



CITY OF  
Portland, Oregon

Official  
Minutes

**January 6, 2021**

**Date and time**

January 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 10:38 a.m.

**Officers in attendance**

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

**Consent Agenda**

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

**Date and time**

January 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Council adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

**Officers in attendance**

Keelan McClymont, Clerk of the Council; Robert Taylor, 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, JANUARY 6, 2021**

**Disposition:**

THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.

**Motion to elect Commissioner Hardesty President of the Council:** Moved by Ryan and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

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**The deadline to sign up for the January 6, 2021 Council meetings is Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1 Request of Grady Preston II to address Council regarding police brutality (Communication)

**PLACED ON FILE**

2 Request of John Carter to address Council regarding City's response to Coronavirus (Communication)

**PLACED ON FILE**

**TIMES CERTAIN**

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3	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM</b> – Appoint Jessica Gittemeier to the Planning and Sustainability Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2022 (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 15 minutes requested</p> <p><b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p><b>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</b></p> <p><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p>		
4	<p>Reappoint Ernest Harris and Destiny Wright to the Noise Review Board for terms to expire February 1, 2024 (Report) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>CONFIRMED</b></p>
<p><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>		
*5	<p>Pay property damage claim of Marisa Canahl in the sum of \$5,116, resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190247</b></p>
*6	<p>Pay settlement of Colleen Kane property damage lawsuit in the sum of \$8,000 involving the Portland Water Bureau (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190248</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</b></p> <p><b>Bureau of Transportation</b></p>		
*7	<p>Authorize contract with the lowest responsible bidder for the 4M Bikeway Project (Ordinance) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190249</b></p>
*8	<p>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><b>190250</b></p>
9	<p>Amend Title 17 Public Improvements Code to align with changes to commercial zone names, creation of the Campus Institution zone, and application of new Transportation and Parking Demand Management Plan requirements (Second Reading Agenda 992; amend Code Sections 17.88.010 and 17.107.030) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190251</b></p>
<p><b>Commissioner Mingus Mapps</b></p> <p><b>Water Bureau</b></p>		

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<p>10 Authorize the Portland Water Bureau to execute a Collection Agreement with the United States Forest Service in the amount of \$215,000 to fund juvenile fish monitoring activities required by the Bull Run Water Supply Habitat Conservation Plan (Ordinance)</p>	<p><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGULAR AGENDA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mayor Ted Wheeler</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Office of Management and Finance</b></p>	
<p>*11 Amend price agreement with Hitachi Vantara LLC for staff technology hardware and services in the amount of \$1,875,000 and extend contract by three years (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 31001759) 15 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>190252</b></p>
<p>12 Authorize the Chief Human Resources Officer to enter an initial three-year period to provide benefit eligible employees access to fertility and family planning benefits for an amount not to exceed \$350,000 over the life of the initial contract (Second Reading Agenda 1013) (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>190253</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Prosper Portland</b></p>	
<p>13 Approve the Amended and Restated Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Plan 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness (Second Reading Agenda 985) (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>190254</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Carmen Rubio</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b></p>	
<p>*14 Amend contract with Raimore Construction, Inc. for additional compensation to add contract work for the construction of the Gateway Green Access Road, resulting in a total contract authorization of \$5,600,000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30007104) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>190255</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Commissioner Mingus Mapps</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bureau of Environmental Services</b></p>	
<p>15 Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the NW Portland Sanitary Sewer Extensions Project No. E11128, for an estimated amount of \$1,020,000 (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PASSED TO SECOND READING JANUARY 13, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</b></p>

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<p><b>16</b></p>	<p>Authorize a competitive solicitation and Price Agreements for Furnishing Sewer Improvements for Nonconforming Sewer Conversions, Project No. E08748, for a total amount of \$15 million (Second Reading Agenda 1007) (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>190256</b></p>
<p><b><u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, JANUARY 6, 2021</u></b></p> <p>THOSE PRESENT BY VIDEOCONFERENCE WERE: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding; Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.</p>		
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM</b> – Accept the City of Portland 2021 Federal Legislative and Regulatory Agenda (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 45 minutes requested for items 17-18 <b>Motion to strike “and My Brother’s Keeper” from page five of the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5) <b>Motion to accept the report as amended:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED AS AMENDED</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p>Accept the City of Portland 2021 State Legislative Agenda (Report introduced by Mayor Wheeler) <b>Motion to accept the report:</b> Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)</p>	<p><b>ACCEPTED</b></p>
<p><b>EXECUTIVE ORDER</b></p>		
<p><b>19</b></p>	<p>Reassign City departments, bureaus and liaison responsibilities as stated in Mayor Executive Order dated December 30, 2020 (Ordinance; Executive Order)</p>	<p><b>190246</b></p>
<p><b><u>THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, JANUARY 7, 2021</u></b></p> <p><b>DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WILL BE NO THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETING</b></p>		

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**Wheeler:** Morning session of the portland city council. Good morning. Keelan, can you please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Good morning. Rubio?

**Rubio:** Here.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Here?

**Clerk:** Hardesty? [no response] mapps?

**Mapps:** Here.

**Clerk:** Commissioner hardesty did you just join us?

**Hardesty:** Yes. Here.

**Wheeler:** Good morning, commissioner.

**Hardesty:** Good morning, mayor.

**Wheeler:** I would like to acknowledge and welcome our new commissioners to the dais.

Commissioner carmen rubio and commissioner mingus mapps. They have both been heavily engaged in city council activities for quite some time. They are well up to speed and ready to hit the ground running as we enter the new year. I also want to acknowledge this is an historic occasion. This is the most diverse city council in the history of portland, oregon. I could not be more thrilled with the city council that we have here today and i'm excited about the work we are all going to together in the future. Welcome to the council. I will now read all of the legalese. Under portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this meeting electronically. All members of the council are attending remotely by video teleconference. The city has made several avenues available for the public to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. The meeting is available for the public on the city's youtube channel, egov pdx, portlandoregon.gov/video and channel 30. The public can also provide written testimony to the

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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, the need to limit in-person contact and promote physical distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare, which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you as always for your patience, your flexibility and your understanding as we work together and manage what is a challenging circumstance. I will turn it over to the legal counsel to ask them to read the rules of order and decorum.

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

**Wheeler:** Thank you very much for that. As a reminder throughout the course of the meeting, if you would like a question or raise remarks, please raise your hand in the zoom chat function. I use the participant list. That seems to be easiest for me but other people use other ways as well. If you have any questions about that, just let me know. With that, our first official order of business in 2021 is to elect a new council president. It is commissioner hardesty's turn to do that. So i think you are all aware of this but the position rotates every six months. Commissioner hardesty is next in line to serve as the council president. That would be through june 30, 2021. Colleagues, i will accept a motion to elect commissioner hardesty council president.

**Ryan:** So moved.

**Wheeler:** Can i get a second?

**Rubio:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner ryan makes the motion and rubio seconds the motion. Any further

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discussion? Seeing none, keelan, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. Congratulations. Thank you. With that we'll proceed to the agenda. The first is communications. Keelan, item number 1.

