



CITY OF
Portland, Oregon

Official
Minutes

February 17, 2021

Date and time

February 17, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Officers in attendance

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

Consent Agenda

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

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, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Disposition:

Those present by videoconference were: Mayor Wheeler, Presiding;
 Commissioners Hardesty, Mapps, Rubio and Ryan, 5.

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

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

The Council is taking these steps as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the need to limit in-person contact and promote social distancing. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public health, safety and welfare which requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your patience, flexibility and understanding as we manage through this difficult situation to do the City's business.

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

The deadline to sign up for the February 17, 2021 Council meetings is February 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

94 Request of Chris Chorn to address Council regarding acoustic harassment and assault (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

TIMES CERTAIN		
*95	<p>TIME CERTAIN: 9:45 AM — Amend the Portland Parks & Recreation FY 2020-21 Budget to allow expenditures related to the Parks Local Option Levy (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Rubio) 1 hour requested for Items 95-96</p> <p>Motion to add an emergency clause to enable Portland Parks & Recreation to prepare for summer 2021 programming: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	190297 As Amended
*96	<p>Authorize a temporary interfund loan not to exceed \$22 million from Portland Parks & Recreation System Development Charge Fund to the 2020 Parks Local Option Levy Fund to provide interim financing for park operations (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler)</p> <p>Motion to add an emergency clause to enable Portland Parks & Recreation to prepare for summer 2021 programming: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5) (Y-5)</p>	190298 As Amended
CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION		
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
Office of Management and Finance		
*97	<p>Create a new non-represented classification of Facilities Maintenance Specialist and establish a compensation range for this classification (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	190293
*98	<p>Pay settlement of Daniel Garcia Cuevas bodily injury claim in the sum of \$16,867 resulting from a motor vehicle collision involving the Portland Bureau of Transportation (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	190294
City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero		
99	<p>Approve Council Minutes for July 8, 2020 - October 1, 2020 (Report)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	APPROVED
REGULAR AGENDA		
Mayor Ted Wheeler		
100	<p>Proclaim week of March 7–13, 2021 to be Women in Construction Week (Proclamation)</p>	PLACED ON FILE
Commissioner Dan Ryan		
Housing Bureau		

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*101	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for The BridgeHead located at 1360 E Burnside St (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)	190295
*102	Approve application under the Multiple-Unit Limited Tax Exemption Program under the Inclusionary Housing Program for North Lombard Apartments located at 7550 N Lombard St (Ordinance) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)	190296
<u>2:00 PM WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17-18, 2021</u> DUE TO LACK OF AGENDA THERE WERE NO WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY 2:00 PM MEETINGS		

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

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Wheeler: Portland city council. Good morning. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Good morning, mayor. Rubio?

Rubio: Here.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Here.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Here.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Here.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Here. 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. And electronic communications. 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 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 all for your patience, flexibility and your understanding as we manage through this ongoing challenging situation. Now we'll hear there the illustrious legal counsel. Good morning.

Karen Moynahan: Good morning, mayor. 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.

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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.

Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. First up, communications. Keelan, it's my understanding that the one individual who signed up has withdrawn. Is that true?

Clerk: That is correct, mayor. Would you like me to read it?

Wheeler: Why don't you read it for the record, in case he pops up or we missed him.

Clerk: Okay. 94, request of chris chorn to address council regarding acoustic harassment and assault.

Wheeler: Chris, are you out there?

Clerk: Yeah, i don't see him on the line.

Wheeler: All right. Thank you very much. Maybe we'll hear from him on a different day. To the consent agenda. Has any items been pulled?

Clerk: We have had no requests.

Wheeler: Call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

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Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Consent agenda is adopted. Commissioner ryan, do you believe you have the crew here for 101 and 102?

Clerk: I think so. Read 101 and 102 together.

Clerk: Approve application under the multiple-unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for the bridgehead located at 1363 east burnside street. And 102, approve application under the multiple-unit limited tax exemption program under the inclusionary housing program for north lombard apartments located at 7550 north lombard street.

Wheeler: Commissioner ryan?

Ryan: Thank you. We have 101 and 102 are emergency ordinances and they ask us to consider approving the multi-applications for the bridgehead and north lombard apartments. I request that the two items be read together, that already just happened. So i will now turn it over to dory van bockel who will present and be available for questions. Good morning. Thank you for being here.

Dory Van Bockel: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you. I do have a brief presentation that i'll take a moment to share. Sorry about that. Okay. Thank you. As i adjust here a little bit. All right.

Ryan: Thanks, dory. I know it took you back a bit to know we are starting earlier with this. Thank you for jumping in.

Van Bockel: Reviewing screens and getting them all in the right place.

Ryan: Got it.

Van Bockel: Thank you very much for the patience.

