford that. I ask you for a positive approach for preserving trees. This is penalizing us like a police would. In the end we're going to have people that won't plant trees because they don't want to deal with this. Let's look at the long-term effect instead. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up we have Ezra Hammer.

Wheeler: Hi, Ezra.

Ezra Hammer: Good afternoon, mayor and city council. Pleasure to be back in front of you again. Thanks for bringing forward this important issue. I'm heartened by the thoughtful comments on the record. I would like to quibble briefly with my friend Sandy's comments that nobody has raised concerns about the increase of cost of housing. We do believe we have at least two letters on the record that highlighted recognition that the proposal to lower the overall tree size, threshold will in fact lead to incremental costs in housing throughout the city. However, we come before you today with two proposed recommendations that we believe

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would fairly address trees in development situations. And the first and we recognize this would likely be part of the broader work-product analysis but is for the city to put some sort of maximum cap on the overall tree fee charged per dwelling unit built in the city of Portland and attend to what the city does with the program. There will be outlying situations and as -- as is highlighted in her report and would lead to the reduction in the number of homes built for Portlanders and want to insure in those situations the city doesn't create overly punitive system that end up harming the production of housing. Additionally and mayor thank you for bringing this point up. We're concerned about situations where the city requires the removal of trees and charges fees from the developers for doing so. My organization worked with the bureau of -- of development services to review up wards of 600 building permits for small scale housing for those that were in place. We found two shocking things. Upward of 20 percent of all trees roomed in the public right-of-way in development situations were the direct result of of inter-bureau conflict hundreds if not thousands of tree inches.

Clerk: Your time is up.

Hammer: Thank you. And specifically with -- with the trees on private property we saw that situation as well. Thank you.

Wheeler: Could can I get a copy of that analysis. Could you send that to my office?

Hammer: Absolutely, mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you. I appreciate it.

Ryan: Ezra, i like to see that as well.

Wheeler: I'll make sure i get a copy to everybody.

Ryan: Thank you.

Clerk: Thanks. Next up we have Whitney Dorer.

Whitney Dorer: Hi, yes, thank you. Hello mayor wheeler and commissioners Hardesty, Eudaly, Ryan and Fritz. My name is Whitney and I'm director at friends of trees. I've been with friends of trees for 13 years. Friends of Trees are receiving thousands of calls each year when the immunity members have questions about the trees and planting and removal and permitting, et cetera. We plant over 3,000 trees along city streets and private properties on the east side of Portland. Our focus is planting young tree care but when residents have questions about anything related they come to us. They know the specifics of title 11 and it is our work to explain the importance of our city, and protecting our city trees. As proposed we support reducing the tree size for the required tree preservation and inch for inch mitigation from 36 inches to 20dbh. This threshold would create a stronger incentive to preserve trees on the city on development sites. We lose so

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much value when our big trees are removed. This would increase the mitigation funds that could be used for creative solutions for our urban forest and protecting large tree protection and critical geography and more tree planting. As proposed, we support eliminating exemptions of tree requirements for developments. The x and cx zones. In contrast we don't support the proposal to retain the exemptions for trees in the heavy industrial zones. The i.h. Zones were part of the climate change and equity goals. We're concerned about -- about those residents that work within the zones and with less protection and tree canopy will continue to dwindle and health concerns for neighboring communities. This is really an equity issue. This must continue to the protection of existing trees and support our urban forest that others are accountable for. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up, we have Justin Wood

Wheeler: Thank you, Whitney and welcome Justin.

Justin Wood: I'm Justin and former chair of the development review committee. We're a builder located in Portland and middle income housing. We utilize waivers and tax abatement with 10, 15 homes a year. This has been minorities making less income. Every time a fee or cost goes up on construction in Portland, it is one step closer for us thought being able to provide houses for working class people. One goal was to balance the need and affordability and incentivize the protection of the trees. The situation came up regarding giant trees and our work was amended for those to protect trees. The threshold was discussed to be at 40 inches and then ultimately 36 inches. Drop this threshold is making the choice that we're no longer seeking a balance and prioritizing trees over affordability and part of the info project and house bill 2001. I ask you to reconsider the change and i tell you first hand this will change ownership for families. My testimony today, one of the numbers that Emily gave you was a loss of 50 houses. I can't dispute that. I can tell you we're going to use lower income first-time buyer houses. This drives us out for doing entree level houses. There's impact to affordability. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Albert Kaufman.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Albert Kaufman: Thank you. I had just taken a bite of a pastry that I got from Petit Province so I was being muted.

