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Date and time

November 18, 2020 at 9:31 a.m.

Council adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Officers in attendance

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Consent Agenda

Item No. 910 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

Keelan McClymont

By Keelan McClymont
Clerk of the Council

<p style="text-align: center;">PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue <u>WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, NOVEMBER 18, 2020</u></p> <p>THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Eudaly, Fritz, Hardesty and Ryan, 5.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Disposition:</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Please note, City Hall is closed to the public due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p> <p>The deadline to sign up for the November 18, 2020 Council meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Email the Council Clerk at cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov with any questions.</p>	
<p>COMMUNICATION</p>	
<p>905 Request of John Carter to address Council regarding election results and Portland's future (Communication)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">TIMES CERTAIN</p> <p>906 TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM – Consider appeal by Leonard Gionet, Yvonne Meekcoms, and Mary Henry De Tesson, against the Design Commission's decision to approve, with conditions, the Alamo Manhattan 4-block development in the South Waterfront Sub-District of the Central City Plan District (Previous agenda 788; Report introduced by Commissioner Ryan; LU 20-102914 DZM AD GW) 15 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to deny the appeal and uphold the decision of the Design Commission to approve the project as modified and adopt the findings: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-Eudaly, Ryan, Hardesty, Wheeler; N-Fritz)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PLACED ON FILE</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">DENIED THE APPEAL</p>

<p>907 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Assess benefited properties for park improvements in the Portland Open Space Sequence Local Improvement District (Hearing introduced by Commissioner Fritz; C-10054) 30 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING DECEMBER 2, 2020 AT 9:30 AM</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p>Office of Management and Finance</p> <p>*908 Pay settlement of Dennis Wilcox bodily injury claim resulting from a motor vehicle collision in the sum of \$20,000 involving the Portland Police Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	
<p>Commissioner Chloe Eudaly</p> <p>Portland Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>*909 Authorize an Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State University and provide matching funds in the amount of \$80,000 to support a research project to evaluate vehicle-bus-bicycle user safety in Rose Lane projects (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	
<p>Commissioner Amanda Fritz</p> <p>Water Bureau</p> <p>910 Authorize the Portland Water Bureau to enter into an agreement with Dean and Patricia Walter and pay consideration in the amount of \$55,000 for costs to construct a new well (Ordinance)</p>	
<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p>Portland Fire & Rescue</p> <p>911 Authorize competitive solicitation and contract for a Source Capture Exhaust System between \$1 million and \$1,500,000 (Second Reading Agenda 897) (Y-5)</p>	
<p>City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero</p> <p>912 Amend City Charter to delete the use of terms that are masculine or feminine and make technical corrections (Second Reading Agenda 898 ; amend Charter) (Y-5)</p>	
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p>	

<p style="text-align: center;">Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Portland Housing Bureau</p> <p>*913 Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for The 503 located at 2880 SE Stark St (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">190205</p>
<p>*914 Accept and appropriate award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a grant in the amount of \$3,200,000 for the implementation of lead-based paint hazard control activities and administration and \$400,000 to address in-home health and safety hazards (Ordinance) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)</p> <p>Motion to reconsider item: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)</p> <p>Motion to amend directive (a) to include reference to Exhibit A, and also include Exhibit A: Moved by Wheeler and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">190206 AS AMENDED</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner Amanda Fritz</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office of Equity and Human Rights</p> <p>915 Adopt Citywide Disability Equity Goals to guide City policies, plans, and procedures (Resolution) 30 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">37517</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>2:00 PM WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18-19, 2020</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WERE NO WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETINGS</p>	

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Wheeler: This Friday is of course the transgender day of remembrance. It's a solemn day for mourning the 36 transgender people murdered in the united states this year alone. Most of whom were black or brown transgender women. Today we honor them. To their friends, family, and community, we send our love and deep condolences. We send hope for a future free from transphobic violence. I can't possibly know what these losses feel like to our trans brothers and sisters. Nor is it my place to speak on this community's behalf. Suffice it to say, the very need for a transgender day of remembrance at all speaks volumes about how much work we have yet to do. May their lives be remembered fondly. May their identities be honored and their deaths move us to action and may they each rest in peace. I ask you now to join me in a moment of silence in their honor. [moment of silence] i will end with this. Black trans lives matter. Thank you.

Colleagues, this is the wednesday november 18, 2020, morning session of the Portland city council. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Good morning. Eudaly?

Eudaly: Here.

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: Here.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Hardesty: Are you here, mayor?

Wheeler: Yes. The volume was turned off. Here. Still here. Under the city state we are holding the meeting electronic. All members are attending remotely by video and teleconference and the city has made several avenues available to listen to the broadcast of the meeting. It's

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available to the public on the youtube challenge, egov pdx. [Portlandoregon.gov/video](https://portlandoregon.gov/video). Channel 30. The public can provide written testimony to the council by e-mailing 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 the physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare, which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your continued patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this challenging situation to conduct the city's business. We'll now hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

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

Wheeler: Thank you. First up is communications. It look like we only have one individual today, keelan.

Clerk: Request of john carter to address council regarding election results and Portland's future.

Wheeler: Good morning.

John Carter: Hi. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yep. You sound good.

Carter: Well, first i would like to say ted, congratulations on getting re-election. I will say this. Portland needs a renaissance. A phoenix rising from the ashes. Creative vision, a balance, the conditions laid down for resiliency rather than dependency of the people. Brilliant, compassionate ideas allowed to shine through. Ted, i look back at your four years and i see

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someone with good intention bogged down by fear, politics, but the expectations of your personal experience. A technocratic world aligned with numbers and figures. The quantitative without qualitative, the dollar without the human behind it. Is the city better off than it was four years ago? Rather than putting band aids on gaping wounds, rather than copying what other democrats do, my advice to you would be to break your inner creator free. That requires tapping in to your creative mind that is there. One that has been discouraged by your social and political peers. How amazing it would be to tap in to your heart space. I remember in the spring primary, i was reading "willamette week" and you were talking about how you were taking ukulele lessons. So i ask how are those going? Strumming along, sing about the people of Portland, our spirit, hopes, dreams, fears, creativity, our potential to become a beacon of light in the darkness of this country. Seeing the hash out ideas seem to bring out your vulnerability, sing so we can see you, sing so i can see you. So, ted, i ask again, how are the ukulele lessons going? You accessing your creative heart through the instrument? The creative mind that lies buried within might be what delivers our renaissance. This time is critical. The village is suffering. What comes over these next four years? I don't know. I do have ideas i'd like to talk to you about in the future. So reach out if you are interested. Maybe we can sing together. Thank you.

Wheeler: Well, john, before you put that offer on the table you better hear my singing voice. But thank you. I appreciate your testimony. Make sure we have your e-mail address and i'll go ahead and reach out to you.

Carter: Okay. Sounds good. I will say this. Just sing. It doesn't matter the quality of your voice. It doesn't matter if you are good. As long as it comes from your heart. That is all that matters.

Wheeler: Well, actually, to that point, because it's a good one, i didn't take up the ukulele because i'm a musical genius. I took it up because i wanted to spend time with my daughter during the pandemic. It's actually something she was interested in doing. So we have done it together. The fact of the matter is i'm really bad at it. But we still play it. And we're getting better. We're muddling along together. It's a lot of fun.

Carter: Guest speaker: I love that.

Wheeler: I appreciate it. Thank you for your testimony, john.