Ryan: Dory, the talking points are what we see first.

Van Bockel: Oh, shoot. Okay. Sorry about that.

Ryan: That is okay. I think that is what you want.

Van Bockel: Very good. Thank you. It's not letting me see my talking points now is my problem, i guess. Okay. I apologize for this. I'm, i can certainly wing it without my talking points.

Wheeler: Dory, if i may be so bold. I'm guessing we have seen most of this presentation before. Not specific necessarily to the bridgehead but i think your talking points are probably more valuable to us than the presentation. But you'll let it be your call.

Van Bockel: Yes. Let's see where i can go with this. Okay? Thank you, everyone. So certainly, i think i have points here. Yes. You are pretty well familiar with the inclusionary house project at

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this point. As far as our program. So as a quick review and february of 2017, for the record, you know, any building adding 20 or more new units required to contribute to the rent restricted housing inventory through the inclusionary housing program and developers must choose from several options to fulfill the housing requirements. Units can be provided in otherwise market rate buildings. Sending units to another building or paying in to the inclusionary housing fund. The multiple-unit limited tax exemption program or the multe program is one of the financial incentive provided to buildings that are restricting the unit rather than pay the fee in lou. Each multe application comes before city council for approval based on the statutory requirement. And today we are bringing the two buildings before you. To go through the specific projects, we have the bridgehead at 1360 east burnside and north lombard apartments at 7550 north lombard. So to talk about the bridgehead project, it's a five-story, 143-unit mixed unit. Mixed use, excuse me, apartment building that is comprised of 19 studio, 115 one-bedroom and nine two-bedroom units. The developer chose the option to restrict at least 15% of the units at 80% of the median family income for 99 years under the program. And that amounts to 21 of the total 143 units restricted as the inclusionary housing units. They are representative of the total units in the building. So that means they will be there three studio 17 one-bedroom and the 1 two-bedroom units that are restricted under the inclusionary housing for the 99-year time frame. Based on the program requirements, buildings outside of the central city plan district are eligible for the property tax exemption on the inclusionary housing units. In this case, it means that the 21 units and associated parking. And percentage of the residential common areas will receive exemption for the ten-year period. The other 122 market rate units and the land will be fully taxed. So the total estimated tax amount as we go through little more details. I continue to -- so the total estimated tax amount, tax exemption amount is \$230,000 roughly. And that amounts to over the 99-year term about \$111 of foregone revenue annually per restricted unit. In comparison, we go back to the presentation. To look at the rent discount, between the monthly and the annual amount, so the rent reduction per restricted unit is \$4,758. And across the 99-year value, that is almost \$10 million. While the total estimated tax exemption foregone revenue estimated to total to \$230,000. So as far as additional details on this particular project, in addition to the ten-year tax exemption, provided by the multe, the restricted units will also receive the affordable housing construction excise tax exemption. And they will not benefit from s.t.c. Exemptions because these are not restricted at the 60% median family income level. So unless there are other questions specifically on this project, i will move on to the -- well, i guess it goes back through the average over 99 years. I'll move on to the other project, unless there are

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specific questions right now on the bridgehead.

Wheeler: I don't see anybody's hand raised, dory. Why don't you go ahead?

Van Bockel: Thank you. As far as for the north lombard apartments, it's a three-story, 39-unit residential-only apartment building comprised of two studio and 37 one bedroom units. This developer chose to restrict at least 15% of the units at 80% median family income for 99 years. So that equals six of the total 39 units. And again, they are representative of the total units in the building. So that means there will be six one-bedroom units under the inclusion -- under the inclusionary housing program. This is outside the central city plan district the property tax only applies to the inclusionary housing units and the associated percentage of the residential common areas over the ten-year period. That means the other 33 market rate units and the land will be fully taxed. The total estimate tax exemption for this building is just under \$70,000. So over the 99-year term, that is about \$116 of foregone revenue annually per restricted unit, similar to the other building. The annual rent reduction per restricted unit is \$4,812. Across the 99-year term the total rent reduction for the building totals just under \$3 million. And compared to that, \$70,000 tax exemption estimate. So you can look at a different view of the total benefit versus the cost of the tax exemption. Liquids this project will also receive the affordable housing construction tax, excise tax exemption. This is the first application for this ownership group. I'm happy to answer any questions about these projects. Thank you. And the applications.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Colleagues, any questions? Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. I don't have any questions on these specific ones but i'm curious, dory, when we will see the language to change this program so that it's actually more equitably used and that there is more benefit for communities who are low-income. I know that you have started that process. Maybe matthew wants to answer that.