### Item 1

**Clerk:** Request of grady preston ii to address council regarding police brutality.

**Wheeler:** Good morning.

**Grady Preston:** Good morning. Can you hear me?

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

**Preston:** Thank you. I'm grady preston ii, a homeowner in southeast portland. I'm honored to be speaking with the most diverse city council we have had. That is until we recall either of the two rich white dudes that lied or being investigated for breaking campaign finance laws to be re-elected. But i want to show you a quick few clips here. Those are just power point presentation i put together about police brutality on a specific evening. So, as we know, and has been said by "the mercury," incidents of police brutality skyrocketed in the last few quarters of 2020. Mayor ted wheeler instead of stopping this, reducing police activity, he continues to push forward the fascist idea that police control works. That is the whole reason people are protesting but nevertheless, more police will cause this problem to somehow go away. This takes place september 27, 2020, on the 125th night of the nightly protests. All the screen shots are taken from a single video that is 1: 42 long. I was not allowed to show. I have highlighted specific areas of importance in red and covered a few people's face for privacy. All right. So it starts off here with somewhat of a celebrity. Officer 67, who has been known to be also called portland police detective eric cammarer. Runs up to two pedestrians. Accosts them. Tells them to continue traveling the direction they are traveling and then pushes one of them. Then another officer to his right pulls a mace can. Officer 67 pushes this woman to the ground. Someone comes over to

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help him up. Here officer 67 again on the left pushes someone out of the way. Keeps shouting at him. Continues to escalate the violence here. Then another officer grabs something out of someone's hand. And the officer behind him blindly maces that officer in the back of the head. The officer continues to threaten people with mace. This officer then shoves someone. As hard as he can. Here we see people walking away after being maced, trying to get medical assistance. They look behind them. And all of a sudden they are rushed and shoved and attacked by the police. Here you can see someone with a club pushing someone very hard from behind. Shoving them down. There is the nightstick. They continue to push the people down the street. Shouting at them. You can see the officer on the right is attacking someone from behind. The one on the left is also pushing someone down. It's kind of hard to see. But you can see now the officer on the right is now not pushing someone but grabbing them and pulling them backwards, not allowing them to leave. Same with the officer in the second and the --

**Clerk:** Grady, that is three minutes.

**Preston:** All right. That is how the night goes. They continue to push people around. This guy gets his backpack ripped off and this woman is shoved to the ground. All of this happens in a minute and 47 seconds. So, that is what i wanted to show you.

**Wheeler:** Grady, thank you for your perspective. Just so you know, this is under investigation through the process that currently exists. This council has taken steps to actually enhance and improve the way investigations are conducted and i want to thank the people of the city for voting for the ballot measure that was referred in november by this city council. So one of my hopes for 2021 is that on one hand we hold the police accountable. On the other hand we all agree that we want the same things. We want racial justice. We want equity. We want common sense police reform. We don't want violence. Let's try to make 2021 the year we are not all just pointing fingers at other people. But let's look at our own actions and how we can work together as a community to restore confidence in the safety of everybody in this community. I would look forward to your participation in that as well. Thank you for sharing your thoughts today. Next item is item number 2. Mr. John carter. Welcome back, sir.

## **Item 2**

**Clerk:** Request of john carter to address council regarding city's response to coronavirus.

**John Carter:** Good morning.

**Wheeler:** Are you there? There you are.

**Carter:** Can you hear me?

**Wheeler:** Yes. Good morning.

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**Carter:** Good morning, mayor and commissioners and congratulation to commissioner rubio and mapps on joining the squad. I would like to take a motion to speak on the coronavirus economic response. Community institutions closing left and right and this is a trend happening for many years. Now just super charged. This has turned the city to speculative casino for financier. The hyper low interest rates and it will be amplified severely. This is no regard for the institution or the local culture that hides through the guide of market economics. The irony this being portland's economy is dependent on the localism and being unique and special so people want to visit. Given the economic devastation of covid, here are ideas to right the ship and get the city moving with a bottoms up approach. Number one tax abatement only for the developers with a community vision based in the localism and the local prosperity. In other words, developers who give a damn about portland beyond profit. We need to scrutinize more who builds in the city. Block off selective streets for the car traffic downtown. Allow local vendors to pop up, give people the space without charge. Downtown is desperate so this would be a cost-free way for the city to incentivize people to come on down. Three, vacancy tax on the corporate developers for housing and commercial properties so they don't hold on to something as a speculative asset. Small property owners would be exempt. Four, retrofit one of the public golf courses for a massive public works housing project. Tiny homes in a grade -- tiny homes and tiny businesses interspersed throughout. Productive stimulus and more housing. Win-win. Five, publicly funded municipal bank so locals have easier access to capital. Six, mural program for artists. The city pay artist and provides supply to beautify the city through art and overtake philadelphia as the mural capital of america. Ask them how good being a mural destination is for the local economy. Seven, establishment of a community small business resource center managed by the city so people of all kinds can have access to resource and connections. Eight, for low-income populations figure out how to make the portland community college free and training for trades. So in other words practical skill-building programs would be free to get people empowered with new skills and off to work. Also, mayor wheeler, last time i was here i spoke with you about the ukulele and the power of the music to connect empathetically with the constituents and iish to speak further on the creative policy ideas. You said if i forwarded my contact information to the council clerk, which i did, you would followup but you haven't yet. So this is a fair and a friendly reminder. Thank you for your time everyone.

**Wheeler:** John, i freely admit i dropped the ball on that. Keelan, can you make sure that you forward that contact information to me and i will give you my word, john, i will reach out to you. I apologize for that. I did make that commitment and i will call you.

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**Carter:** I remember these things.

**Wheeler:** As well you should. I appreciate it. I'm not as young as i used to be and unfortunately i'm starting to act like it sometimes. I look forward to that. Moreover, i want to tell you, this is an excellent list. The festival streets have been very, very successful in covid as well as the work that pbot did around the sidewalk access. The vacancy tax remains under review. Repurposing public facilities for the purpose of low-cost housing or supporting folks who were on the streets is actively under discussion right now. The mural program is something that we are highly engaged in with non-profit partners who are really excited about this. I'm excited about it. I think it's a great idea. There are certain areas for example that i think could benefit from the telling of our story as a community through the art, through murals. Portlanders love their murals. So i strongly support your thinking on that. The small business resource center is already something that is being contemplated by my office. We, of course, have our prosper portland but it tends to deal with the bigger development issues. We haven't really put the small business front and center in the way that small business throughout the business district and retail areas deserve to be centered. I am very supportive of that idea as well. Last but not least, i have long been a proponent of easy or free access to education and job training. All the issues we discuss here at the council around safety, around homelessness and livability, around equity and diversity. All of these issues have a nexus of the shared economic prosperity. The key is education and job training. And connecting people to the communities that are here. So, i just want to say i really glad you are item number 2 on the agenda this year. I agree. I will look forward to speaking with you at greater length in person.

**Carter:** Great. I look forward to that as well. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. That completes communications this morning. Colleagues, we will move to the first time certain item. Item number 3.

### **Item 3**

**Clerk:** Appoint jessica gittemeier to the planning and sustainability commission for a term to expire december 31, 2022.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, as we welcome not only our new council today, we are also excited to welcome a new member to the planning and sustainability commission. As mayor and commissioner of finance and administration, i request your confirmation to appoint jessica gittemeier -- that is her formal name. She goes by jessie -- to the planning and sustainability commission for a two-year term to end december 31, 2022. By the way, background which director durbin will share more about in a moment. We have one position on the p.s.c.

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Designated for a younger member of the community. The youth position that is a two-year term. This position, of course, has full voting rights. Along with the other p.s.c. Positions. Because we want all ages and all generations to have a voice for the community that we are planning today. But which will obviously have an impact on the future generations. So, thank you for your consideration. I'll turn it over to director durbin to give background about the p.s.c. And to introduce our appointee. Director durbin?

**Andrea Durbin:** Good morning. Thank you, mayor and commissioners. I'm andrea durbin, director of the bureau of the planning and sustainability. I look forward with the new city council, especially you, commissioner rubio. As many of you know, the planning and sustainability commission was formed to combine the planning commission and the sustainability development commission 11 years ago. The p.s.c. Includes 11 volunteer members with expertise in a range of areas from land use and planning, architecture and design, conservation, natural resources and community development. As the mayor noted there is also one youth representative position which he will be appointing today. But first i want to share a little background on the planning and sustainability commission and their role. Their major role advise you, city council, on portland's long-range goals and plans. Land use and planning policies. And ensure sustainability practices are integrated. The p.s.c. Has a specific charge in statutory requirements through the state land use law to steward and maintain the city's comprehensive plan and the zoning code. While ensuring that there is public input in the process. It's an important advisory commission that helps to shape the future of portland. I'm excited today to introduce jessie gittemeier who would serve as a youth representative on the p.s.c. Jessie is a second-year law student at lewis & clark law school who possesses a strong desire to build sustainability and equitable community. At lewis&clark she is in the defense center and the food and agriculture law society. After graduating from kansas state university, jessie had the opportunity to work with the united nations food and the agriculture program organization to prepare for the world food day in rome centered around the international effort to build a sustainability world and multicultural environment. Jessie shared she is most excited to contribute to sustainability and the innovative projects to improve the community. I'll let her introduce herself and share her interest on serving on the p.s.c. Jessie?