Wheeler: It never fails, the moment you put something in your mouth they call on you.

Kaufman: I have to say it was croissants. And it is the only store i go to. Anyway, thank you for having us today. I pretty much want to echo what bob had to say. This is pretty much my comments and I'll be brief. The amount of time that it has taken us to get this far is just

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incredible. I don't have word for how much time it is taking us to move small things forward when we're faced with climate crisis. I guess my main comment would be that we need to figure out ways to speed up the process when we try it make positive change for people in the city. The glacial pace this has taken us years to just -- just to make this small change really is challenging to me as a person who has -- who is running out of time like we all are. I want to encourage the council members to consider the pace of change in the city. I had a proposition to plant many trees in our parks. I appreciate the work you do.

Wheeler: We appreciate it. Appreciate your testimony.

Clerk: Next up is Catherine Mushel.

Catherine Mushel: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: You sound great.

Mushel: Hi, I'm Catherine and I'm here on behalf of trees for life Oregon. We appreciate the opportunity to testify. We believe no zone should be exempt from tree regulations and our tree code should reflect the value of trees. Why is this? Because everyone in Portland should be counted as important enough to receive the health benefits of a larger tree. Everyone traveling our roads and working in and owning factories, everyone caring for young children and other nearby warehouses and rail lines. It is not enough to have trees on one side. Everyone needs industrial roadways such as Columbia boulevard. Please vote against making industrial zones exempt from tree reservation standards. When we say we want trees for life, we mean life in every sense. Even one tree brings people together. Recently a focus group study of immigrants in Portland's district reveals emotional ties to trees because of childhood memories. Across history and many -- and many different cultures trees serve as gathering makes and personal retreat. Please vote to make it 20 inches instead of 36. That's the minimum size of an oak when everybody is around its core. Please remove exemptions for trees for central employment and general industrial zones. In addition add goes to exemption risks. Consider what trees mean to everyone's health and well-being and then in their communal lives, all zones count. All people count. And everyone needs big trees for life.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up is Laura Sciortino.

Laura Sciortino: Good afternoon, can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes.

Sciortino: I'm Laura, and I live in southwest Portland with my husband and 12-year-old son, this is my first testimony. On Monday I submitted written testimony as well, thank you for

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considering my point of view, I've been listening carefully and trying to learn. I'm new to the issue, but I'm a Portland resident that loves our trees and cherishes what they give to our city. I agree with Whitney and Catherine's testimonies. I'm here mostly to speak about the amendment with regard to bringing down the threshold to 20 inches for private trees. I would urge you to go down even lower than that. When I listened to the gentleman speaking about low income housing, it struck me that there is a compromise made for developers who are developing housing that is truly affordable. For homeowners the tree code is serious. It makes sure trees are preserved and I'm happy for that. They are vital to the city for all the reasons presented earlier. We are required to maintain the Douglas firs that city on the city line in front of our property. Two years ago our neighborhood experienced a development situation that is familiar to many of us. A corner house property was sold and the developer cut down many middle and large trees. Some houses had water entering their basements for the first time, a concrete bio style was installed to limit runoff. It seems to me that develop canners should be better incentivized for the larger established significant trees that we homeowners are already expected to preserve and I'm glad that we are. We as homeowners are not permitted to remove even one single tree of 12 in dbh or greater without the city permit which we may not even get. As I understand it, development situations already receive an exemption to remove existing trees. I hope to require them for inch for inch for every tree they remove. Thank you for your time. I encourage the amendment and even going further.