Van Bockel: I can certainly discuss that. So on january 20, we released a draft of permanent rules that include some changes to the inclusionary housing program. Both on the size of the family-sized units and some of other things that had been addressed by council. So we are in the middle of that public process right now. And we are inviting testimony through february 25. We have a public hearing on that day as well for anyone to offer any feedback in person. The official rule process through the housing bureau means we have until the 24th of march before we would finalize any rules. And assuming we don't have other changes based on the feedback that we'd want to make to what to what we have published at that point, we could publish the rules thereafter. However, it will take a while before any applications will be actually subject to any new rules that we make because of the way the projects are vested in the permitting pipeline. So

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any of the changes that we make now to the program will affect projects that have new land use or the permit applications after the time of the rule changes going into effect.

Hardesty: Thank you, dory. How do we weigh in on that before we finalize this through your process at the housing bureau? How do we as a city council weigh in? How do we get the word out to other people who may have strong opinions about the changes that should take place?

Van Bockel: Yes, so certainly, anyone is welcome to weigh in through the public process. Definitely. And the housing bureau will be working also with our director calahan and commissioner ryan and we can coordinate that way as well.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Van Bockel: You're welcome.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. Any other questions? If not, keelan, do we have public testimony on either of the items? Keelan?

Clerk: We do. We have one person signed up. Caitlin slatlam.

Wheeler: Good. Good morning. Caitlin, are you there?

Caitlin: Yeah.

Wheeler: There you are.

Caitlin: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Loud and clear.

Caitlin: Perfect. Thank you. Good morning, mayor and city commissioners. To the new commissioner i want to welcome you. I know you will serve the city well. I'm caitlin, i use they, them, there and i'm a student at portland university and i'm testifying to the multiple-unit limited tax exemption program regarding the bridgehead apartments. I've lived in downtown portland for six years now and i frequently walk the beautiful streets and i have oftentimes find myself looking up to the darkened windows of the luxury apartments in the downtown southwest portland area and the northern pearl district. That i a full-time student and two-job holder could never afford. Solutions to the total problems; such as, the one -- societal problems; such as, as the one we face today can't be solve through the corporate profit. When businesses spend money to solve these problems it can change the conventional thinking that business profits solve social problems. We find not enough businesses actively seek to better city and the few that do are rewarded for providing bare minimum of the the 145 units of the ten-story project i want to remind you only 22 are reserved for affordable housing. And i want to show that research shows dire need for affordable housing to provide 3, 4, 5-bedroom apartments and bridgehead only offers three studio, 17 one-bedroom and two bedroom. So it leave 121

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luxury apartments that will likely remain vacant due to the other challenges we face today. Rising healthcare cost, education, quality standard of living and the stagnant wages are things we have known for a long time now to be a problem for the portlanders. It's my humble opinion rewarding millions of the tax exemption for bare minimum effort to change societal problems is not the answer. I don't have all the answers. I don't pretend to have all of them. And i know that you don't have all the answers either. But portland desperately needs the tax revenue to solve the other multitude of the societal problems mentioned previously. The problems we face today aren't new. They are decades old structural injustices that provide that primarily and detrimentally affect the poor and the community members of color. The city of portland needs affordable housing. We don't need luxury apartments. The city of portland needs tax revenue from the luxury apartments to fund the gateway green park and to pay off the interstate corridor urban renewal debt. We know the businesses will see a return on the investment. They don't need a tax break on top. Corporations and the businesses exist to produce and provide the needs of society. By ensuring more desperately needed affordable housing options are created and the tax revenue funds coming from the luxury goods are used to solve our problems can garner and foster trust so desperately needed in the city representatives. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Was there any more testimony, keelan? Any other individuals?

Clerk: No. That is all that signed up.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any further questions for dory? Please call the roll on item 101.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I want to thank dory for the presentation and the portland housing bureau for the continued work on affordable housing accessibility and availability. I also really want to thank caitlin for her testimony today. She raises important points that i know that we all care about and we have all talked about. I'm happy to support this application. I also want to continue to encourage developers to consider additional options of inclusionary housing units within the project. As we just heard, affordability is only one part of equation. Accessibility must go hand in hand with it. I'll be looking to keep accessibility and affordability, and metropolitan deeply affordable unit -- and especially deeply affordable units at the forefront of the project and i'm happy to see projects like these today. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: First, thank you, dory, for the presentation. And for also stepping up. Earlier than you were