**Jessica Gittemeier:** Thank you, andrea. Thank you, everyone, for having me here today. As andrea mentioned i'm jessie gittemeier. I use she/her pronounces. I'm excited about the opportunity to begin volunteering as planning and sustainability commissioner. I think for to us be a truly democratic society it's essential to take the time to fully consider the policy and the

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planning decision from a multitude of the perspective and challenge ourselves to think about the values we want to emphasize in the community. The planning and sustainability commission makes a space to participate in this dialogue. In my time as a commissioner play on the utilize my academic and legal background to assess potential policy and development decision through a critical lens. Listening to my fellow community members and emphasizing the equity and justice every step of the way, i'm looking forward to helping portland become an environmentally and economically sustainable place to live for each and every person.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Director durbin, does that complete your presentation?

**Durbin:** That completes it.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, the question was asked from the chat, i just want to clarify, it's a two-year term but it ends at the end of the december. So the end of december 2022. For those who raised what i thought was a good question. With that, i will entertain questions or a motion.

**Hardesty:** I move accepting of the report as presented. Welcome, jessica.

**Wheeler:** Can i get a second, please?

**Mapps:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Motion from commissioner hardesty. Second, was it commissioner ryan?

**Mapps:** Mapps.

**Wheeler:** Thank you. Commissioner mapps seconds. Further discussion? Keelan, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Congratulations, jessica. I look forward to working with you. Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you, jessie for your service. I appreciate that you are stepping in. Thank you. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. I want to first of all acknowledge we had several really highly exceptional candidates apply for this younger person's position on the planning and sustainability commission. Jessica, you impressed the heck out of me. You impressed the heck out of everybody else. You have exactly the right skill set we are looking for right now. I look forward to

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hearing from you. And learning from you. And i'm looking forward to your years of service on this important commission. Thank you for stepping forward and volunteering. I vote aye. The report is accepted and appointment is approved. Congratulations.

**Gittemeier:** Thank you all very much. Thank you for your time today.

**Wheeler:** You bet. Have a great day. Have any items been pulled from the consent agenda, keelan?

**Clerk:** No questions, mayor.

**Wheeler:** Okay. Call the roll on the consent agenda.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. Consent agenda adopted. Next is item 11 on the regular agenda.

#### **Item 11**

**Clerk:** Amend price agreement with hitachi vantara l.l.c. For staff technology hardware and services in the amount of \$1,875,000 and extend contract by three years.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this ordinance will amend the pricing agreement for the city's enterprise storage vendor hitachi vantara l.l.c. To add funds and to also extend the term of the contract to support citywide capacity growth as well as life-cycle replacement of our technology equipment. We have carolyn glass from the bureau of technology services and she will make a presentation. Good morning. Happy new year!

**Carolyn Glass:** Good morning, mayor wheeler and commissioners. I'm carolyn glass. A division manager in the bureau of technology services. Also known as b.t.s. I have responsibility for this vendor. I'm joined by shawna graber, manager of the b.t.s. Technology procurement and cellular services team. We are here today seeking authorization to amend our existing contract with hitachi vantara, our enterprise data storage vendor. Increasing the agreement by \$1.87 million for a total revised value of \$9.375 million. Extending the term by three years to november 30, 2023. Hitachi is the original equipment manufacturer. We get the best pricing by purchasing

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directly from them. During this time frame, we will put together a competitive solicitation under a more normal return to work scenario. Hardware, software and services under this agreement are used to support the city's data storage network. To increase capacity as needed by the bureau customers and to support the lifecycle replacement of equipment. Storage is used citywide for things like file shares, s.a.p., permitting system, utility billing and many other applications and services. Without reliable and adequate storage capacity, the services would come to a halt. Our implementation of the Hitachi hardware and the software has resulted in very high reliability of the storage systems. And quick capacity growth to meet the customer needs. While we continue to drive down costs for our bureau customers. Recent example of the direct cost saving for bureaus is the implementation of the next generation file share that replaced the Windows file server in fiscal year '19-'20. This amendment will allow us to continue with the planned operations and capacity growth. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any questions? If not I'll call for public testimony. Keelan?

**Clerk:** No one signed up for this item.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Thank you, Carolyn, for the presentation. There being no further business this is emergency ordinance. Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you very much, Carolyn. Appreciate it. Thank you for your team's hard work on this.

**Glass:** Thank you. You're welcome.

## **Item 12**

**Wheeler:** Item number 12, second reading.

**Clerk:** Authorize the chief human resource officer to enter an official three-year period to provide benefit eligible employees access to per fillity and family planning benefits for an

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amount not to exceed \$350,000 over the life of the initial contract.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues, this was one of the long-standing efforts of commissioner fritz. This is a second reading so we already had a presentation and extensive opportunity for public engagement, testimony previously. Is there further business on this item before we call the roll? Seeing none, keelan, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I want to just extend a thank you to commissioner fritz again for championing this policy. Another example of long standing commitment to support the city's diverse workforce and also to pass claire adams for initiating the policy and sharing her personal journey to be a parent and elevating the experiences and the struggling related to fertility and the family planning for all kind of families. So, i vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** I want to also start off by acknowledging the hard work of commissioner fritz and the staff for championing this effort. And to the bureau of human resources bringing it across the finish line. It supports employees who otherwise wouldn't have access to family planning. It's important to keep expanding the true definition of what a family is and i'm grateful to live in a city that does just that. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Very proud to support this. Congratulations, commissioner fritz, if you are watching. I hope you are not. But in case you are, thank you for your great work. Thank you to your team and everyone from the city staff who helped put it together and carry it to fruition. I vote aye. Ordinance is approved.

**Hardesty:** I bet you she is watching. I bet you money she is watching.

**Wheeler:** I bet she is, too. There is a piece of me that feels badly about that but i bet she is. At any rate, commissioner fritz, if this gets to you, we miss you. Thank you for your great work. This is really an exceptional note to end on. The ordinance is adopted. Next item is 13. 1-3.

### **Item 13**

**Clerk:** Approve the amended and restated interstate corridor urban renewal area 2021 to add projects and increase the maximum indebtedness.

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**Wheeler:** Colleagues, i want to start again. As i did previously by acknowledging the history of the city's blatant unjust actions in north/northeast portland and the express of concern from the community members who showed up to testify. I believe i speak for all of my colleagues when i say that council is committed to continuing what is obviously a very important and necessary dialogue. It's important to note that the interstate plan amendments and the concerns that were brought forward by the community groups we heard testimony from like edpa2, two distinct issues. But it doesn't mean there are not currents running through both conversations. We heard that during testimony. I will say this again. Our vote today is not restorative justice. It will not and it cannot address the harm of the city's actions in north/northeast portland over many decades and the impact that the actions had on portland's black community. But the actions show the city's commitment to learning from the past and working toward the better future for the neighborhood and those who have been harmed. Over the last five years, thousands of portlanders and the people with historic ties to north/northeast have told us that it's important to help people avoid being displaced and have a chance to come back to neighborhoods that they were displaced from. The additional resources we are approving today will allow us to make the opportunities available for hundreds more families and many more small businesses. It's a sign of support for community-led work that is helping black portlanders live and do business in the community. These strategies were developed in direct response to the history of the district and their community center. The resources made available through the vote len able support of small businesses and anchor non-profit organizations that provide culturally-relevant goods and services and opportunities to create multigenerational wealth. Over the last four years through the north/northeast community development initiative action plan, prosper portland has provided grants and loans to 56 property owners, grants and loans to 30 business tenants with 97% of the funds going to bipoc owned businesses and to support 27 homeowners. In addition to the north/northeast housing oversight committee, i'd also like to thank the north/northeast community development oversight community, williams and russell oversight group and the many community members who shaped our work and held us accountable in the last five years. Finally i'd like to express my appreciation to multnomah county, my colleagues on the council and our jurisdictional partners who are supporting this investment. With that, colleagues, this is a second reading. Any further comment prior to the vote? Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you. First i want to give my appreciation to the community partners who drove the ordinance we are considering today, including north/northeast community development