Wheeler: Appreciate your testimony.

Clerk: Next up, we have Judy Todd.

Wheeler: Hi, Judy.

Judy Todd: Thanks for taking my testimony and -- and thanks for the work that has gone into this for years and years. A couple of points, I look at tree issues that were part of a development plan in -- in a neighborhood and small lots with big firs and other large trees came down which changed the character of the neighborhood and the character of the final product of the home with really -- really reduced lot lines. I'm noticing large units being built including multi-family units with no space for -- for -- for trees of any size to grow. No space for gar tens. Maybe strips of shrubs and small trees. That's one of my concerns. I'm hoping in this process we're a winner that the -- that the -- that the exchange of value for -- between a large tree and replant is -- is really -- is almost unreconcilable. The value of older trees in our forest, I don't know who puts the number on that because i don't know how you begin to count it when they're 60, 70, 80 years old. Some over 100 years old. It doesn't balance out for the trees. Including in heavy areas. I'm

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proponent of all conditions, rather than waiving the exemptions in place for the heavy industrial. The other piece i wanted to point to is that currently the low income housing units look to me based on research online is most of the low income start at 300-plus thousand. I'm in the sure anymore when people talk about low income housing and mitigation and -- and -- and costs of the gentlemen in the construction mentioned, what kind of numbers does he think the low income housing might qualify for. Thank you for your time.

Clerk: Next up, we have Alyson Berman.

Wheeler: Hello Alyson. Alyson, are you unmuted? Alyson you're still muted. If you're on a phone try star six.

Alyson Berman: You hear me now you?

Wheeler: Yes.

Berman: Hi, everybody I'm a Portland resident and because of that i experience all of the benefits that trees provide my community, clean air and reducing temperatures and nature right outside. When i head out to my favorite areas in the wetlands I'm reminded that the tree canopy I enjoy at home is afforded equitably to other parts of the city and the tree code that leaves out commercial and landowners. They pay their fair share for the tree canopy. I see most industrial properties between my apartment are devoid of trees. That includes neighborhoods along the Columbia corridor and there's significantly less trees, temperatures are higher and there's no industrial activity areas. We're exposed to more industrial pollution. It means that nearby communities are effected by lower standard of living and areas experience lower air quality and expanse and less access to nature. Also earlier when the communities were mentioned impacted by the lack of access to the trees, there was a bigger mission. This impacts people with disabilities and can cause disability such as asthma in already vulnerable communities. Please ask people with disabilities that need to show up today to protect Portland's trees. Current exemption has led to this inequitable tree canopy in the community. I urge you to remove these exemptions to insure that current and further residents could benefit from the expansive tree canopy that I enjoy right outside my door. It shouldn't be for some. It should be for everybody. Thank you very much.

Clerk: Next up, we have Megan van de Mark.

Megan Van de Mark: Thank you mayor and council members for the opportunity to provide input on the city's proposal to amend the city's title 11 tree code. I'm Megan Van de Mark and I'm here as a north Portland resident who lives in the neighborhood. This is near the proposed industrial impacts. I want council to know that i strongly support the amendments that would