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prepared to do. We got through that. I want to also say that i appreciate the questions from commissioner hardesty. We will make sure that the housing bureau and my office keeps you abreast and includes you so that when we come back on the 24th of march, it's no surprise. I just want to also acknowledge that the north lombard apartments and the bridgehead bring the total number of the private sector buildings in the inclusionary approval pipeline to 118. Restrict admin mum of 942 units and what otherwise would have been market-rate developments. I know it's a baby step at times but it's a step. I look forward to that improving. I vote aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you very much, dory, for your presentation. I also want to thank caitlin. Ever since i first heard of this program, it's been, it's been i think a two-edge sword. On one hand, we are adding several units in places where we don't have housing that people can afford to live in. On the other hand, at 80%, what we are telling people is they have to make \$70,000 to be able to afford an affordable housing unit. Which in my mind is crazy. We have had this conversation many times about the pros and the cons of this program. I want to really thank director calahan for continuing to hear concerns and the continuing to act on concerns. I look forward to us making the program better and maybe making it for portland-centric than what the state law allows. I believe at some point we are going to have to go back to the state and fundamentally change how this program operates. But again, all due credit to dory and matthew and the other staff and the housing bureau. And commissioner ryan. I'm so grateful you are the housing commissioner because i know that this touches your soul just like it touches mine. It's important that we actually provide as much housing and people can afford to live in as possible. So today i will vote aye. Reluctantly because i continue to have the concerns that have been expressed here today. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I'd like to thank staff and caitlin for their presentations today. I vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The ordinance is adopted. 102, please, call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

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Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance is adopted. Back to the time certain number 95, please. Number 95, please. Number 95, please.

Clerk: Amend the portland parks and recreation fy 2020-21 budget to allow expenditures related to the parks local option levy.

Wheeler: Also read item 96, please.

Clerk: Authorize a temporary interfund loan not to exceed \$22 million from portland parks and recreation system development charge fund to the 2020 parks local option levy fund to provide interim financing for park operations.

Wheeler: We are here today to begin implementation of the will of the voters. In november, voters showed support for the park and the recreation system overwhelmingly supporting the five-year operating levy or the portland parks and recreation. As parks commissioner at the time, i was very proud to ensure that as part of the city council's referral of the parks levy to the ballot, the referral language promised the community that the levy resources would support summer 2021 public recreation programming. Care for our parks, natural areas and build community partnerships. Today there are two important ordinances to allow us to deliver on the promises we as a council made to the voters. I sponsored an ordinance for interfund loan to allow the portland parks and recreation to accept levy resources now until waiting until november of 2021, when the tax resources will be collected. Commissioner rubio is our new parks commissioner. Sponsored an ordinance to amend the parks budget for fiscal year 2021 and authorize pp&r to create new positions and begin spending the resources right now. Now i'd like to have commissioner rubio lead us through the two presentations for this important endeavor. Commissioner rubio?

Rubio: Thank you, mayor. As we are all aware, covid-19 has changed so much for this community. And it has strained the city budget and many portlanders and the local businesses are struggling to survive. But amid the struggle, portlanders are turning to the parks and the natural spaces for the physical and the emotional well-being. As long-time non-profit executive director i saw first hand how parks enrich the lives of portlanders and contributes to the health of the community. Parks and natural spaces bullster us against ills of the climate change. When we emerge from the public health crisis we want the parks to be there to celebrate the arts and the culture and the community. I can't wait for that. I know all of you have said you felt the same

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as well. While the covid pandemic has hit portland parks and recreation especially hard we are grateful to the voters who made decision to invest in the parks and recreation system. I'm especially proud that the budget does what we as a council has agreed to do in all of our work, centers equity, inclusion and community of color for east portland. I want to introduce adena long, director and matt gierach. They have a budget to reflect the city value and i'll turn it over to the parks director adena long to share details of the fiscal year 2021 supplemental budget proposal. Director long?

Adena Long: Thank you, commissioner rubio and mayor wheeler. Good morning to you both and to commissioners hardesty, mapps, ryan as well.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Long: We appreciate the opportunity to be here today. I'd like to begin with acknowledgements of my team who helped us get to the hearing. They are also available to answer your questions if needed. Thanks to todd, our deputy director. Claudio campuzano who i understand is having internet issues but hopefully will be able to join us if the need arises. And i'd like to note that our division managers have also joined us today. Thank you to our invited guests and the community members who have signed up to give public testimony. We appreciate the many ways you support portland's parks, natural areas, urban forest and recreation system. Let's get started on the presentation. We appreciate the opportunity to be here today to share portland parks and recreation fiscal year 2020-2021 supplemental budget ordinance. And interfund loan ordinance that are related to the five-year local option levy to make good on the promises we made to the community to offer summer 2021 programming. We are grateful for the portland voters' support. Next slide, please. We have a diverse parks and recreation system treasured by portlanders. In 2019, the portland insight survey access to outdoors and the natural areas is what people like most about portland, regardless of race, age, how long they have lived here. We typically offer robust programming at the 12 community and art centers and five indoor and seven outdoor pools. We manage 146 neighborhood parks and 8,000 acres of the green infrastructure in the natural areas. In those natural areas and parks, 1.2 million trees. Next slide, please. Equity has been and continues to be at the forefront of the management decisions. We have made progress, despite the past funding challenges. For example, we have built new parks in underserved communities. In late november we opened gateway green. In 2021, we will open a new park in park lane. We have made the workforce more reflective of the portland community. And we are prioritizing contracting equity. Having achieved more than double the city's goal. In a typical year, we offer culturally responsive programming at the community