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initiative oversight committee, portland housing advisory committee, williams and russell project working group, prosper portland and numerous others. Thank you to housing director shannon callahan and prosper portland executive director kimberly branam and staff. And for the thoughtful intentionality in this work to address key issue and needs; particularly, in the pandemic to create more housing, stabilize small businesses and support the good work of organizations serving the community in this project. I also want to thank and acknowledge the members and supporters of e.d.p.a.2 who have raised critically important issues that hold up a mirror to our expressed values about the past histories of the city and the harm done to black communities and neighborhoods. And the numerous community members who have provided written testimony. Especially at december 16, the city council hearing and all before and in between and up to today bringing comments and other -- [inaudible] i want you to know i hear you and i see you and i hear the frustration and the need for acknowledgement and the action for these past harms. I also want to acknowledge this this ordinance does not repair the harms done to black portlanders and taking away a place in community and multigenerational wealth. We have a seriously long way to go. This is also not the ultimate solution to the years of restitution and the reparations we as a city must come to terms with. This amendment is, however, a piece to the puzzle. To building community. This is my third day on the council. While i wish i had more time to spend listening and exchanging ideas, i see this project as one way. Not the way, but an important way to create more affordable housing and prevent further displacement and strengthen economic opportunities for bipoc businesses. Every policy action approved on this council is followed with implementation. Should this measure pass, this initiative pass, my staff and i intend to be engaged in implementation and have a close eye on it and bring in impacted community members at every level we can. Above all i agree with the communities we cannot shy away from the negative history of displacement and racism. The way through this is to acknowledge our history and its real impacts today. And finding ways to take action together to address the harm that's been done in the community. I know my colleagues believe this, too. I'm committed to working with them to authentically engage the communities. Not just for the feedback but to find ways for which community members are in full partnership with us. And to ensure long-term housing stability and the economic prosperity for black portlanders. Black portlanders have shaped the city, its history and economy and they deserve recognition and restitution. You will see later today in the afternoon session that federal reparations for black and indigenous community is a clear priority in the federal agenda. And at the december 16 council hearing, commissioner hardesty expressed a desire for conversations

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about reparations. I deeply share in this desire for the conversations and look forward to the conversations that will benefit the community. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes. Thank you directors kimberly branam and shannon callahan for the leadership on the issue. I want to thank the three advisory groups for their expertise and collaboration of building the program. Members of the north/northeast oversight committee, the north/northeast community development initiative, and the williams and russell project working group. The groups are largely made up of the community members and the leaders who come from the community and worked on the issue for years. I'd also like to acknowledge community members who testified at the december 16 meeting. Especially those from the e.d.p.a.2 who you called and also the many who called and e-mailed the office. I appreciate your input and perspective. I'm committed to the continued dialogue. The plan before us which includes the recommendations of the advisory groups, i mentioned earlier, is designed to ensure that the remaining interstate corridor economic development resources are invested in long-term goals to support community members who have not benefited from the public and private investments to date. This plan seeks to establish a community of opportunity where the members can build capital, have stability and thrive. The north/northeast housing oversight committee first identified the need for resources for affordable housing and interstate almost four years ago. I want to thank them for the leadership is helping identify a funding solution. These resources will allow us to continue the critical work of the portland housing bureau and the north/northeast housing oversight committee to invest in the projects that address legacy of the displacement in north/northeast portland. Over the last five years, implementing the north/northeast neighborhood strategy and preference policy, portland housing bureau work led to 501 affordable rental units, 791 grants and 100 loans to prevent displacement. 57 new homeowners. 27 reserved for new homes. We now have an opportunity to expand. Keyword, this work to provide more assistance to those who need it. The numbers will only increase. I support this plan. I'm committed to learning from the city's past mistakes so that we don't repeat them. This is a critical and an important step in the right direction. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** I also want to thank both prosper portland, community oversight boards that have been working on this project, director shannon callahan as well for all the incredible work to get us to this point. It's clear that community voices especially from the emmanuel displaced persons group are committed to make sure we do not forget the promises that have been made

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to black portlanders over and over and over again and not fulfilled. I absolutely agree with their point that reparations, conversation is long, long overdue. But i also want to make sure that it is an inclusive conversation. It must include home builders who 50 years ago passed laws to make sure that they could develop the way they wanted to. It's also true that emanuel should be at the table. It's also true that realtors who mastered the art of not selling properties to black and brown people in our community must also be part of that conversation. I am happy to say that the city's federal legislative agenda which we will look at this afternoon and possibly approve already includes reparations. We are already having the conversations with the congressional delegation because, of course, the federal government has to be partner in a reparations type of conversation. It is also important for me to remind folks when 10,000 black homeowners were displaced out of inner northeast portland between 2000-2010, nobody said we had a housing emergency. The housing emergency didn't emerge until white middle class families found it difficult to rent housing in the city of portland. That is who we have been in the past. That is the legacy that all of us are serving under. But i am confident with the right people at the right tables we will be able to have an authentic conversation that incorporates many community voices who have been harmed by the city policy. This however, today, we are voting on extending the interstate urban renewal area because we have an opportunity to make good investment in the interstate area that without the urban renewal area would not be possible. We also, i also want to acknowledge both the school district and the county for allowing us to continue to use the tax dollars to invest specifically in interstate area. We have a lot of work to do to create a city that is equitable and fair for us all. I am thrilled that my new council colleagues share that vision of what is possible as we ¶ ¶ forward. And today is really about investing in interstate. But let's not allow this conversation to stop there. We have big work to do. And we have the opportunity as a council to really be leaders and make sure that all the right folks are at the table having the conversation. I'm thrilled to vote aye today on this effort. I will continue to talk about the congressional delegation about what reparations look like at the federal level since it appears we may have a functioning federal government sometime soon. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** Thank you. I am going to vote yes on the proposal to amend the interstate corridor urban renewal area. I'd like to take a minute to explain why. This issue has been around for literally almost my entire life. As i was preparing for the vote, i was reading some documents signed by charles jordan in early 1970s. Back when he was the director for the model cities program. Of course a couple of years after that he went on to be the first african-american to

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serve on the portland city council. Jordan, in fact, filled seat number four, the seat that i fill today. And today is also my first city council meeting. I am also your third african-american man to ever serve on the portland city council. It seems especially fitting that today of all days that i should take up and vote on one of commissioner jordan's old projects. Now all of that history reminds me of a couple of things. It reminds me that votes we take here have consequences that last a long time. It also reminds me that if we choose well on average and over time the art of history bends toward justice. Now we all know that displacement has a long history in portland. The painful history has left our community scarred. Displacement will reach in to the portland's future unless we make different decisions about how we invest in neighborhoods today. That is one of the reasons why i'm voting yes on the proposal to extend the interstate corridor urban renewal area. I believe this proposal is our best strategy to heal the wounds caused by the eminent domain. I would say a vote against the proposal is a vote for the status quo. One of the reasons why we are all here today is the status quo is unacceptable. With this vote, we can bring \$67 million of new projects including affordable housing and the community development projects to north/northeast portland. These funds will create 350 new affordable housing units. In addition, these funds will help promote homeownership through programs like loans to first-time home buyers. These funds will help prevent displacement by making loans to establish residence in north/northeast. I think most importantly the funds will be given preference to people who have been displaced from the neighborhoods. I have every reason to believe that this is going to work. For example, a recent psu study found that our preference programs overwhelmingly benefit african-americans. For example, 84% of the people who participate in the city's preference programs are black. 65% of them have lived in their neighborhoods for their entire lives. That is why i believe that the proposal is not part of the problem. I believe it is part of the solution. The interstate urban renewal commitment is a modern way to address the past injustices to help rebuild neighborhoods that were lost and help portlanders generate and build intergenerational wealth. Id hope, pray and believe passing this proposal will be the beginning of the healing for our city. That is why today i vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thank you, everybody. Next item is item number 1-4, 14.

**Item 14**

**Clerk:** Amend contract with raimore construction inc. For additional compensation to add contract work for the construction of the gateway green access road. Resulting?