Carter: You're welcome.

Wheeler: You bet. Take care. That gets us to the consent agenda. Have any items pulled off the consent agenda, keelan?

Clerk: Yes. Item 910 was asked to be pulled from consent.

Wheeler: Good. Call the roll on the remainder.

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Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz

Fritz: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. I might do something slightly unconventional here. Since everything else is a first reading or a time certain and we are a little ahead of schedule, why don't we get to 910 we have representatives from the water bureau who are here. The item just pulled off the consent agenda. Commissioner fritz, do we have somebody here who can speak to this item?

Fritz: We do, indeed.

Wheeler: Very good. Keelan, why don't you call --

Fritz: Sorry.

Wheeler: Can you call 910, please? Then i'll turn it over to commissioner fritz.

Clerk: Authorize the Portland water bureau to enter into an agreement with dean and patricia walter and pay consideration in the amount of \$55,000 for costs to construct a new well.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz?

Fritz: Thank you, mayor. As you know the water bureau is in the process of building a new filtration facility. In multnomah county. They are proposing \$55,000 for costs to relocate a new well on adjacent property to reduce potential project impacts. The water bureau worked with the property owners to find agreeable solutions through one-on-one meetings. And while david peters is here it would be good to hear public testimony to address any specific concerns. Does that work for you, mayor?

Wheeler: I'm sorry. Yeah, it does, commissioner fritz. Sorry, i was muted.

Fritz: Keelan can you invite whoever wants to speak?

Clerk: Of course. Dean walter.

Wheeler: Good morning. Are you able to unmute? It looks like you might still be muted.

Clerk: If you push star-6 on your phone.

Dee White: Great. Thank you, keelan. Hello. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yep. You sound good, dee.

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White: It's dee white, not dee walker. There is so much unethical about the ordinance. I'll just, i'll start off by, this is just so unethical. It's so typical and sleazy of the water bureau and the city of Portland. Thinking that y'all are above the law so you can extract money from rate-payers only to turn around and pay for harm that you do to rate-payers. In the impact statement on this ordinance, it says that the owner claims the geotechnical work completed has already impacted the supply of water. The water bureau rejects the claim but acknowledges that there is a risk. You are paying the family \$55 tow because you destroyed the well in may of '29. Destroyed the drinking water doing the geotechnical dig for a filtration project that is not needed, not necessary, costly and has no health benefit. You never in this -- so the fact you don't even mention that you claim responsibility for doing what you did and making the people sign on the dotted line in order to get the water back, plus, you are making them sign a w9 which meaning in -- which means income so you will pay taxes on the money that you are giving them to dig another well. No responsibility for in case something happens. And there is problems with the well. They will be responsible for paying for all that. They did not receive any compensation during this last year and a half for having to buy drinking water, because the drinking water that they had thanks to the water bureau pouring a bunch of binders down the geotechnical drill contaminated the water. They had to take shorter showers. There is no compensation for this. Now you are holding them hostage, making them sign on the dotted line to sign away all of their rights to reclaim what they have lost. Again, this is so unethical. No, it's not illegal. But it is unethical. It's shameful that the water bureau continues to harm citizens. Including our high lead levels which you refuse to address. That is all.

Fritz: Thank you, dee.

Wheeler: Can i ask a follow-up question of dee? Dee, this is a negotiated settlement. That means this is a settlement that has been agreed to by the family that you described. Are you recommending that we reject the settlement that the family agreed to?

White: The family is forced to do this to get the water back. They can't afford to sue you guys. Or dig a new well. So yes, it is a settlement but it's a crappy settlement. They are signing all their rights away. I'm saying you need to renegotiate this. And make it so it's fair.

Wheeler: I just want to be clear. By the time the settlements get to the consent agenda, this is agreed to by all parties. They have every right to not agree to it or hold out or sue or do whatever they want. This is a compromise mutually agreed to settlement. Why wouldn't we accept it?

White: You are ignoring all the points i just made, mayor wheeler. They have to pay taxes on

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this. They are signing away any claim for anything that may happen while they are drilling this well. That the water bureau is not going to be responsible for. Plus the fact that the water bureau is not claiming responsibility. It's so unethical for them to do this. They are the ones who did it. And now, and so the walters are having to sign saying oh, we admit, we will say oh it's not y'all's responsibility in order to get our water back.

Wheeler: All right. Well, you are entitled to your opinion. But at some point you have to trust their judgment as well.

White: I'd never trust the water bureau, mayor wheeler.

Wheeler: I'm not talking about the water bureau. I'm talking about the party on whose behalf you are speaking. All right, so commissioner fritz, back to you.

Fritz: Thank you. You made the points that I was going to make. Thank you. So we can just go to the vote unless anybody has other questions?

Wheeler: Any further discussion on this item? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Mayor, this is a nonemergency.

Wheeler: Sorry. Thank you for reminding me. First reading of nonemergency ordinance. It moves to the second reading. Thank you. All right. We have made it across the time threshold. Item 906, please. Time certain 9: 45.

Clerk: Consider appeal by leonard gionet, yvonne meekcoms, mary henry de tesson against the design commission's decision to approve with conditions the alamo manhattan four-block development in the south waterfront sub district of the central city plan district lu 20-102914 dzm ad gw.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I want to put on the record that I have had the opportunity to review the public record and I'm prepared to vote on this issue today.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner hardesty. Colleagues on september 10, we held a hearing on this appeal and on october 1 we tentatively voted to deny the appeal. May I have a motion to deny the appeal, uphold the decision of the design commission to approve the project as modified and adopt the findings?

Hardesty: So moved.

Wheeler: Can I get a second? I'll second it. Motion from commissioner hardesty. Have a second from myself. Any further discussion on this item? Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye.

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Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: These decisions are discretionary choices on which reasonable people can disagree. And often do. What we have here is a disagreement. I believe that this building is too close to the greenway, too tall, and will encroach on the feeling of the public greenway. I respect my colleagues have an opposite opinion. Thank you to stacy monroe and the staff who worked so hard on this. Aye. I mean no. Sorry. No. [laughter]

Wheeler: I was giving you a little space there to come back on that one.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you. Good morning, everyone. I want to thank the director and the staff. And my council colleagues for a thoughtful and engaging dialogue on this issue. I'm a little confused right now on my vote and paranoid after what just happened. I think i got this right. And i will continue to hold to what i had the last time. I vote no.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Ryan: Not, no. Right? I vote yes. It's confusing.

Fritz: It's really early, isn't it?

Ryan: It's early and it's also, a double negative. Yeah.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The motion passes. Thank you, all. Next item 907. Oh, wait. Sorry. That is a time certain. Skip that. Regular agenda item 913.

Clerk: Approve application under the multiunit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for the 503 located at 2880 southeast stark street.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues this is another multi. Do we have dory on today or is it shannon?

Matthew Tschabold: Good morning.

Wheeler: None of the above! It's matt. Good morning.

Tschabold: Good morning, mayor. Good morning council.

Wheeler: Are you going to say more than that or are we going to the q&a?