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centers and parks. Programs like parks for new portlanders, portland world soccer and summer free for all. In the wake of george floyd's murder, and black lives matter protests, we held racial justice listening sessions for all staff. And we committed to becoming an antiracist organization. 29 staff members recently completed antiracist results based accountability training which will guide us in the future planning processes. Equity and inclusion manager kenya williams and his team are working on equity lens that the bureau can use for decision-making. Next slide, please. We have done well with the resources we have but the city's parks and recreation system has large inequities. For example, people want their parks to be clean and to feel safe. But safety is more of a barrier for portlanders of color and east portland residents. Next slide, please. Past surveys have shown that the cost is also more of a barrier to portlanders of color and east portland residents. Next slide, please. And in our parks and recreation system overall, tree canopy coverage is inequity for those living east of the willamette. Access to parks and the natural areas, playground and the community centers all benefit some portlanders more than others. And it leaves those who live in east portland with less access. Over the long-term, we will need to work together to create a parks and recreation system equity for all portlanders. This is a key tenet of the work we are doing with the proposed supplemental budget. And it will take continued investment over time. Next slide, please. Covid-19 changed everything for our bureau in terms of how we operate and the services we can offer. We close community centers, indoor and outdoor pools and laid off or didn't hire most of our casual seasonal staff. Meaning, that more than 1,700 people were without work last summer. This slide shows estimated service reductions just from canceling our 2020 programs. Summer programs. Our budget picture also changed dramatically as most of our revenue generating services were shuttered and remain shuttered. Our program revenue reduced by more than \$15 million. As you know, the city expects to have continued financial impact from covid-19 well in to the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Our bureau was already struggling prior to covid-19. After years of underinvestment and infrastructure and operational capacity, we have been stretched to meet demand for service. With the voter-approved parks levy we have a chance to bring back essential community programs in summer 2021 affordable for all and to reset the organization to provide equity public services. Next slide, please. The summer service estimates that you see on this slide represent our best thinking at this time. But we will have to be flexible and refine our program plans as public health guidelines change. For now, we focused on outdoor programming and recreation for children and youth. As covid guidelines allow we have excited to offer physically distant, outdoor swimming lessons, summer camps, fitness in the park, nature day camps and

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tennis lessons in the park. In addition, we will continue to focus on providing free lunches through our lunch and play program. This summer, we will also augment this vital program with the arts programming for children and families. Lastly, summer programming means that we will hire a lot of casual and seasonal staff. We are expecting to hire up to 1,850 staff members this summer. We will once again be one of the largest summer youth employers in the city. Let's walk through the face -- let's walk through the fiscal year 2021 supplemental budget request. Next slide, please. For the recreation for all services we will open and operate our outdoor swimming pools with a focus on providing community swim lessons. We will also operate 18 splash pads in our parks. We will provide summer camps for children and outdoor settings. For example, for our camps related to sun schools we identified 3-5 outdoor parks that are close to sun sites that will serve as locations and we'll host summer camps with the multnomah art center and the community music center. We will use the community centers to support outdoor programming. Our tennis center will host tennis lessons in the parks and we will continue and expand our fitness in the parks program. That we piloted in the summer of 2020. And our virtual programming will continue. Next slide, please. To bolster program access, we are allocating additional resources for inclusion services, inclusive and adaptive recreation and language translation zests for market -- services for marketing and signage. To rethink our programs and end reliance on the program fees. We don't want cost to be a barrier to participation, especially for the community members who are underserved. For all registered summer program, we will seek to have 50% bipoc, immigrant and refugee and the families living in poverty participate in registered programs. We'll be working with the community partners to achieve this level of enrollment. Levy resources will also allow us to launch a feasibility study to explore the expansion of the interstate fire house, cultural center as a center for black arts and culture. Many of you know that we have been supporting a community advisory committee in the development of a vision and sustainable model for the facility. We are excited to continue to work with the community on this great project. With allocated resources more than 35 job -- without the resources more than 35 jobs would be in jeopardy. Levy resources are allowing us to add three full-time equivalent to make three nine-month summer free for all staff in to permanent year-round positions. Next slide. Next, our protect and grow nature services. Our land stretch team under resources for years. In the last ten years the city's population has grown by 13% and the field staff who keep our parks clean and safe declined by 11%. For many years we have had fewer people to care for parks. Covid-19 has exacerbated the problem and the safety protocols calling for the increased time to clean and sanitize. As part of building