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**Wheeler:** Commissioner rubio? Sorry.

**Clerk:** Resulting in a total contract authorization of \$5,600,000.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner rubio?

**Rubio:** Thank you. Portland parks and recreation implementing two projects at gateway green park. The gateway green park development pa project and the gateway green access road construction. The two projects will expand and maintain services to underserved area of east portland as well as create a regional park destination. Raimore construction inc. Is a portland-based general contractor, and is underly completing the first project for the actual park. For efficiency purposes they would like to utilize the same contractor for the second project. Access road to the park. This requires authorization for expanding the current raimore construction contract. I'll turn it over to ross swanson, the capital projects manager who will provide with us more context about the project and what this ordinance achieves.

**Ross Swanson:** Thank you, commissioner rubio. Can you all hear me? Everything working? Okay. Welcome new commissioners by the way. Glad to have you aboard. I am ross swanson, capital project manager for the portland parks and recreation and working on this gateway green project six years now, now that we rolled over the calendar year. Can we please start the power point i? Should note kathleen from the procurement services is here also to answer questions. Can we get to the, just slide show -- there we go. Thank you. I'll jump to the next slide and move this forward. Thank you. So, for those who don't know anything about the gateway green project side it's important to provide context to before we talk about the issue. Gateway green is a difficult site to get to. Located between two freeways i-205 and i-84. It also is wedged between the railroad. Union pacific railroad and the red line, light rail line going to the airport. There is no public vehicular access to the park. The public gets there via i-205 multiuse path. They can get there by bike or feet. That is shown on the map in front of you. Red dash line. So from the time we purchase this property in 2014, parks and rec has known access would be difficult for the emergency service as well as the maintenance staff. We can get there. It's cumbersome. We have to cross the railroad tracks twice. If we have the larger vehicles we have to solicit a union pacific flagger. So we have been working on the project to improve this since we got the park. Okay. Next slide, please. More context. There are two projects. One is the park in green. This is offside cycling park with trails, jump, small play area, restroom and event space. The other, focus today is the access road. The blue line on the map. It starts around the halsey frontage road and terminates itself in the park. While we had hoped the projects would go together originally, the access road because we cross odot and the union pacific railroad took time to get permit and

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permission to do that. So that time frame dragged the access road further back. On the park side, our funding source for the park was one part was a metro grant for \$1 million. Nature and neighborhood catalyst grant. That deadline for spending that money was this last calendar year, last week, which we did successfully. So, at some point we were stuck, wedged between the permits and the funding requirements. So about a year and a half ago we separated the two projects to two separate projects. However, while we were building the park this summer, due to park construction delays, due to pandemic, fire, utility providers in their delays, we identified a possible opportunity to merge the two projects to one contract. At that point we started to talk to procurement services to make sure if we did this we had the "i"s dotted and "t"s crossed. That is why you see us here today. One of the extra benefits is we feel we will exceed the goals of the contracting with the city of portland. Next slide. Okay. So, that is, that is the purpose here today. Amend the construction with raimore construction building the park to include the road. The original contract value \$2.86 million. Roughly. With the new authorization, the request today would increase to \$5.6 million. That would equate to a 95.6% contract increase, as you know. Council authorization require any contract increase over 25%. Hence, we are here for this request. It would capitalize on the existing contract mobilization. The permits, and in doing so we would expedite the faster access, realize cost savings as well significantly exceed the d.m.w.e.s.b. Goals for the city. Mouthful. More detail for the benefit, we can talk about the schedule. Raimore construction is mobilized at the site now. They have the necessary permit and the her missions to go across the union pacific and the odot railroad. Permits and insurance and a flagging contract for the entrance of the railroad. By amending this we would save up to eight months of time that would otherwise be spent bidding, contracting and permitting the new contractor through the odot and union pacific. It's not the local union pacific. It's through omaha and it's a cumbersome deal. Another benefit for doing this to increase the safety of the park. It's currently open. We could not keep it closed until we got it lined up. People were jumping fences to ride the trail. We opened the trails in weekend before thanksgiving. It's a huge hit. So, we would like to get emergency access in there faster. We can get access there now. But it's cumbersome. This road will allow much faster access. Finally the cost. Our negotiated price for adding the work is \$50,000 below the engineer estimate. This in combination with the existing permits using the existing flagging services. We anticipate to save \$100,000 in the budget. Finally, around equity, the current project with raimore construction, portland based minority company on m.l.k., an african-american company. The current contract is 100% d/m/w/esb certified. They have the five subcontractors. We would like to utilize that and keep rolling with it.

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The percentage, 100% is well above the 20% goal for the city. I would say having worked with raimore for a year they have been fantastic to work with. This would provide an opportunity for raimore and the subcontracting team to expand the experience and involvement in the project. Road project is different than the park project. They would expand their involvement and scale of the work as well as they will be able to work with the agencies like union pacific, trimet, odot, as well as the fhwa. And park and rec would see this an opportunity to benefit the safety, cost, schedule and equity. I'm here to answer any questions. Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues any questions? Commissioner hardesty, you are up.

**Hardesty:** Thank you, mayor. Thank you, ross, for the very thorough presentation. You mentioned several times that this particular contract helps parks bureau with the equity goals. And i want you to know it doesn't. Because when you come back with the next project we are still going to ask the same question about who is getting the contracts and who is benefiting and who isn't? This one yeah, we have 100%. But, you know, i always am looking for us to exceed our goals. Right? Not rest on our laurels. So this sounds like a great project. I know when i was running for office a few years back, i had a group of people that were desperately looking for an offroad biking opportunity. And i'm happy to see this is actually going to happen in my neighborhood. Good work. I look forward to supporting this proposal. Thank you.

**\*\*\*\*:** Thank you.

**Wheeler:** Very good, colleagues. Commissioner mapps?

**Mapps:** Yes. I want to speak in favor of the program, of this proposal. I actually know gateway green. It's one of my favorite parks in portland. Portlanders and the folks who like to do the offroad biking haven't discovered it yet, i encourage you to grab your bike and go check it out. It's great for kids. I have organized events at this park. I can confirm access, especially for the vehicles is an issue. I'm glad to see that there are plans to fix that. It's an important safety issue. I think some of the issues we have had. We had concerns about being able to get an ambulance in there if we needed to. I assume this project will help with the issues like that. I'm glad to see the parks bureau and the commissioner rubio leaning forward to making this happen for the people of east portland.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, commissioner. Do we have any public testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** We have one person sign up but i don't see them on the call anymore.

**Wheeler:** Can you call them just in case?

**Clerk:** Sure. Timothy swails.

**Wheeler:** Timothy, are you on? [no response] very good. Please call the ro. Emergency -- call the

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roll. Emergency ordinance.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** I want to say thank you to the staff at parks and also thank you to northwest trail alliance and the friends of gateway green for your continued partnership in the development of the true community asset. Thank you, ross, for your dedication to parks over all the years. I'm also happy to support this ordinance and the subsequent safety improvements to gateway green. And i'm also very happy to see parks and rec exceed the goals on this particular project. I know there will be more to come. I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Yes, thank you director long and ross. That was a wonderful presentation. I have to say how much i appreciate the visuals. I get criticized by my copilot in life that i'm curious driver and i stretch my neck a lot. I am staring to figure out what is going on? How do you get there? It's great to see the visuals. Clearly we need emergency access. How smart to save time which is money by going the route you did. There is a lot to like about this. The momentum with the contracting with the bipoc community. So i vote aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** Great work. I vote aye. The ordinance is adopted. Thanks, ross. Next up, item 1-5, 15.

### Item 15

**Clerk:** Authorize a competitive solicitation and contract with the lowest responsible bidder and provide payment for construction of the northwest portland sanitary sewer extensions project no. E111128 for estimated amount of \$1,020,000.