Tschabold: This is a housing project. The 503. This is a project outside the central city. The developer as you know, these are the options that the developers can choose from under the mandatory inclusionary housing requirement in the city zoning code. This is located 2880 southeast stark. It's a residential building with the 30 units. And they are taking one of the simple

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and cleaner options to provide the same unit composition as the overall building. The building has 25 one-bedrooms and five studios. So the inclusionary requirement will be five units. Four bedrooms and one studio apartment. Overall there is a rent discount for studio and the one-bedroom units. In exchange the developer will receive the tax exemption if the city council approves it. Given this is outside the central city, the tax exemption will only apply to the affordable units and the portion of the residential space in the building that is linked to the regulated affordable units. So overall, we have given you a picture of what the rent discount is on average. On a month lip basis, on an annual basis and then the total projected over the 99 years of affordability. The total tax exemption over the life of building for ten years is \$49,000. In exchange we get five of those units. Regulated for 99 years at 80% of the median income. With that, i'm happy to answer any questions.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleague, any questions on this item? Keelan, do we have any public testimony?

Clerk: No one signed up for this item.

Wheeler: Very good. Call the roll.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: [no response]

Wheeler: Commissioner, you are still muted.

Fritz: It's not my morning, is it? Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Item 914, please.

Clerk: Accept and appropriate rate award from the department of housing and urban development for a grant in the amount of \$3,200,000, for the implementation of the lead-based paint hazard control activities and administration and \$400,000 to address the in-home health and safety hazards.

Wheeler: Very good. My run of show says deyna shepherd is with us today, the program housing manager. Are you with us? It look like you are.

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Dana Shephard: I am. Let me get my screen.

Wheeler: Very good. Good morning.

Shephard: Good morning. Can everyone see the slide show?

Wheeler: Looks good.

Shephard: Good morning. I'm the neighborhood housing program manager at the housing bureau. I also have Denny Kelly on the line with me. The lead grant coordinator. Thank you for your time this morning. So, we are here today in hoping that you will accept an appropriate of 42-month award from the department of housing and urban development. This is for the \$3.2 million for the lead hazard control grant. And \$400,000 for healthy homes. Then we would also ask that we be able to appropriate \$325,000 for this particular fiscal year of 2021. Lead and healthy homes grant. The lead paint poisoning prevention program for households are for the folks earning under 80% a.m.i. It's focused on homes with the children under the age of 6. Those are children that are either living in the home or visiting the home quite frequently. Then this is also available for the homeowners and renters. This is a citywide program for homes pre1978. And pre1978 homes have the most, they are the most at risk for lead poisoning. So the grant will be serving over the 42 months, 185 low-income households. And 80 of those households will also receive the healthy homes grant. I would also like to let you know for the previous -- well, we are currently in a lead grant cycle now that will end three-year grant cycle that ends. We are in the last quarter of that. The average household lead grant amount is \$11,000. Again, this is a citywide program. And we target north and northeast Portland. The reason why we do that is because there are over 20,000 houses, homes, excuse me, units built before 1940 in that area. That is about 38% of all housing units in the area. So that puts about 7,700 kids under age 6 at risk of lead poisoning. The community impact, so we partner with culturally-specific affordable housing organizations to prevent the lead poisoning prevention and we have a lead grant with the other home, community, programs. It's available for the section 3 residents. In partnership I would like to ask, or state that we have a partnership with the water bureau for a match. And there are several other community organizations culturally-specific organizations like Portland community reinvestment initiative and hacienda that help us and partner with us in doing this work. Here I'll go ahead and let you take a look at the community impact. This is for the current cycle that we are in. The current lead grant we are in. That is 150 households. All right. You -- I'll keep going. We want to give you a visual of the work that is done in this current grant cycle that we are. This is in the King neighborhood. With a homeowner that received the lead grant. And also, the Portland housing bureau home repair loan. The home repair loan which some of you

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have already heard about. It's a \$40,000 loan administered right there at the housing bureau. This particular homeowner had a grandchild that was at risk of lead poisoning. I do again want you to know that we did just complete one home that the child had elevated lead levels. Then we are going in to another one. So, definitely we are finding in through referrals from the multnomah county health department. That is where we get a lot of referrals from as well. So when it triggers them, they will contact the housing bureau. Here are some more pictures. Before i go to questions, i want to ask danny the lead grant coordinator if there is anything else that needed to be added that i may have forgotten?

Danny Kelley: No. That looked great. Thank you.

Shephard: Any questions, commissioners, mayor?

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions? Wait. I don't have my -- commissioner hardesty has a question.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you so much, dana for that very succinct and informative presentation. My question is really around geographic location. I certainly understand why the work has been focused in north and northeast Portland. Clearly there are a lot of distressed properties. And in the northeast that would benefit from this. My understanding is that east Portland has a significant level of the older homes. That could benefit from this program. Do you see an opportunity for the expansion of this program in the future? Because i think we are all aware that a lot of people have left north and northeast Portland because of its unaffordability at this time. And they have shifted in to east Portland. So, is there any opportunity for expansion?

Shephard: Absolutely! Thank you. I would like to clarify. We did apply for this grant under what is called the highest lead paint abatement needs grant category. This is a citywide program. We have simply targeted north/northeast Portland. That somewhat is aligned with the north/northeast strategy as well in support of that. However, it is a citywide program. Danny along with the program assistant will be doing outreach and we are definitely going to east Portland for that outreach. So, it's citywide. We justice focused on target -- we just focused on targeting that area because of the units built before 1941.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Commissioner ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, mayor. Thank you, dana shepard. That was a great report. It was succinct and it made me want to ask some questions. You stated that there were high lead levels for a child. Then so my curiosity is will there be follow-up tests after we do the good work like a year or two later to see that the lead levels go down from the same person? I want to know what the

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follow-up data is like.

Shephard: That is a great question. Danny, do you happen to have the answer to that?

Kelley: I think the county has the lead program so they keep track of all of that. I think they do continual testing and the follow-up with the homeowners. That particular case had two kids at the same house. So i think they are, you know, pretty on it and following up with those people.

Shephard: They do make sure that that is the case. We'll make sure what the county's protocols are to follow up on that.

Ryan: Please. It would be great to see the impact of the result and the only way to know that is to get a follow-up test. Thank you.

Shephard: Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues, any further questions on this item? Keelan, is there any public testimony?

Clerk: No one signed up.

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

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: This is good work. Thank you. Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Great work. The ordinance is adopted.

Shephard: Thank you very much.

Kelley: Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, both. Next up we go to the second time certain item 907, please.

Clerk: Assess benefited properties for park improvements in the Portland open space sequence local improvement district.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz?

Fritz: Thank you, mayor. The Portland open space sequence restoration project represents the culmination of many years of determined efforts toward the public-private partnership to restore a renowned series of the public spaces designed by lawrence halprin landscape

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conservancy. That is vital. The Halprin Landscape Conservancy, having been active over the past 19 years and increasing awareness of the sequence as an important city and national cultural resource was uniquely positioned to garner support of the district property owners to form a local improvement district. The conservancy continues the mission by providing long-term sequence and ongoing activation and the maintenance. I want to personally thank those who look after this amazing treasure in the city. In the good old days when I went down city hall I would get off the bus at the development services building and walk through the sequence as a really great start to my day. Thank you very much. I appreciate the work that has gone into it already and the work that will be done. I'm now introducing the director Adena Long.

Adena Long: Thank you, Commissioner Fritz. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Eudaly, Ryan, and Hardesty. This project was unique in that it was the first time a local improvement district has been used for capital improvements to existing parks. On behalf of the parks bureau, I would like to sincerely thank the Halprin Landscape Conservancy, the City L.I.D. Program and the property owners who participated. This demonstration of the civic pride and working together is key to carrying in to the future the parks and the recreation system that Portlanders expect and deserve. Significant improvements were made through the combination of the local improvement district funding and the city funding to extend the lives of the historic parks and fountains. Our staff are here to show you some of the improvements made through this project. Now, I'd like to introduce Andrew Abbey, the City L.I.D. Administrator.