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organizational capacity, we will be providing additional f.t.e. To work on the east side of portland. Park tech to address immediate needs and a supervisor to staff a new work unit. The current e-zone maintenance supervisor is responsible for the daily care of 50 parks. To support the urban forest we will be adding support for the tree-planting program and the park tree maintenance and the emergency response. Currently the bureau can only respond to the emergencies. We will begin building a team to handle pro-active tree maintenance in parks. Which will improve the health of the tree canopy and safety to the public. We kept safety in mind. We are adding a swing shift supervisor to support park techs working the swing shift. This will improve safety and maintenance on our parks and will also provide important support for our staff in the field. Additional security at the maintenance facilities will protect staff and public resources. And we will be adding needed equipment and vehicles to support field staff. Levy resources will allow us to initially add 16 f.t.e. To protect and grow nature with more to come in the fall bump process. Next slide, please. Our environmental education program will be scaling up for the summer. We are increasing capacity for the nature day camp participants by 50%. This investment will provide the foundation to grow the program even more in future years. Like our recreation programs, environmental education will seek to have 50% bipoc, immigrant and refugee and families experiencing financial hardship participate in the registered programs. We will also build capacity in our youth conservation crew, teen nature team and internships. They are amazing programs but they are great entry points to the parks and recreation workforce. By focusing on bipoc, immigrant and refugee and low-income communities we are creating access to enrichment and job opportunities. Next slide, please. Levy resources will be used to increase community grants so that our partners can assist in program participant registration and staff hiring. Additional work this year will be setting up a levy oversight committee. Partnering with the community, particularly with the organizations that support bipoc, immigrants and refugees, familying living in poverty, people -- families living in poverty, people living with disabilities and older adults will help the bureau achieve the equity goals. Community engagement is a critical part of the planning framework and a pillar of the equity work. Next slide, please. For portland parks and recreation to deliver successful community outcomes we'll expand and transform the services for the next few years and this means more bureau employees to deliver essential services to the improve the lives of portlanders. As we have discussed to do this, portland park and recreation needs to refresh our strategies, policies and procedures to promote equity and safety. We will also need to enhance the recruitment and the hiring to continue to diversify our teams. Next slide, please. While we add more people, we need to offer them space and tools to

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meet the community's needs. We will need to rent new maintenance facilities and procure proper equipment and technology. Such as, upgrading our out of date work order system. We will also need to enhance the capacity for the transparency and the accountability with the public and budgeting and performance monitoring. In total we are requesting to add 31 f.t.e. To do this work. Next slide, please. Portland parks and recreation supplemental budget ordinance for \$9 million of the parks levy funds. This chart shows what the overall fiscal year 2021 operating budget looks like with the levy-funded supplemental budget request. We will cover this funding with a partner ordinance that will allow for an interfund loan from the parks system development charge fund. The interfund loan allows for \$22 million the maximum levy amount we would use in fiscal year 2021 and through the first five months of the fiscal year 2021-22 until we receive tax levy dollars. Next slide, please. This is a summary request. This ensure we'll provide robust services as the public health guidance and capacity to scale up will allow. Next slide, please. Portland parks and recreation proud of the essential services we provide to the community. We are grateful to portlanders who supported the parks levy. Our supplemental budget request is critical to the ability to offer summer recreation and environmental programs to support youth and families in the community, especially bipoc, immigrant, refugees and the families living with the low-income. This request will save and create jobs. Permanent full-time positions in the bureau and summer employment for young people at a time when many are struggling economically. I'm going to turn it over to matt gierach now to present our interfund loan ordinance. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Matt Geirach: Thank you, adena. Good morning, mayor wheeler, commissioner rubio and city council. I'm matt gierach, the debt manager to the bureau of revenue of national services. I'm joined by brigid o'callaghan, the city treasurer. Additional background, the interfunnds loan used for low-cost, short-term internal financing for city projects. By using the interfund loan the city is able to avoid financing costs that are occurred using external financing sources. Regarding the specific interfund loan it will be capped at \$22 million and structured as a draw-down loan to minimize interest insecured with the park's local option levy fund. Previously noted this is a system development charge reserve budgeted in the capital parks capital improvement fund. This is anticipated that the loan is drawn down in two draws. One created immediately and the fy-2021 for the current year expenditures and another in 2022 for expenditures before tax are received next year. The interfund loan paid in full no later than january 31, 2022. Providing cushion on the property tax receipts. Previously noted the parks levy expected to generate \$45 million in the property tax revenues in fy2021-2022. So they are expected to project the loan

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with a cushion. It will accrue at the investment fund rate and compound monthly to result in the mutual economics and the no opportunity cost of loss interest to the parks capital improvement fund and the system development park reserve. The interest rate expected to not exceed 0.75% to result in the maximum interest cost of \$120,000 for the loan. That concludes the overview of the terms of the interfund loan. I'm happy to answer any questions.