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require inch for inch mitigation for trees and removal of exemptions for tree protections and general industrial and central employment and central commercial zones. I want to urge council to adopt an ordinance that includes removal of the exemption for broking trees on heavy industrial land. My neighborhood is one of the neighborhoods that the city refers to when highlighting the unequal distribution of tree canopy in the city in the associated and public and environmental health des parties that exist in the city. As the city shared, low income communities and communities of color often reside in or adjacent to low canopy areas of the city, particularly industrial areas where tree preservation and tree planting are not required during development heavy industrial areas under consideration such as those in my neighborhood have some of the worst air pollution. Trees are vital to protecting air quality and the neighborhoods from industrial activities. These areas also have some of the highest effects in the city, something that trees are critical to reducing for not just adjacent communities but also industrial workers themselves. In the course of the city's analysis, the rationale for not applying tree protections on heavy industrial lands has been a narrow economic analysis that pits our community's health and the region's ecosystem against industrial land availability and jobs. Our residents should not have to choose between their health/health of their neighbors and job opportunities. The city must do better. Currently we provide residential owners with the choice of either retaining trees or paying into a mitigation fund to plant trees nearby when they aren't preserved. Why don't we require the same of heavy industrial land developers and require them to play their part in maintaining the health of our community and its trees. We are asking residents to bear the burden to make a healthy community for themselves, while exempting the land developers. We must ask ourselves who is the city for.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Felice Kelly.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Felice Kelly: Hello and for allowing testimony today. My name is Felice Kelly and I'm speaking on behalf of the forest. I like to echo the comments and bring so many other eloquent speakers today for trees everywhere. 350 strongly reports removing the tree preservation and density standards and the commercial loss and the preservation of trees. We believe the tree code should apply to the whole city and remove the exemptions and right the heavy industrial zones. If not now, then as soon as possible through the economic opportunity. The city of Portland adopted the climate emergency declaration. The declaration direct the planning and sustainability to protect the tree canopy and impacts on public health, particularly in east

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Portland. This is an important tool to recognize these goals. We need it make the tree code a tool for environmental and health today. He's tell a story. It is so true. Unfortunately it is a story of history of neglecting the tree canopy in vulnerable neighborhoods. This is by the professor. And Portland has one of the greatest urban effects in the country. And under those, they were deemed hazardous. And last ideas have been the five highest temperatures on record. And the temperatures will continue to rise. These temperatures and [indiscernible] and people of color who live in the hottest part of the city. There's consensus that increasing the canopy would keep cities cooler. This is especially true of Portland and this type to keep tree canopy covered. This is i.h. That should be included. First the analysis stems the paradigm that maintaining --

Clerk: Your time is up.

Kelly: Okay. Thank you. Sorry about that.

Clerk: We have Ellen Wax.

Wheeler: Hi, Ellen.

Ellen Wax: Hi, there. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yep.

Wax: Ellen here with the Working Waterfront coalition here and referred to the w.w.c. And I like to comment and challenge the narrative that heavy industrial is adjacent to neighborhoods and communities of color in Portland, although it is a case in some areas the large swath of land is encroached upon by hiring neighborhoods and adjacent to hiring neighborhoods and the overlooks. I would like to -- to -- to say if city council chooses to adopt the planning commission recommendation the wwc requests an amendment to the commission's recommendation and in the October 6th letter this commission had expectations for the e.o.a. To evaluate title 11 consistent with goals including those related to tree canopy and climate change and [indiscernible] and additional [indiscernible] for substantive ordinance. We ask for other city goals listed and specifically called out. We like to specifically call out -- call out -- call out an inclusion of middle aged jobs and goals. Industrial land supply in Portland and what land is available is very dear. Harbor land is located near water and rail ways and highways and there's a need in relationship between those transportation structures and manufacturing and distribution network from the city. In previous planning, Portland has determined that we have limited amount of industrial lands and client needs by the [indiscernible] and the tree ordinance exemption for industrial land impacts industrial land supplies and others include discussions regarding terminal two and commercial development and some other uses. Studies also are out there regarding extending the street care Montgomery Park through industrial land areas,

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updating environmental regulations and removing the tree ordinance is just another. WWC respectfully ask the council it consider can middle wage job earners and economic equity goal when making critical decisions that impact industrial land supply. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Ted Labbe.