Andrew Aebi: Good morning, councilmembers. I'm Andrew Abbey, the city's local improvement district administrator and I'm pleased to announce to council we did not receive any objection to the final assessment of the Portland Open Space Sequence L.I.D. I will turn it over to my Portland Parks and Recreation colleagues. Sandra will have a presentation for you. Thank you.

Sandra Burtzos: Hello. Nice to see everyone this morning. This is Sandra Burtzos with Parks. Can you see my screen?

Wheeler: Not yet. Wait. Now we can. There we go.

Burtzos: Okay. Okay. Good, it's working. So, a little bit of history on the Portland Open Space Sequence. Over 50 years ago the Portland Development Commission redeveloped a 55-block area of the city as the first large urban renewal district. In what would become a tradition of making public space a part of Portland's urban fabric, P.D.C. set aside three full blocks and a series of adjoining streets for the parks and garden line pedestrian walks. To design the parks

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and walks p.d.c. Hired one of the most visionary landscape architecture firms of the 20th century. Halprin landscape conservancy and associates. From right to left on the screen, the source fountain, lovejoy fountain park, pettygrove park, and the keller fountain park and the adjacent pedestrian mall in the lighter green collectively called the Portland open space sequence changed the history of american urban space. Pioneers a pass from the passive park and squares to the more dynamic emerging of parks and art. The intention of the Portland open space sequence restoration project to make critical improvements to the four park infrastructure, restore key elements to the original design intent, enhance the night time safety and security, enhance site accessibility, install energy efficient electrical systems and improve site drainage and plumbing. I'm going to quickly go through the before and the after images to try to give you a sense of some of the improvements the project accomplished. Keep in mind there is a lot of underground storm drain and electrical work not visible on the surface. This is the source fountain plaza. Custom slot trench drain grates were replaced. Now we are at the lovejoy fountain park. Significant pavement restoration and tree replanting. A.d.a. Barriers and the trip hazards created by the heaved and broken pavements caused by the tree root repaired throughout. Total of 600 linear feet so that is the length of three city blocks of the halprin trench grates replaced in the lovejoy fountain park and the source fountain plaza. In addition to very sizable fountain fill pipe repaired by the park staff prior to the l.i.d. Project construction, the leak repair shown in these photos along with the fountain concrete joint ceiling accomplished by the l.i.d. Project should result in a significant reduction of water use in the future. Removal of the biological growth that can impact concrete integrity over time. Now we are at pettygrove park. There are a number of custom designed features in the historic halprin park. The linear drain on lovejoy fountain park and the 16 drains at pettygrove park are the examples that required creative solution to meet the a.d.a., drainage and the maintenance requirements and preserving the original aesthetic design intent. Drainage and the pavement restoration at pettygrove. Clog and broken storm line caused flooding in the pedestrian mall by pettygrove at a highly used entrance to an adjacent property. The images are just one example that tree roots were found to be a common cause of pettygrove and lovejoy of the blocked storm pipes and cracked and heaved pavement. Now we are at ira keller fountain park. This shows the biological growth removal, concrete resorption, new -- restoration, new stairway lighten and new a.d.a. Handrails. Biological growth removal and the restored simple ground plain planting similar to the original design. There were numerous structural repairs made at keller where there were deep fissures and electrical conduit and rebar. The original fountain sight lighting was a magnificent display.

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Before the I.i.d. Project there were not many working light fixtures. Making for a fairly dark and the unsafe visitor experience. New energy efficient I.e.d. Fountain and park lighting re-established the nighttime splendor. These are a couple of fun before and after. On the left is a 1970 photo of ira keller and designer angela who worked for lawrence halprin at the time and turned the conceptual vision for keller fountain to reality. On the right side are the photos from the 2019 fabulous big splash celebration orchestrated by the halprin landscape conservancy at project completion. Angela shown receiving flowers from bob nato was glowing as she sees how it's delighted the visitors from the 49 to the last 50 years. Also shown is ribbon-cutting ceremony that featured the halprin landscape conservancy executive director karen whitman, the conservancy's chair bob nato, late commissioner fish, parks director long and a couple of the park rangers. I want to personally thank the halprin landscape conservancy and all the I.i.d. Participants for helping to restore the internationally renowned public open spaces. This has been an unforgettable honor to work on the project. Now i'll turn it back over to andrew abbey. Thank you.

Aebi: Good morning again, councilmembers. Andrew abbey for the record. I wanted to thank commissioner fritz for having the opportunity to work with Portland parks and recreation on this local improvement district. Commissioner fritz, this is the last I.i.d.ally be bringing to you in your long tenure on the city council. It's been a privilege to work on this I.i.d. Not only with you but also with halprin landscape conservancy. And the park staff. I want to now introduce bob nato of the halprin landscape conservancy for our invited testimony this morning. He has been a board member for over a decade, serving as the president and currently serving as the board chair. The nato name is and always has been connected to the needs and the opportunities in Portland. Southwest nato parkway named after his father. Also the few dividing line between the southwest and south Portland. And south Portland was created on may 1 of this year. Bob's leadership with the restoration project is note-worthy. And he is leading adopt a park program to launch in early 2021. These projects are a testament to the well-known phrase that appears on skidmore fountain. "good citizens are the riches of a city." bob?

Wheeler: Before you turn it over to bob, commissioner ryan has his hand raised.

Ryan: I'm sorry. That was from the last presentation.

Wheeler: I'm sorry. Mr. Nato, welcome.

Bob Naito: Mayor wheeler and commissioners, on behalf of the landscape conservancy and all the property owners who joined this voluntary I.i.d., i want to thank you for being the steadfast partners for over the last six years as we completed the \$4 million capital improvement project.

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When the restoration planning began over a dozen years ago it was the dream of a handful of landscape architects who were the founders of the landscape conservancy. Some one who needs to be recognized, really is John Russell who has been an advocate for the fountain district and the park system for many, many years. And has been a financial backer of the conservancy from day one. The work began in earnest in 2014. When armed with a capital improvement plan we started knocking on every neighborhood door and shaking every money tree to find the funding to do the restoration. It really was Commissioner Nick Fish who came up with the idea of getting a voluntary I.I.D. Organized to pay for the project. Really, I think it was fitting that he was at that commemoration ceremony with Angela Dejanovic who between Angela, who designed the park 50 years ago and Nick, who preserved it for another 50 years or more, I think it was a great event. Anyway, this was a real public-private partnership because the city stepped up and funded about half of the \$4 million cost. In the end, when we reopened the doors we also saw a future for the landscape conservancy to assure that the parks were once again populated because they are clean, safe, and welcoming. With all of the new contacts and supporters that we have gathered over six years, we have now expanded our scope and you will hear more about our adopt a park program which shares the maintenance and cleaning with the park bureau personnel which we hope to launch in 2021. Just as Halprin himself thought of the design as choreographed activity through the outdoor spaces, we are now reimagining the parks and performance stages for cultural activities all representing our diverse civic life in Portland. So look for our new park programming in the coming years. Last, I want to thank my fellow directors past and current who volunteered their time and money to this project. We have a short video. Last month, the Oregon A.I.A. Awarded the A.I.A. Fellows 2020 award to Halprin landscape conservancy. They produced this video which I want to share with you. And the council. [music]

Video Speaker: This is Portland's first urban renewal district from the '60s. It's a project of the Portland development commission. Ira Keller and a group of basically Portland businesspeople that collaborated with a couple international architects.