Wheeler: Good. Colleagues, any questions at this point? Commissioner ryan?

Ryan: Thank you, mayor. Thank you, director long and matt for the presentation. It was very good. I can't think of a better investment than what we need to do to be ready this summer. I do have question about the loan. That is you laid it out really well on terms of the payments made and when you would bring it back. I appreciate that. I'm looking out how many years, five years? I wonder will we be in a situation five summers from now where we will, what will we do then? I want to hear the rationale for how it will play out if we are bringing in the revenue early. Will we be backed up five years from now if that is the duration? Just lay it out for me, please.

Geirach: Sure. I believe based on the projections that there is not expected to be any sort of mismash for the revenues and the expenditures. So yeah, we considered that when structuring the interfund loan. There shouldn't be any gap at the end.

Ryan: Thank you for understanding my question. I just didn't hear it in the presentation so i want 20 make sure i asked that question. Thank you so much.

Rubio: So now we have invited testimony. I'm going to ask if maybe we can get through the testimony and hear from the folks.

Wheeler: Yep. Go ahead. Do you want to call them up, commissioner?

Rubio: Then we will have to -- all right. So now it's my pleasure to introduce invited testimony to give us a fuller picture of the programs that levy resources will support. Six people today. I'll read their names a couple at a time. The first two are bonnie g. Yousick from the parks board. Andre middleton, portland marks and the recreation budget advisory committee.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Bonnie Gee Yosick: Hi there. Thank you. Mayor, commissioners. My name is bonnie. I have the privilege serving as the vice chair of the parks board. In this role i also serve on the bureau's budget advisory committee which reviewed the bureau program and the budgetary considerations over three meetings. This year, as you know, we are in a unique position with the park 2020 operating levy which the voters overwhelmingly approved to provide recreation for all and protect and grow nature and support the community partnerships. The b.a.c. Supports the bureau response to the economic and the public health crisis requesting council's approval

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of a supplemental budget ordinance and the interfund loan ordinance. The measures will allow the bureau to access the levy resources in the current year to provide summer programs, build capacity for levy-funded program expansion and address the area of the potential critical failure. Fundamentally, they will allow the bureau to support the physical and the mental health of the community in this challenging time. Bureau staff will create complete levy budget as part of the fall bump in september including setup of a levy oversight committee and a community process to inform decision-making about the use of levy resources. The requested budget advances the b.a.c. Core values, equity, safety, maintenance, step toward financial sustainability. Briefly, equity. The bureau continues to demonstrate its strong commitment to equity centering summer recreation and environmental education and youth and employment internship programs providing opportunities for the bipoc, immigrants and refugees and the other vulnerable families including safety food programs. Safety. The bureau will provide proactive investment in the care and the parks of urban forest so parks an the natural areas are well cared for, well maintained, safe and welcoming. Maintenance, this request includes increased support for the major maintenance budget as directed by council to prevent the bureau from losing more ground against the backlog of the deferred maintenance more than \$500 million. Finally, financial sustainability. While operating levy stabilizes the programs and the services in the short-term, long-term financial sustainability is essential to equity parks and recreation system. We will continue to emphasize this critical element with the work ahead. We encourage council to support the requested budget and approve levy funds immediately. You heard us emphasize before. Our system of parks and recreation services is essential infrastructure and covid-19 has emphasized this fact even more. Healthy parks, healthy portland is not just the bureau's tag line. It's the vision of public health that the bureau seeks to achieve. Your support will allow the vision to become a reality. Thank you.

Clerk: Thank you, bonnie. Andre?

Andre Middleton: Good afternoon, mayor wheeler and commissioners hardesty, rubio, ryan, maps. For record i'm andre middleton. I use he/him pronouns and i'm executive director of friends of noise. We support music. In this virtual space we are guests of the traditional land of the multnomah, clackamas bands of chinook and many other indigenous people. We endeavor to be better steward of the portland park and rec i hope we will meet the challenge to return the land to the first steward of the land that we currently call home. I come before you as a member of the portland parks and recreation budget advisory committee. To advocate for the parks supplemental budget request for the year 2020-2021. And the parks levy. I was honored when