Ted Labbe: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor wheeler, city council my name is ted, I'm executive director of the urban green institute. I'm making my comments today below a ponderosa pine in the thriving zone of Dalles, Oregon which demonstrates that we can have trees and thriving commercial industrial zones. Thank you for your service and the opportunity to comment today. Before I – before I state my brief title 11 reform comments let me state that i support the fall amendment offered by commissioner Hardesty and Eudaly to repurpose fund from the police to much needed social services. This is directly related to the matter today. General fund services like park and urban forestry don't have the services to do the work. I appreciate what was offered up today on this matter. But I'm here today to urge that you follow the recommendations of your urban forestry commission, to lift exemptions on all commercial and industrial zones within the city of Portland. I was one of the folks that offered an idea of the middle way and the planning and sustainability commission. The idea of planning some title 11 elements. There was no time for these options. As a result i feel you should move today to adopt the -- the -- the -- the urban forestry commission recommendations and resolve issues around how we meet goal nine as part of the next year. The last thing I'll say is I believe the Johnson economic report although good for tell us that there would be no impacts to residential zone housing. It relies on spurious assumptions about impacts to the industrial zone which i think are unfounded. I think there are ways that we can accommodate our goal nine goals and title 11 that would not put us on a collision course. Thank you for the opportunity today.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: We have Gwenn Baldwin.

Mayor: Hi, Gwenn.

Gwen Baldwin: Good afternoon mayor and commissions. I'm Gwenn Baldwin, executive director of Oregon Smart Growth. Thank you for the opportunity. Written testimony has also been submitted. First I'll like to add some context, since April Oregon Smart Grown has shared specific actions made to expedite and maintain housing and employment development in our region so it can recover. One action item in the October 5th letter is moratorium on regulation. It is a way for stabilizers. At minimum anything adopted shouldn't be implemented until we're

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clearly in an economic recovery. The primary concern was the tree amendment was the removal of the exemption and the standard in the very areas that the city designated for the highest density housing and commercial development and we communicated to the commission, to both commissions earlier. Removing this exemption would make it hard to build dense housing in the project with any tree, even in the middle of downtown Portland where the city wants density. They don't address the current forest. Now we regularly consider a tree planted on a private property is a street tree if any portion of the tree extends in the right-of-way, even one inch. Developers plan projects in accordance with private tree preservation standard is a professional survey showing a tree is on private property only to find out at the end of the process that forestry has stated it's a street tree with no opportunity for mitigation. Any street tree should be based on 50% of the trunk being in the right of way. Language currently says straddling. Oregon smart growth request that you slow the regulations and at minimum drop the proposed removal in ex and cx and rational define street trees. Together we can create a more resilient community for all Portlanders.

Wheeler: Thank you Gwenn.

Clerk: That completes public testimony.

Wheeler: All right. Great. Colleagues this is a good time for public discussion. We aren't voting, this is a 1st reading of a non-emergency ordinance and I want to give people time for questions or comments. Any comments? Comm Fritz, then Eudaly.

Frist: Thank you for staff even in these challenging times for doing such a good job of public engagement and doing what we asked you to do. Thanks to the community who spent a lot of time on this. Including many people who spoke today, youth climate, justice folks, and Bob Salligner. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Comm Eudaly.

Eudaly: We aren't voting today, right?

Wheeler: Correct.

Eudaly: Sorry, I thought maybe you were considering an amendment. I will make a couple comments. One is that I am definitely interested in revisiting state land use goal 9. Low barrier, living wage jobs and obviously our world has changed significantly since then. We have seen cases where state law challenges our local land use visions, as has happened with title 11. Environment and living wage jobs should not be competing priorities. And i think this project has given us an opportunity to explore whether we should ask the state to revisit goal 9. So I would like first to work with office of government relations. I think that was addressed earlier. At