Video Speaker: The Portland open space sequence is the story of the public plaza and open space that redesigned the American city and set a bold new precedent for the urban landscape architecture.

Video Speaker: Out of these 880 city -- 80 city blocks cleared for urban renewal they built a series of apartment buildings and office buildings. And they created a sequence of parks and fountains starting up at the south end and coming all the way down to where we are standing.

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Video Speaker: We are standing in the keller fountain at this particular point. This was the third park that was part of the halprin sequence.

Video Speaker: At a time in late '50s and early '60s there was an enormous exodus from the downtown area. Portland put its case forward and was awarded \$12 million in housing fund to be able to reinvest back in the city and reinvest in the downtown. The foresight of the visionary, the civic visionaries at the time was to bring their own landscape architect at a time renowned from san francisco area, halprin and associates to develop their own unique vision of bringing nature back in to the city. So the sequence became actually the soul and the heart of the city.

Video Speaker: This was meant to be a place of activity, of bringing people together, of being a focus of community life.

Video Speaker: The idea was that spaces shouldn't be looked at. They should be interacted, they should be played and celebrated, both come templated and exuberant and vibrant. And knowing that the city should be the stage for the celebration, for the healing for everyone.

Video Speaker: It was very evident on the opening day. This place was lined with people. Old, middle age and kids. This is where mr. Halprin said we're all in together and jumped in to the water with his shoes on. Then everybody else jumped in at the same time. It was a new beginning and a new definition of what open space in Portland -- space in Portland is to be.

Video Speaker: Architects come from around the world to see halprin's work here. This is where some of his best work was done.

Video Speaker: The property owners surrounding the sequence should be credited for the idea that this was a front yard. So, when they come out to have a lunch or to enjoy it in the morning or the evening at home, they also notice over the years that the city has turned its back on to the assets.

Video Speaker: So they formed the landscape conservancy with three things in mind. One was to try to protect the architectural integrity of halprin's original design and concept. Secondly to try to enhance it encouraging the property owners around it to take care of their property. I think finally to try to create events and activities in the sequence that would bring the rest of Portland.

Video Speaker: It wasn't just about fixing the physical assets of it. But what was missing of it was activity. Seeing people here. With lack of people there is also not vibrancy.

Video Speaker: What we did is brought property owners who are adjacent to the parks and sequence together to voluntarily tax themselves to pay for the work to fix the parks.

Video Speaker: This was the spawning ground of the birthplace of the public-private

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partnership. That now has continued to evolve as we are going further and further in to the building our city.

Video Speaker: We, the people, are the ones that own our parks. We, the people, are the ones that should be able to maintain that park and kind of govern its operation. That then allows us then to have an equitable program, to bring people in, give opportunities for many people to use the open space.

Video Speaker: So after we finished the renovation, i think the question that everybody had was how do we keep the parks from 50 years from now needing to do it all over again? One thing that we are committed to is a project we call "adopt a park" -- "adopt a park" to take better care of the parks than they would be able to do.

Video Speaker: We want to have the long history of Portland, too, that is celebrated internationally and also held in close regard and in our hearts in Portland.

Video Speaker: For me this is a place to come for inspiration. This is a place that honors design. What you can impact as far as design. It isn't just for today, tomorrow. It's for many generations to come. [music]

Aebi: Thank you very much, bob, for sharing the video with us. I want to echo bob's comments about the late commissioner fish. It was his idea to put the local improvement district together. For every dollar that the city general fund contributed the l.i.d. Was able to double the contribution and make exponentially better impact on the halprin sequence. It's a privilege to work on this local improvement district with the park and recreation and a distinct privilege to be at the ribbon-cutting last year. I know commissioner fish was in a lot of pain at the ribbon-cutting but he had a big wide smile on his tais when the fountains were turned on and all the work had been completed. That concludes the presentation and invited testimony. We are turning it over to anyone who may have signed up to testify on this item. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Andrew, thank you, bob. Thank you, everybody, for your incredible work on this and thank you for remembering our late, great friend commissioner nick fish. He would have been proud to see this. Commissioner fritz?

Fritz: Thank you, everybody. What a great presentation. What a great project. Thank you, bob, for being here and for your leadership on this. Thank you, sandra, and andrew, for yours on the city's side. This is fitting i think, andrew, the last l.i.d. That you are bringing while i'm on the council is a beautiful one. Not that i don't think sidewalks in neighborhoods are beautiful as well but this one, when i first heard about this project, i was questioning the investment of the city money in an area that many people would consider affluent. It was brought to my attention that

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this is an area where people of color and people from the low-income community to come and create and play in the fountains and enjoy the beautiful art. It definitely is the folks who are part of the I.i.d., and who were able to contribute to the funding have done a great thing. Philanthropic thing for the city. I thank you all. I was really happy to be part of this. I also remember that when we adopted the I.i.d., there was one adjacent property that decided they didn't want to be in the voluntary I.i.d. We said no, actually, you are going to, your property will benefit and you need to be in it. I think it was the right decision. I'm glad to hear no renounces at the end of the project. Great to work with commissioner fish. And great to work with greg who extolled the benefits for me and is now the leader of the Portland park foundation and will do many things with the adopt a park program. So thank you for everybody. I'm happy to have this completed.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner fritz. Keelan, has anybody signed up to testify on this issue?

Clerk: No one has signed up, mayor.

Wheeler: Very good. I want to thank you all for this. This is the first reading of a nonemergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. I want to thank all of the people in this community who helped make this vision a reality. This is fantastic work. Bob, one thing that came to mind when you were giving your presentation is how the private sector really led on this. The public sector was a willing and a capable partner, but the inspiration for this originally as now came from the private sector partners. Your work and the work of your board. You mentioned john russell. I know he has been a stalwart and a consistent advocate for this part of the city and the halprin sequence in particular. I recognize that none of this would be before us today but for the fact that there are people in this community who live and work and recreate in the community who bring the ideas to the fore and make them happen. And i hope the good work you have done here in this part of the city inspires other leaders and other private sector partners throughout the city to see the value and the leverage that they can bring to the table to get things done on behalf of all of us. I just want to thank you for your incredible leadership. I really appreciate the historical perspective that is being brought to the presentation today. That is extremely informative to me and it gives us a baseline to bring us up to date on the current understanding of why this particular sequence is important. Not only to the city of Portland, but i love the fact that it also put a national spotlight on Portland in terms of the new innovative thinking to keep the downtown area vibrant. I don't think it takes too much of a genius to draw the line from that history to today's situation in urban america and Portland in particular. Once again, the need for renaissance and the need to focus and think creatively and innovatively and

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in partnership with the private sector about how we keep our urban areas vibrant and viable for years to come. This is a very, i thought an excellent and timely presentation. I appreciate it.

Commissioner ryan, i believe you have your hand raised. Is that correct?