**Wheeler:** Commissioner mapps?

**Mapps:** Yes. I'm delighted to have the opportunity to introduce you to this proposal. This comes out of the b.c.s. Some don't have the direct sewer connection to the sewer system. These are called nonconforming sewers. Environmental services has a program to help the property owners meet city code. And connect their sewers directly. This program manages the sewer design and the construction and pays most of the cost. This project would provide conforming sewer connections to the 21 properties in the northwest portland. And build over 1,000 feet of sewer pipes. Construction is scheduled to begin in may. And should be completed by the end of

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the year. I believe we have two staffers here today to provide more details. So i'd like to introduce rachel frogner, engineer associate, and joe dvorak. Sorry, joe, if i screwed up your last name. He is an engineering manager. Both with environmental services. Rachel, joe, take it from here.

**Joe Dvorak:** Great. Good morning, mayor and members of council. Welcome new members. For the record, joe dvorak with the bureau of environmental services. As mentioned this project is one of many in the nonconforming sewer program. Before i turn it over to rachel, i want to thank her and the project team who have worked hard to get it ready for bid. Keelan, if you wouldn't mind pulling up the power point. Great. Now i'll turn it over to rachel with a short presentation. Thank you.

**Rachel Frogner:** Thank you. I think commissioner mapps gave a great introduction to the project. I think a lot of what i'm going to say might be a little repeat. There will be some visuals to go along with it. So if we could advance to the next slide. The project is again from the non-confirming conversion program. This constructs the public sewer extension in the area that public sewer is not immediately available. This particular project focuses on an area of the portland where there is a concentration of the non-confirming sewers. That being northwest portland. And then it also focuses on an area where there are concentration of signed public sewer utility waivers. These utility waivers were offered to nonconforming properties between 2008 and 2012. And gave these prompts an opportunity to lock in the sewer conversion charge for the fiscal year they signed. So for this project the average locked in rate for the properties that have signs psu is \$57,000. Whereas the current sewer conversion charge for the fiscal year is \$7,100. Also just a little quick reminder that nonconforming sewers can look a few different ways. One of them is private lines in the right of way which are costly to maintain. The other is what is depicted in the lower left-hand corner of the screen here, which is a shared party sewer. Property "b" doesn't have immediate access or direct access. So my project would be constructing the extensions so property "b" would have direct access to the public sewer. Next slide, please. This again is in northwest portland. You can see it in the right-hand corner. They are nine extensions. Totaling over 1,000 linear feet of the new sewer main line. And extending or providing conforming sanitary service to 21 properties that translates to 21 new sewer service laterals. Throughout the life of the project we have conducted outreach including the branch map to give each property an opportunity to have a say in where their connection is. We will continue to outreach with the property and communicate with them throughout the life of the project. Next slide, please. So the engineer's estimate is \$1.02 million. That is with optimal

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confidence level. We plan to advertise the project next month and we plan to release it to the prime contractor development program. We have worked with the procurement service to increase the outreach to bipoc firms in the program to encourage diversity. We will do it with this project as well. We expect the construction to begin in may. To wrap up by the end of the year or early next year. Next slide. With that, if there are any questions we can answer them.

**Wheeler:** Very good. Colleagues, any questions? Excellent. That is a sign of a thorough presentation. Commissioner ryan?

**Ryan:** Thank you. I have a quick question, joe. You chose northwest portland area. I'm curious about is this a problem throughout the city? Is just this the beginning? I don't have the context.

**Dvorak:** Yeah. Absolutely, raechel or melfy the project manager can fill in. This is common across the city and more common in the older neighborhoods where the shared services was allowed at the time and is no longer meets the code. Certainly within the core of the city but also outside the city as well. We will be seeing more of these.

**Frogner:** You can mention we have done these projects on a smaller scale. In southeast and northeast portland.

**Wheeler:** Terrific. Very good. Keelan, is there any public testimony on this item?

**Clerk:** Timothy swails also signed up for this but again i don't see this on the call.

**Wheeler:** It sounds like he was not able to join us today. Very well. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance. It moves to the second reading. Thank you, everybody. Next item, 1-6.

#### **Item 16**

**Clerk:** Authorize a competitive solicitation and price agreements for furnishing sewer improvements for nonconforming sewer conversions, project no. E08748, for a total amount of \$15 million.

**Wheeler:** Colleagues this is a second reading. So we have already heard presentation and had an opportunity for public testimony. Is there any further business on this item? Seeing none, please call the roll.

**Clerk:** Rubio?

**Rubio:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Ryan?

**Ryan:** Aye.

**Clerk:** Hardesty?

**Hardesty:** Um, this particular project, i am hopeful that we will get updates about how successful we are in expanding the diversity of the contracting pool. When this originally came to council, i

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was told that joe, you guys were going to spend some quality time thinking about how do we make this opportunity available to more bipoc construction owners? And so, it would be great if we were able to stay informed about how that process is working. And what barriers we can help you remove to make sure that this opportunity is available. So, i thank you for your additional information that you provided to my office. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in this process. I will vote aye. But i will be watching. I vote aye.

**Dvorak:** Thank you.

**Frogner:** Thank you.

**Clerk:** Mapps?

**Mapps:** I share commissioner hardesty's commitment to diversity in our contracting so i will pledge to my colleague today we will get back to her about our outreach to contractors. And i vote aye.

**Clerk:** Wheeler?

**Wheeler:** I vote aye. Ordinance is adopted. That completes this morning's agenda items. We are adjourned until 2: 00 p.m. Thank you, everybody. [meeting recessed at 10:38 am]

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2:00 p.m.

Wheeler: This is the January 6, 2021 afternoon session of the portland city council. Please call the roll.

Clerk: Good afternoon Mayor Wheeler. Rubio?

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Here

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Here

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Here.

**Wheeler:** I'd like to begin with a few brief comments about the situation unfolding in washington d c. I'll certainly invite all of you to speak. What is happening today in washington d c at the hands of trump supports and supremists is an assault on and affront to our democracy . The situation in our nation's capital is dangerous, destructive and dispicturable. The key to our success has been the peaceful transition of power . The actions in washington d c today were calculated to block the transfer of power and democracy itself. Let's be clear, an attack on the u.s. Capitol is an attack on american democracy. There's an international compact that make it's clear that elections matter. The voices of voters must be heard whether we like it or not. We must honor the peaceful transition of power even when our side loses. That has ever been a core value of our united states. The culmination of four years of divisive.

**Hardesty:** I left this morning's council session optimistic. I was thrilled to see my new colleagues take their rightful seat as they were dually elected to do. I'm appalled what i'm seeing in d c. I'll call it what it is. It's a terrorist attack on democracy. I'm appalled that this was even allowed to

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take place. You may remember a few short weeks ago in salem there was a similar attack on the state capital. I'm not comparing causes, my tea kettle is going off. Sorry. I didn't know which would be worse letting the tea kettle continue or not. My apology energies. As i was saying, had these protesters being protesting black lives or the environment or gay rights or whatever other issue people collectively join force it address in their government, had had they been anybody else, they would not have breached the capital and i look forward to the full investigation to find out how that was even possible knowing that communities of color have lived under enormous fear from the day 45 took office and under these similar kind of attacks since that day. While some are surprised at what we're seeing in dc. I can't say i'm surprised. It is my commitment that i will work with each and every one of my colleague it make sure that we are creating safety in this community for everyone regardless of what their first language is, what their sexual orientation, regardless of whether they were the indigenous people to this land or forced here against their will. We have an obligation to show the state, the nags and the world that we are better than this. This is not who we are, we will never accept this type of terrorist attack on our democracy.

**Wheeler:** Thank you for that powerful statement. If folks just want to raise their hand if they want to make a statement.

**Mapps:** I appreciate this opportunity to speak. Like all americans, i'm shocked and saddened by the events we're witnessing at our nation's capital this afternoon. For those just tuning in. A mob stormed the capital. There was an armed stand off out side the house chambers. Shots were fired. Members of congress are sheltering in undisclosed locations. Friends, this is not what democracy looks like. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask all portlanders and americans to make this a new era in american politics and portland politics. Let's embrace the politics of peace. You might ask why? Why embrace the politics of peace? Here is why, over the past years, we have seen our nation and city transz formed by violence. As we speak our nation's capital is under curfew. Blood has been shed. Congress is in hiding. Our city that we all love is in violence. We've seen bands of vandals smash neighborhoods and set buildings on fire. It happened again last night in portland. To peaceful protesters, i thank you. Today is my first day here on city council. To people who commit acts of violence, i say, please stop. Your violent acts are not helpful. They are hurtful. They fuel more violence. Violence is a disease which is more contagious than any virus than humans have ever known. There's only one way to compact that disease, that is to embrace the politics of peace. Portland and america and my colleagues, please join me in rejecting violence. Let's choose peace. Thank you very much.