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our upcoming legislative priorities work session, a way to advance this with partners of the state. I will end this with saying i am very pleased with where we have arrived today. When this item first came to council last year, i was really concerned about the lack of engagement and consultation with our community partners and environmental advocates. And wasn't prepared to support it without taking a look at the exemptions for industrial lands. And strengthening the protections. So I'm really happy with what, where we have arrived. Acknowledged that we have a couple more hurdles to jump over and we can come back and correct. I do share the concerns advocates expressed around heavy industrial lands. Bipoc and low income community members are more likely to live in neighborhoods that are adjacent to industrial activity and as a result experience adverse health impacts. And knowing the health outcomes linked to tree density, i think it's necessary we explore every possible measure to expand those benefits to these neighborhoods. And finally, tree code remains a priority for my office in the coming economic opportunities analysis. I will keep a close eye as the bureau conducts e.o.a. And i look forward to hearing recommendations making sure how we can take steps to protect and expand our urban canopy across the city. Congratulations, commissioner Ryan. Great presentation and I look forward to voting on this next week.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes, thank you, mayor. Thank you, colleagues, for those great comments. I also want to acknowledge the three bureau that have been working on this. I'm learning that it's, there's some great creative tension that goes on as the three bureaus try to land it with their different points of view, and all valid. And i thought that showed up really well in the testimony today. And the visuals were awesome. I want to acknowledge that as well. It told a great story in terms of the tree canopy and its effects on our residents. I think the one testimony that was fascinating to me, that's because i keep hearing this from neighbors, is when is that tipping point where the regulation prevents somebody from actually planting trees? I've just been hearing this. So i thought one person did comment on that. And I would never want any of our policies that are for improving the tree canopy to have an adverse effect. So I just wanted to call that out. Anyway, I look forward to further dialogue between now and the second reading. And I thank everyone, once again.

Wheeler: If I could just add my words to those good words. And then Linly, I see your hand is raised after commissioner fritz. I want to thank everybody, that was a terrific presentation. Very detailed, as always I learned a lot. I want to thank the people who provided testimony. That's good feedback on these proposals, it gives us a lot to think about and chew on between now

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and the second reading. Thank you for that. I want to thank our incredible staff, Emily and others for their presentations. Very well day. Linly, did you have a point of order?

Rees: There's still a need to, if council plan is to make a final vote on this at its next reading, council would need to address the choice in directive a. I just want to make sure that's out there in case you aren't aware of that.

Fritz: Yeah, I was just about to say. If we get clarification from Emily, please, what we need to do there.

Rees: I'm glad to jump in, I don't see Emily on the screen right now. Directive a asks council to either adopt exhibit a which is the planning and sustainability recommendation. Or b, which is the urban forestry recommendation. So council would need to simply second and vote, I would like directive a to reflect exhibit a not exhibit b, or vice versa.

Ryan: So i need to say --

Fritz: -- go ahead commissioner.

Ryan: I move directive a be amended so the reference is to exhibit a only.

Wheeler: Second.

Fritz: Second.

Wheeler: We all second. [laughter] thank you, commissioner Ryan. Further discussion on this point? Commissioner Eudaly has her hand raised? No. Commissioner fritz, did you have another comment on this? Nope. Okay, call the roll on, -- what are he calling this Linly? An amendment or just a preferred choice?

Rees: Let's call it an amendment to directive a, please.

Wheeler: It is somewhat unusual. Dan would be pleased to hear we haven't actually done this. We haven't had a multiple choice on this. Please call the roll on the amendment.

Clerk: Eudaly.

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz.

Fritz: Emily, I appreciate seeing you back on. I apologize. The whole getting back on when you are called upon unexpectedly. I know. Team work. Commissioner Ryan, what a quick study you are. You grasped what we are doing here and moved the amendment, which is exactly what we need to do. Just to folks watching we're not saying we're not going to do further study. The rest of the ordinance says we are going to continue looking at these issues and indeed there will be more. I look forward to having staff come back. You will have staff come back by the end of march. Thank you, I'm going to say again next week. -- forester has been hugely important

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through this entire process. Happy to vote yes on the amendment. Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, Emily, Sandy, for driving this. You have some more miles to go before we get to march. And i also want to acknowledge my team who was staffing me in real-time. Or I never would have been able to say what i just did earlier. I'm grateful and I say aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

Wheeler: Aye. Thank you, everybody. Appreciate it. So this is a first reading of a non-emergency ordinance. It moves to second reading, as amended. Does that complete our business for this afternoon, Keelan?

Clerk: Yes, it does.

Wheeler: Linly, you are satisfied we have done everything right, dotted the i's, crossed t's.

Rees: Yes, it's ready for second reading when it comes back.

Wheeler: Great. Thank you, everybody, that was a great session. We are adjourned. Thank you.

At 4:12 p.m., Council adjourned.