Ryan: It is. It is, mayor. Thank you. I meant to jump in earlier. You said many things i would agree with. I just want to add a couple of statements. Some is just reflecting back on my childhood. And being a kid that really loved downtown for some reason. I remember when the fountains went in and i was cringing hoping i wouldn't see a picture of scrawny little me in the photographs. I didn't. I just want to acknowledge how big the private investment was and how important the partnerships are. It was over \$2 million raised from the private sector. I know that took a lot of work. I want to shout out to my colleague of mine that i have learned a lot from in life, karen whitman who i know is very involved in the project. I know when ms. Whitman gets involved in something it usually get to the finish line. So, i'm not surprised. I would want to add to the mayor's comments how timely it is for to us have a story like this being told. I would say in my lifetime at a similar place in terms of what i experience as a little kid in the '70s. We have to get people downtown to experience joy again. There is nothing like this architecture that will go well beyond my lifetime. You made a really good testimony today on how important it is for to us project this. And to covet it as go forward. I'm thrilled with the project. It's very timely. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner ryan. Director long, i had another question about this. All the photos and some of the original intent and the historical video that we saw indicated that this was designed intentionally as an active space. It wasn't just supposed to be something to look at and stand to the side and be in awe of the great architecture. It was actually intended to be used. It was intended to be walked on, performed on, climbed. I mean there was climbing ladder at one point in one of the photographs in the fountain. People were encouraged to wade and swim in it. One of the things that changed over 50 years is we have many, many more attorneys and more liability requirements. Is there any intentionality going forward to make the fountains more accessible to people who want to wade in them? Where are we with that? On a hot day, let's be honest. We don't have any swimming pools in this city. They are hard to fund. We learned that in the last budget cycles. Are there parts of the fountains where it's okay for people to swim or is there something we need to do to encourage people to wade in them? What is the current thinking? You may not have an answer today. Maybe i'll put it out there as a rhetorical question. Director long may have already left us. All right. I'll put it out there as a rhetorical question. It occurs to me the more ways people can use and enjoy the assets of the

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city, the more people we have advocating for and wanting to support the assets. That is my random thought for the day. Commissioner fritz, thank you for saving me.

Fritz: No, i personally am having internet connectivity challenges so maybe it's what happened for director long. I would say that we have the signs saying -- i don't know what exactly they say but it's basically wade at your own risk. We don't have the rangers enforcing that. As you say, we are trying to get the balance between yes, they were intended to be active places. Minimizing the city's risk. I'm sure that that is something we will continue to discuss moving forward.

Wheeler: Awesome. Thank you, commissioner fritz. I appreciate that. All right. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance and it moves to second reading. Thank you, everyone. That leaves us with believe it or not only one other item. That is item 915.

Clerk: Adopt citywide disability equity goals to guide city policies, plans, and procedures.

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz?

Fritz: Thank you, mayor. Colleagues, i am super excited to be bringing this item to you today. As you all know the city's equity program has focused on race, and also a second focus on disability. Because we recognize thanks to the disability communities back in 2011 that focusing on the race doesn't necessarily take care of some of the accommodations that are needed for people of color, everyone though people of color are disproportionately affected by disabilities. And again, when you take care of the folks who need accommodations, that it gets better for everyone. As i mentioned in a previous item. So we adopted citywide racial equity goals in 2015. And so it has taken more time to get to the citywide disability goals. I'm very glad that the staff has worked on it so hard to get it done before i leave. With that, i will turn it over to nicole.

Nickole Cheron: Thank you, commissioner. Good morning. I'm nickole cheron, the a.d.a. Title two and the disabilities equity manager for the city. I want to recognize today i am presenting to some of you for the last time. I want to thank you for your service to this city. I also want to recognize that i'm presenting to you, commissioner ryan, for the first time. And so hello. We are here today to ask the council to commit not just the office of equity but the entire city to do better in its service to people with disabilities. To move beyond basic compliance, a.d.a. To something more robust through disability equity goals. In 2015, this council adopted racial equity goals. So since that time we have seen a shift of the way we do business of the city by making sure bpot communities are a priority. In 2020, there are more people working in the city that represent the diversity of the city by race and ethnicity than before. There have been tremendous policies out of water, housing and contracting that serve to change the diverse impacts that the bpot communities experienced in Portland. Much of the push to establish racial

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equity goals came out of the Portland comprehensive plans, along with the community driven plans. The state of black Portland and that included the people's plan. The Portland plans that had members of disabilities at the table they include disability equity goals. Yet we have yet to establish citywide accountability practices. To allow us to see how we are doing with the goals. We just don't have the data. Historically the disability data is limited. The census bureau only collects data on the disability through the american community survey. And that only started in 1999. It selects through the survey of the income and program participation and that began in 2014. If any of you have taken the recent census, you know that there is no question around disability. So part of the reason we are really excited about moving this forward now is that our partners over in civic life begun planning a detailed data collection process that will give us the baseline disparities that we can use for the future evaluation and accountability. This survey will allow us to see the actual number of how far we have been able to move the needle on disability equity. There is another reason we are asking you to support the resolution today. In covid-19 virus response you were presented with an equity tool that served as a framework for the response. I'm not sure if it would have happened if racial equity goals were not passed in 2015. The plan opening line is the city of Portland adopted equity commitment through the citywide racial equity goals and strategies in 2015. So my colead anandale tori and i were in the a.c.c. And we managed to get a few elements in the equity tool around the aging and disability. But i think had we not been there, it probably wouldn't have made it in. This kind of highlights what the problem with the disability equity of the city is. It is not so many of the folks that work here have a lot of the able-body privilege. So it's not that people don't care about disability. It's just that it is often forgotten or it's an afterthought. The problem with that around covid-19 is that it disproportionately impacts people of color, those living with disability, along with other intersections of disability. Especially people living with autoimmune conditions and those over the age of 60. This is a situation where we are not just talking about service delivery. We are talking about people's lives. So, today we are asking you to commit to citywide goals and values. We will over the next year be back here with the rules for key areas including a lot that fall under a.d.a. Title ii. We will come back with the strategies developed with the community at the table which has been difficult through the pandemic. We know that the community has wanted this for a long time. We actually began a process in 2016 with the Portland commission on disability. Unfortunately, there was not a lot of bandwidth from members and frankly some disagreement between members. As covid-19 continues, we have been focused more on getting people's basic needs met. It's kind of impossible to have community participation around civic concerns

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when people are really just trying to access adequate healthcare and/or pay rent. So here is the truth. Covid isn't going away any time soon. Making this commitment to disability equity now really helps us who are doing the work push for more inclusivity around covid response and everything else we do at the city. I'm going to hand it over to jonathan simeone now who has been an instrumental part helping us move the work. Not just because he is knowledgeable and skilled, he brings to us the lived experience of being blind. And having a staff member at the city who is blind has unveiled so many ways that we are actually failing to get -- failing to get information and even just general digital access, accessibility for people with disabilities.

Jonathan?

Jonathan Simeone: Good morning, everyone. My name is jonathan simeone. I am the citywide a.d.a. Title ii policy coordinator. And i work in the office of equity and human rights. I am going to share my screen so just give me a moment. Can you see that?

Wheeler: Yeah. It looks good.