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**Wheeler:** Thank you commissioner.

**Rubio:** Thank you, mayor for giving us this opportunity to say a few words. I'm sad and out reached but i'm sadly not surprised at all. This is what happens when this kind of insidiousness goes unchecked. The president over the last four plus years impacted all of the lives of all of us, working families, lgbtg have manifested itself today in this shameful insurrection that we're witnessing. I'm finding myself in awe that these armed people were able to enter our sacred institutions. The nation's capital by immigrants, women, anti war protesters, that were met with much more force and resistance and sometimes even death. At this moment the look for justice is more critical for me than ever. I'm ready to work together with all of you and with the community, my colleagues to do this work no matter how uncomfortable it is because this is how real change happens. Let's not forget through all of this we have witnessed the vote in georgia. Let's look at this exam to how communities come together things change for the better for all of us.

**Ryan:** Thank you, mayor, thank you colleagues. It's heartening to be on the council with all four of you. My first reaction was zero surprise for all the reasons that were stated. There was the chilling comment during the first debate. How can we forget that. We're seeing it today. I was so excited when i woke up this morning. Looking at the numbers in georgia and pinching myself that this was happening. I think we're in a place that we have to recognize how fragile democracy is. And how fragile fair elections are. I have this motto i have to take care of my side of the street. With the four of you i know we're going to continue to do what is right for the city of portland. We have focus, we may not agree on every detail but we have similar values and goals. There's passion. They were always about love. It always came down to how we can live in a better society. I thought president elect biden's words were very profound and we're ready to have a healer and chief. I'll conclude and say thank you. Thank you for providing this space for us to be present with one each other.

**Wheeler:** Thank you all. We'll be holding this meeting electronically. The meeting is available to the public on the city youtube channel. And channel 30. The public can provide written testimony by e-mailing. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic and promote physical distancing. Thank you for your patience, understanding as we conduct the city's business. We'll hear from the city's council for rules and decorum. Thank you.

**Robert Taylor:** You can sign up to briefly speak about any subject. You can sign up for testimony while the city council is holding electronic meetings. When testifying please state your name for the record. Your address is not necessary. Please disclose if you are a lobbyist. The

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presiding officer determines the length of testimony. When your time is up the presiding officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct will not be allowed. If there are disruptions a warning will be given and the person may be placed on hold or ejected for the remainder for the meeting. Please be aware that meetings are record.

**Wheeler:** We have two items.

### **Items 17 and 18**

**Clerk:** Federal legislative and regulatory agenda and accept the city of portland state legislative agenda.

**Wheeler:** We're bringing forth the 2021 state agenda and federal and regulatory agenda for approval. As a reminder we met in work session out to review and provide input. Ongoing discussions with existing and new members of the council to produce these final products we're going to hear about today. I look forward to working with the government relations team on all of these. With that i'll turn it over to elizabeth.

**Elizabeth Edwards:** Good afternoon. I was excited to be here on your first day. I recognize the awkwardness of bringing the agenda's on the first day. The start of the legislative session is upon us. I'll go over the next steps . It's been a dramatic day, i appreciate the council's comments at the opening of this afternoon's session. Washington dc was my home. To the business at hand. We are bringing to you final versions of the 2021 state legislative agenda and 2021 federal legislative agenda. I'm joined by our state relations lobbyist. We'll walk through what my office has done to get us to this point and some of the changes you'll see from the draft that was discussed at the november tenth. The long road to pilling the state and federal in july. Working with the office of human equity and rights to center racial and equity which you'll see in the preamble which you've never seen before . The input that will you see was followed up by out reach in order to vet the various concepts for inclusion. Our city attorney's community based organizations, other stake holders in the lobby. They were instilled in the work documented for two hours on november tenth. With the biden transition team going back to community stake holders and also we made sure the materials were publicly available on our website. We had december legislative days in salem and did more out reach and working with your offices. Now congratulations commissioners. Of course, our subject the matter to make sure we have the correct information before you. All of that gets incorporated and distilled in these final documents. I'll start with the federal regulatory agenda and then go to the state. I'll highlight the substantive changes. Starting on the federal side. I want to acknowledge the good work of neil

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the draft that you have before you is similar to what you saw in november. There are seven priority areas. Covid 19 pandemic response. Maintaining local authority infrastructure. Those remain the same. Under the covid 19 pandemic response. This session was updated in order for the support act which provides health funding. That's in addition to that. The racial justice section, the removal of the punishment clause to fully a polish slavery. We updated and revised rules item furthering fair housing, community investment act. We've updated that also for clarity. We added additional priorities around voting and accessibility. Cannabis equity and passing legislation at the federal level for community health and education and federal and state expungement. We added a definition of who is experiencing homelessness to be more inclusive.

**Hardesty:** I have a question, if i may. My question was my brother's keepers were recently added and i don't recall us talking about that program, do you know why that was added?

**Nils Tillstrom:** That was through conversation with office of equity and human rights.

**Hardesty:** My understanding is that's a faith based program. Is that so? What do you know about that program?

**Tillstrom:** We know that was a program that was important to oahr staff's for support. I believe that the language that we have in here includes -- it says support national efforts for black male communities and my brother's keeper. It's inclusive of -- .

**Hardesty:** I'm concerned that program may not reflect the need that's we have in that community.

**Edwards:** If that's something where the council is comfortable with that change, we can easily edit that out and update the report. We can make that edit in realtime.

**Hardesty:** I'm hoping it's just seen as a friendly change.

**Edwards:** If there are no concerns we're happy to make that right now.

**Hardesty:** It's on page five of the agenda at the top. I've never heard good things about my brother's keeper so i wouldn't want to imply that it is something that we would support.

**Edwards:** I know it was something that the obama administration had a relationship with. It's an easy thing to strike. We can make that edit to the report right now.

**Mapps:** Do you need a motion?

**Edwards:** No.

**Hardesty:** We just need consensus.

**Wheeler:** I would like to know why it's in. Is there someone in the office of equity and human rights that can explain it's inclusion. I'm not familiar enough to make a yes no decision based on the information i have.

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**Hardesty:** I can tell you by googling it. My brother's keeper is a welcoming christian ministry with locations across the country that delivers furniture and food to families in need. That tells me everything i need to know.

**Wheeler:** I'll take love and hope -- .

**Hardesty:** The black male achievement program -- .

**Wheeler:** Is there a way rather than us all trying -- i understand this is part of the obama administration agenda and that's part of the reason, it's a federal agenda. It's a legacy issue. Is there some other issue to address this now for the purposes of this report.

**Edwards:** Because of the way it's drafted we can strike the language without doing harm to support the black community. It would capture the program that is currently --.

**Wheeler:** Call the roll, on the amendment.

**Edwards:** I don't if that's procedurally necessarily.

**Taylor:** I think it's best to proceed as an amendment.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Clerk:** (roll call).

**Wheeler:** Back to the report as amended.

**Edwards:** All right. Thank you so much. I may move us on now to the -- there's one more substantive change between the draft you saw in november and the version before you which is under the infrastructure investment section. We've made changes in order to strengthen the housing infrastructure item. That covers the substantive change it the federal -- .

**Wheeler:** That's a distinction rather than difference. Explain why you made that as a change.

**Tillstrom:** It was a matter of wording to allow for additional funding for affordable housing as part of a housing as infrastructure policy. It was more wording change than anything. It really is a very small change.

**Wheeler:** Great.

**Edwards:** I can pause here for a moment if there's any other comments on the federal agenda before we pivot into the state. Turn to go the 2021 state agenda. I want to thank stacy our state relations lobbyist. This report is fairly similar to what you saw on the november tenth work session. On this agenda there are six priority outcomes, improve police accountability. Support businesses and non-profits. Advance non-profits and preserve and enhance local authority. Hitting on the non errors edits. Eliminate -- we added a bullet to this section that was addressing the hate symbols that addresses the banning of the news. Support portland businesses and non-profits. It was updated to clarify support for non property owners for the commercial space.