Simeone: Okay. Great. Thank you. So the purpose of this slide is simply to demonstrate the number of folks who identify as having a disability in the tri-county area, multnomah, clackamas, and washington counties. It's roughly 19.6%. The data on this slide and the following two slides was generously shared by the p.s.u. Institute on aging and will come to council in a report in 2021. The data is not meant to show causality. But it is meant to show the relationship between disability, education, earnings, poverty and education. Here we have education. It shows the things i want to highlight are that roughly 56% if you add the numbers together of the people with disabilities have a high school degree or less. Only 7.2% of people with disabilities in our area have a bachelor's degree or greater. This slide demonstrates earnings. Here we can see that 12.6% of people with disabilities in our area have earned less than \$5,000. And only 3.2% have earned \$75,000 or more. This slide shows poverty level. What i want to highlight here is that 27.7% of people with disabilities live at or below the federal poverty level. Now we are getting in to the goals that are created by the resolution we have before us today. The first goal will be that all activities, programs and services offered by Portland will provide for equitable outcomes and opportunities in accordance with the americans with disabilities act. Our second goal addresses the fairness in hiring and promotions of people with disabilities within the government of Portland. And is also in accordance with the model employer resolution passed by the city in 2012. Our final goal of the resolution is designed to create fairness in contracting in the opportunity of contracting for people with disabilities who want to do business with the city. These goals have been designed to very much mirror the racial equity goals that council

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adopted in 2015. With the obvious difference that the first goal addresses a.d.a. Title ii access, which was not part of the racial equity goals. This slide talks about some of the things that may be brought to council or produced by the office of equity and human rights to further implement the goals that we are talking about here today. Some of the things that could be worked on include the development of an accessible information and communication technology policy, which would develop citywide standards for the determining what constitutes accessible digital content, accessible software, hardware, and the like. Another one would be to establish how the city will fulfill its effective communication requirement under the a.d.a., which would, which means communication with someone with a disability must be as effective as is communication with someone without disability. We may also work on developing policies and procedures around how the city will grant reasonable accommodations and how the city will modify its practices, programs and procedures to ensure the full integration of people with disabilities in Portland's activities, programs and services. At this point, i'm going to turn the presentation over to my colleague anna e. Kee intan from the bureau of human resources.

Anais Keenon: Thank you, jonathan. I really appreciate that you will be helping me with the slides moving forward. Good morning. I'm anais keenon as jonathan said and i'm the city's disabilities resources and employment specialist. I very much the opportunity to support this resolution; particularly, the citywide disability equity goal of fairness in hiring and promotion. To begin i would like to briefly share that as of yesterday november 17, there are currently 337 employees who have self-identify as having a disability. About 4.5% of the city's workforce. To fully understand where we are today, it's important to look at historical context. In 2012, the city passed a model employer resolution to a commitment to become a model employer for people with disability. This is followed by the model of the strategic plan in 2016 stated b.h.r. Would lead the city's effort to become more inclusive and accessible employer with support from the office of equity, human rights, the office of the community of civic life as well as the other stakeholders. Next slide, please. So all of this led to the creation of the disability employment program in spring 2018. In the last three years or so, b.h.r. Implemented several of the goals stated in the strategic plan. For example we dramatically improved the accuracy of the employee disability data through the citywide survey in the summer of 2019, followed by improved data captured in the on boarding process for a new employee. So it is important to know when we began the survey only 1.7% of our workforce formally self-identified as being disabled. After the survey, the percentage more than doubled up to 3.9% of workforce. Again,

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today, we 4.5%. Also with interest at the time of the survey last summer, 5.6% managers and supervisors self-identified as having a disability. Next slide, please. Aside from the survey, b.h.r. Has developed essential reasonable employment accommodation system. Not just for the employees with disabilities but also for the employees who are pregnant or observe religious practices. As part of this work, we launched the city's first poll sill on reasonable employment accommodation, created essential sign to support the disability accommodation and provide intensive accommodation training to the h.r. Business partners and the other city staff. Since april of 2019, b.h.r. Successfully processed over 100 accommodation requests from employees. In addition, a new program called access to work will address the strategic plan recommendation to support innovative inclusion of people with developmental disability. Access to work is designed to provide equity entry-level employment opportunity for the people with disabilities who benefit from longer learning and training period. This is due to launch in summer 2021. Finally through b.h.r. The city offers a project internship program for people with intellectual and/or development disability. Our third program is due to begin in fall 2021. So, b.h.r. And i are really excited to continue expanding the city disability employment program. We have been able to accomplish a lot in three goals. Equity goals related to hiring and promotion will continue to uplift our efforts in partnering and collaborating with all city bureau to support fair and equitable hiring and the employee experiences for people with disabilities. Particularly, for those who have multiple or intersectional identity, such as, black, indigenous, people with color or lbgtq. Thank you again for your time.

*****: Now we will hear from joanne johnson in the bureau of community and civic life.

Joanne Johnson: Good morning, honorable mayor and commissioners. First i would like to thank you for making time for this resolution. Amidst the chaos we are all experiencing. I know you are dealing with a lot right now. It means a lot to me that we are taking time to talk about disability andic witty for disabled Portlanders. Over the last four years the disability program in civic life led efforts to support accessible engagement for disabled Portlanders. In 2017 and 2018 we developed and facilitated two p.d.x. Leadership cohorts. The multicultural cross-racial inter-generational cohorts were opportunities for Portlanders to learn how to better engage government and activate for change. We have spear-headed a partnership between Portland state university and real choice initiative for the soon-to-launch disability equity and engagement study. As nickole shared the baseline demographic and the equity data is sorely needed for the Portland disability communities. We are looking forward to identifying the ways in which the city can eliminate barriers to full and meaningful engagement in the city of Portland

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practices. Just this week we have closed out applications for the disability programs, disability leadership sponsorship and the grant opportunity. Where we identify disability communities living at the intersections of race, immigration status, and more as a program priority. Finally the disability program alongside civic life mental health, public involvement best practices and advisory boards and commissions program has been part of co-designing and implementing adapt the impact. This collaborative effort aims to transform citywide engagement practices to be more effective, accessible and antiracist. It centers meaningful relationships with under engaged communities. Including Portland's bipoc and disability communities and especially disabled people as a measure of success. I share the efforts with you to demonstrate the many creative ways in which the city continues to push for the meaningful access and eck it with it for the disability -- equity for the disability community. We have hosted cohorts to teach people how to get needs met by the city. We resource organizations to build capacity. We have committed to studying and reporting on the gap in equity and access and we have developed an internal collaborative to support our bureau colleagues and accessible anti-ableist, antiracist community engagement. I haven't even mentioned aging disability project immense efforts over the last eight months to support effective communication and get protective supplies and other resources to the possibility disability communities amidst the covid-19 pandemic. White supremacy manifests in many ways including the systemic ableism. This lack of access is most harmful to disable people experiencing oppression because of the race, immigration status, housing status, sexual orientation and gender identity, income and more. While one resolution cannot resolve the complexity of institutionalized ableism, it is a start. More important is the institutional commitment that the resolution represents. Your commitment today passing the resolution will be yet another tool that we can use to advance our city values of antiracism, equity, communication, collaboration, transparency and fiscal responsibility. Your commitment to this resolution could be a small step toward justice. I would like to turn it back over to nickole cheron for closing remarks.

Cheron: Thank you. I don't actually have closing remarks. I guess it will turn it back to you councilmembers to see if you have questions.

Wheeler: Very good. Colleagues at this point does anybody have any questions that they would like to raise? Keelan, do we have folks signed up for public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one has signed up.

Wheeler: All right. This is resolution. Commissioner ryan just jumped in right here. Commissioner ryan?