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Last but not least under the preserve and enhance authority. We added language to the traffic safety changes. Adding climate action to the list of items that we'll actively act on our authority. Those are the substantive changes between the version you had before you in november and the version that is here today. Okay. If i may just indulge with a couple of next steps unless folks have questions or comments on the state items.

**Wheeler:** I'm not seeing any.

**Edwards:** We're in a very busy january. The 117th congress was sworn in. The balance of power in the senate was decided and called the second race just an hour ago. Now we have a 50/50 split in the senate which changes our outlook on a number of things policy wise. A couple of details. We're actually getting into some pretty interesting days ahead . The vice president serves as its tie breaking vote . The president, vice president elect won't be sworn in until january 20th . We're in this walk ward win oh of time as we transition . One other thing to consider . Of course today was supposed to be the day that both chambers of congress were supposed to certify -- there are protests happening. We'll also be monitoring and reporting on that. At the state level there's organizational days starting next week which was part of the rush to come before you today. We expect bills to also be available next week and anticipate 3500 measures. About five hundred more than were introduced in the last long session. We anticipate the virtual sessions to last until at least april. Those protocols are going to be reviewed before and a little bit after to see what is appropriate and safe and when they will be made for the public to get into the lobby. The legislative breakfast on january 15th. We'll meet and have an open and formal conversation. We'll be doing it on zoom as is the style these days. That will be a great opportunity for you to talk about priorities and opportunities for collaborative discussions.

**Wheeler:** I think bathrobes are completely acceptable.

**Hardesty:** Now you know how much i remember about those meetings. They were early.

**Wheeler:** Could i ask you a couple of questions. First of all i want to thank you for your leadership. I understand this is a symbolic moment for you . This is the last time you'll be presenting before the city council. I want to restate what i've stated on many occasions is you've done an exceptional job. Not just for me or other members of the council but the city as a whole. You've done a really good job of advocating for us. Your willingness to work with people from different perspectives is in short supply these days. It's always made me smile that all people from walks of life talk about you. People will miss you in that capacity as we will here inside our virtual city hall. Talk to us a little about the process going forward. We work hard to come to this consensus agreement. Other things will pop up. We'll all make visits to salem. What are the

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protocols that you will tell us as a council as we engage in and discuss items of interest either individually or a subset to a consensus agreement that we agree to here in this report. How will you advise us?

**Edwards:** Thank you for those comments. I appreciate you teeing up that issue. My office will be circulating around council offices for the review what we call coordination of office memo. It talks about city policy, the central coordinating point. We're speaking with one voice to other governments. Even though our agendas are quite lengthy, there will be issues that come up that we have not considered in the agendas. If it is a politically sticky issue, your office will go to whatever office is in charge in terms -- if this is something where the city can come to a consensus. We may go neutral. There may be space where we did not take a formal position but we do have more technical items that we advocate for -- if an item were to be passed it would not be horrendous. We try to start with the office that is policy center and go around to other officers. We will need to learn what your preferences and positions are and where your lines in the sand are as newly elected officials. Expect to be bothered quite a bit, i would say.

**Hardesty:** I also just wanted to add my real appreciation for elizabeth and her incredible team. There's nothing happening at the state or federal level that you have no knowledge about. I'm definitely going to miss you. I miss having those look back sessions with you. What i was going to say to my new colleagues is as a former legislature, i can tell you that it moves extremely quickly until it doesn't which means that many times government relations there will be an issue that comes up that they need you to weigh in on that they need a quick turn around. They need a quick response to represent us well. Yay, no more 7: 30 a.m. Meetings.

**Edwards:** Thank you. I often draw the analogy that our work is like traveling to other planets. The length of a day on mars is different than a length of a day on earth. Thank you for that.

**Hardesty:** All of you may have relationships that may be helpful to get legislation passed. Don't be afraid to talk about those you have relationships with.

**Wheeler:** Great. Does that complete the presentation?

**Edwards:** If i may take a moment to say thank you. I want to thank my team for putting together these agendas. Thank you for helping to keep our commitment to racial justice. This whole variety of subject matter. Council, old and new. It's been a fantastic honor to represent my home town. Thank you. Despite the non sense of today, there's a bright future ahead. I feel that.

**Wheeler:** Thank you, appreciate it. All right. Unless there's any further discussion we'll go to the motion and vote. For item 17 i'll entertain a motion.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

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**Ryan:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Rubio:** First i just want to say thank you director edwards not just for creating this agenda before you left but for the work you accomplished during your tenure here. I'm sorry i dn get a chance to work with you for very long at all. I have no doubt that our paths will cross again. You have a lot of people that really love you in this city. I also want to thank mills and stacy for repping us at the state and federal level. Our excellent government relations team. In this upcoming legislative session will be critical for recovering from the pandemic. We must ensure that support includes those who need it most. I'm thrilled about the agenda for beth federal and state. Something that really reflects our values for reform in particular around accountability -- thank you for including innovative ideas around the oregon worker relief fund . These types of organizations are the ones that really reflect. This represents all portlanders. That is something to really be proud of. I'm really proud to be connected to this work and your work. Thank you again and i vote aye.

**Ryan:** Thank you. Just to call to order. This looking at both of these reports, right?

**Wheeler:** No. This is just the federal.

**Ryan:** I've had a few moments with you, you're such a pro at what you do. I was really disappointed when we received your e-mail. I noticed every time i talked to someone on your team. I notice you are calling them your team until the very end. They are a very good team. I'm not surprised that you have a great team working with you. I'm excited with the agenda. It's -- the language is more inclusive than ever. The one thing i want to remind myself of is things move fast until they don't. We'll get updates in realtime. We'll notice as we know with this process certain things suddenly are legit and other things might not happen for another session . Getting that in realtime. This is a living document. We're saying yes to a report. I see these reports as a draft. We're going to get into reality as we get into reflective sessions. One thing i think we can improve upon, i think -- i can't imagine how difficult it was for your staff to take all of these and put them into these subcategories. The house of emergencies is so gripping and eerie, i hope we can get more concrete and succinct in the action in both reports. The break in between the morning and afternoon, i'm very impressed and i vote aye.

**Hardesty:** Excellent work as always. As always feel free to reach out if there's a member or two about congressional delegation that needs a push or pull in the right direction. Happy to vote aye.

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**Hardesty:** I'd like to thank director edwards for her service to our city. These are great work products. Wonderful work. I'd like to offer myself to reach out to our elected officials. It is my pleasure to vote aye.

**Mapps:** Great work. Thank you all of you for doing a really fantastic job. Our new commissioners as well. I'm very happy to support this report. I vote aye. The report is accepted as amended. Now to the state agenda item 18, please.

**Clerk:** The motion and second is good for both?

**Wheeler:** I need a motion.

**Hardesty:** So moved.

**Ryan:** Second.

**Wheeler:** Please call the roll.

**Rubio:** Aye

**Ryan:** Just a couple quick comments. I will be voting aye. I wanted to call out how important it is that we continue to work in close contact with our other municipalities. I know that's in here but i wanted to make that comment wrying now. A lot of issues with the state have a lot of interconnection. Mental illness connects with community safety directly. You have to look in multiple categories to knit together. These are such big priorities they are woven in. All of that said, i'm looking forward to be a great team player with your office. I vote aye.

**Hardesty:** Thank you all for your great work and the work that you will do as the legislative process kicks off. It is important to us that we get many of these items actual hi through to the fip ish line this year. Police accountability remains an issue, we must make sure we have the ability to do the work that we need to do. Houseless community members and being strategically focused on how to move the needle. Knowing how quickly the evictions will happen once moratorium is lifted. That is one thing that keeps me up at night. I'm happy to vote aye.

**Mapps:** Aye

**Wheeler:** Aye. It's accepted. Thanks everybody. That completes our work for this afternoon. We are adjourned.

Council adjourned at 2:58 p.m.