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Ryan: Yeah. Thanks. I want to get my voice in here to say how much i appreciated this report. I want to personally justice acknowledge nickole's service to the city. I actually remember you. You probably don't remember me. I worked at Portland state. You had quite an impact on president bernstein's office and you continue to have an impact with the city. I don't know where you are going but you will always be that person. Thank you for riveting report. I'm so happy to know we are behind this. Is that me? [phone ringing] no. I want to say doing equity work for a couple of decades it's obvious when you get down to the data that disparities when we look at the bipoc community connected to disability there is always another gap. This is such an important, it's important to call this out. I'm happy that you have baseline data. So, thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Very good. All right. This is a resolution. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Thanks, everyone, for that. It was a really excellent presentation. Excuse me. I mean as some of you know this is work that i have been urging the city to do for the four years that i have been on council. I'm really thrilled that we are doing this. But as the resident disability advocate sitting on the dais, i do want to point out that the a.d.a. Passed in 1990. It was 30 years ago. The office of equity and human rights was created by council in 2011. We passed this citywide racial equity goals in 2015. This is long overdue. I'm very grateful to everyone who worked on this. Including director smith. I am thrilled that we are finally giving the office of equity and human rights the power and the capacity that they need to do the work that i think most Portlanders expected the bureau to be doing in 2011-ish. Whenever it was officially established. Lack of accessibility and inclusion is a vicious cycle. People with disabilities voices are not heard. They are unique needs and challenges and they are never addressed. They experience ongoing barriers to participation leading to underrepresentation and lack of visibility which allows the general population to remain blissfully unaware of the fact that there are tens of thousands of people in our community that are not able to enjoy their full rights that the rest of us get to take for granted. I would like to note that while we do have 337 employees who have self-identified as having a disability, we know that number is much higher because of the prevalence of the invisibility disabilities, the stigma of identifying as disabled and the fear that your needs will not be understood or met and will compromise your professional standing. So, while 4.5% is significant and we are certainly obligated to serve those, better serve those employees, rest assured that that number is higher. Normal is a myth. I want to point out that we all require accommodations to access, enjoy and participate in civic and community life. For instance, if we were in chambers, most of us would need a chair. Nickole brings her own chair. We really need to

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change our mind set about accommodations. I look forward to the day when we stop thinking of the work it takes to include the full diversity of the community as requiring special accommodations. Really embrace universal design mindset. I am once again just really grateful for this work. I'm going to be tracking it because as i have learned the city of Portland has a lot of wonderful aspirations and passes all sorts of innovative initiatives. And there aren't always people around to hold us accountable for following through on that work. I'm very happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: Thank you for the eloquent and the powerful words and for your advocacy for people with disabilities for a very long time. And it haven't started before you were on the council and i know that you will continue ongoing as will i. I very much appreciate the expertise of the staff we have here today. Nickole cheron, the establishments of the first commission on disability was one of the first things i did when i got on to the council in 2009. It was entirely your work that i got to take credit for. So that was a good lesson in privilege that i have. As a commissioner and also as somebody who works with such amazing staff. Thank you for your long dedication to all of our communities in Portland. Jonathan someone you have done amazing work since you have been at the office of equity and human rights. [no audio]

Wheeler: Commissioner fritz, you may have muted.

Fritz: At what point in my ramble --

Wheeler: 30 seconds again.

Fritz: Good. I'll start again saying thank you to the amazing staff. If i said it before -- it was really weird. I'm having definite challenges today. Nickole, thank you for your long leadership at the city of Portland and your guidance to me. Right from the start as a new commissioner through the end of my term. Jonathan someone your additional expertise and experience and leadership at the office of equity and human rights has been instrumental to bring this project to fruition. We need you to continue to guide it. Commissioner eudaly mentioned we are finally giving resources to the issues. I will forewarn the council for 2021 there will be a request for additional resources. Because we need more experiments. -- we need more experts. One thing is the different differences, the same struggle. We need to have more people on city staff who are willing to engage on behalf of the communities that their lived experience connects with. Joanne johnson has done amazing work in office of civic life. Bureau of resources. This is an example of the staff in three different members of council's offices that are working together to provide a unified policy that has come before the city council. It is a policy that applies to all

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bureaus. So, it's the responsibility of the bureaus to meet the goals that are in the policy. For instance on the facilities that it is the responsibility of the bureau to figure out how to get the items on the transition plans done. I know that my colleagues will continue to work on that. Thank you, dr. Markisha smith. I know that you will continue to lead and guide the work. You have been instrumental to get the policy to council. As has claire adams on my stack and cynthia castro. We have been working together. The results are really, really good. So with the policy adopted now the hard work begins of implementing it, funding it and supporting it. I know that you will do that, colleagues. Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you again for the powerful presentation. I really appreciate each and every one of you that presented. I want to acknowledge both commissioner fritz and the partnership with commissioner eudaly. To make sure that this is front and center. As someone that has had hiv since the early '80s i had an experience, a deep experience one year of my life being with disability and needing disability services. It was a real eye-opener. I will never forget. I promise i will stay on this. I feel confident with dr. Smith overseeing this project. This work. And again, keep digging in to the data. Jonathan, i appreciated how you knitted together the education data with the earnings data. That is relevant all the time. Anyway, i vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: All of us are only temporarily able. It's important that we remember that if we are going to be an inclusive equitable city, that every single person in our community has value. It was an incredible presentation. Thank you, jonathan, nickole, and the other incredible speakers that presented today. I guess my only cautionary tale is we haven't moved the ball much on race yet. So even though we heard a lot of accolades about race, the reality is that we have a lot more work to do. To have, to be the city that we say we want to be. This moves the ball a little further. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I want to thank commissioner eudaly in particular for her comments. There is nothing i can add to what she said. Truly, heart-felt, meaningful and eloquent words. I appreciate that commissioner eudaly. I want to take a closer look at your rock collection at some point, too, by the way. It looks interesting. It's new! And i want to thank everybody who presented today. This is really solid work. Often times we don't get to acknowledge or really appreciate the hard work you are putting in to the programs until we actually see the final presentation at the end. This is just exceptional work. I had high expectations but you greatly exceeded them. I want to thank

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you for the time and energy. I look forward to seeing this come to fruition. Happy to vote aye. Resolution adopted. Colleagues, i am sorry to say there is one more item of business. I don't think it's a long item of business. It came to my attention that we missed an amendment. Technical amendment. On item number 914. That was the item related to the department of housing and urban development grant for lead-based paint remediation. I need to make a motion to reconsider to introduce the technical amendment and vote. So i move to reconsider item 914. Can i get a second?

*****: So moved.

*****: Second.

Wheeler: To i have a second from commissioner hardesty. Call the roll.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The item under reconsideration. Colleagues i would like to move to amend directive "a" to include reference to exhibits "a" and "e" as provided in the tuesday memo. Can i get a second?

*****: Second.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any questions on the amendment? Keelan, please call the roll on the amendment.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz in

Fritz: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

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Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted to the main motion as amended. Any further business or discussion? Seeing none, keelan, please call the roll on the ordinance as amended.

Clerk: Eudaly?

Eudaly: Aye.

Clerk: Fritz?

Fritz: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted as amended. Thank you, colleagues. Sorry for the oversight. That completes the business for this morning?

Clerk: Yes, it does, mayor.

Wheeler: All right. Thanks, everybody. Have a fantastic day. We'll talk soon. Y'all take care. We're adjourned. [meeting adjourned]

At 11:08 a.m., Council adjourned.