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the arts and cultural special manager submitted my name to join the committee. It signals a strong partner parks park direct has become to me and the friends of noise. While serving on the budget advisory committee, i have been welcomed and seen as a valued member of the community. Whose experience with the parks are validated. Parking alongside parks, staff and other concerned community members has been extremely validated and analogous to professional development program for me personally. During our meetings we advocate for using diverse, equity and inclusion lens to budgetary process to see to the safety and the well-being of the community members for community-centered programming and maintain and upcoming of the portfolio of the physical assets. Resident of the cully neighborhood, i live near a dog park that draws people and their furry friends. It's a gathering point for summer concerts for years and not to mention spring and summer sports. Third park is a newly added park using innovative design, material and surfaces to be accessible to children with the different abilities and their families. The livability of my and all neighborhoods in your charge are impacted by the networks and parks. Investing in the parks is an investment in the communities that yield tangible results. I used to be an au-pair for a family -- i used to be a nanny for a family. And hamilton park was walking distance from their home. This park and the tree canopy in the neighborhood adds to the value of the home by reducing the overall, the area overall heat signature. East portland residents need local parks who contribute to the livability of the neighborhood as well. Allocating resources via the park supplemental budget request and the parks levy is a step to address decades of the inequitable distribution of resources and the service toward east portland and east county residents. While the maintenance and the repair of the parks is utmost importance, investing in the human resources is vital to the community as well. Three years ago when i saw public, portland parks and recreation was hiring team for the summer concert i knew an opportunity would be perfect as my daughter's first job. The experience of working with the young children in east portland earning income and learning how to navigate a workplace environment has been such a positive experience for her. Each year, thousands of people like my daughter work to make our parks and neighborhoods safe and nurturing spaces. Whether it's gateway discovery park or the multnomah arts center. The seasonal employees that make so many parks hum with activity can't do it without the fiscal resources needed to sustain them. Our parks are a treasured resource for all members of the community. Homeowners and renters, young and old, housed and those without housing, the healthy and infirmed. In order to serve and be accessible to all members of the community, the funding allocated for parks and rec needs to meet the need. The park supplemental budget

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request for 2020 and 2021 and the parks levy is a step in that direction. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you, andre. Next we have randy greg, executive director of the portland parks foundation. And then following him, torrell richard, local 483.

Randy Gragg: Good morning, mayor and commissioners. Thank you for letting me be here. On behalf of our board, the portland parks foundation urges you to vote in favor of portland parks and recreation's 2021 supplemental budget ordinance. And the interfund loan ordinance. Whether we are developing a bridge over a dangerous crossing of the iconic wild wood trail or inventing a new festival to heal downtown that i will be sharing in a few weeks the portland parks foundation exists to help people help parks and to help the city. In this case we led the political campaign to pass the five-year levy that provided this opportunity to sustainably fund the park system. We had big shoes to fill in the parks commissioner nick fish's untimely death at the start of thinking about this. On a personal note, i had never run a campaign. And only have written about them and interrogated some of you during them. And it's a whole lot harder to be in your shoes. I will tell you. But commissioner fish laid a lot of the critically important groundwork for the levy with the sustainable future initiative that spelled out scenarios for the needs and for funding options. Public polling back in may conducted that pp&r conducted showed strong support for the park system overall. But we knew that the november ballot would be crowded. A private poll that the foundation conducted showed one-third of the voters were eh, probably yes. Notable parks political champions told us that support was too shaky to proceed. But our polling also showed that we could turn maybe in to a solid yes. If we explained that a parks funding crisis was unfolding due to covid and ten-year decline in the parks maintenance would finally be reversed and the lever i have's passage would guarantee eck wettable access to park -- equitable access to children, family and seniors. This is the most challenging fundraising that i and the foundation have ever done. I can safely say we did not buy this levy. We earned our support across the political spectrum from tiny grassroots organizations like ground folks fishing and the wild diversity to the dozens of the parks friends groups to the political power houses like the portland business alliance. And the home billers of the metropolitan portland. Portlanders love their parks. And when they learn the park system was in trouble they overwhelmingly voted to support it and to improve it. The ordinances before you will save positions, create new living wage jobs and employ hundreds of seasonal workers this summer. A lot of them youth. Most importantly, they will allow portland parks and recreation to provide summer 2021 programs for the youth and families at a time when the community really needs them most. So please support the ordinances. But let's also remember that these

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ordinances and indeed the levy itself are only a down payment. And let's begin mapping our path to truly sustainable future for the portland park system. The foundation stands ready to help. Thank you so much.

Rubio: Thank you, randy. Next, torrell.

Farrell Richartz: Hello. My name is farrell richards, though i get called farrell by younger folks quite a bit. I'm going to be reading from a prepared text but hopefully you will understand that there is a lot of data to go over. I'm coming from a place where i am really pleased to be here speaking in support of something. Good morning, mayor wheeler. And all the city commissioners. I'm farrell richards as i said. Some years back i worked for portland parks and recreation myself as a seasonal maintenance worker. I went to work ten years at the portland bureau of transportation. Before taking on my current role which is the business manager of labor local 483 five years ago. So, our union represents hardworking folks all across the city of portland which includes the bureau of transportation maintenance operations, bureau of environmental systems, as well as the portland parks and recreation. Within parks and rec, our members maintain and patrol the city's vast network of parks as well as the natural areas that go along with that bureau. They run the community centers and the pools. They teach classes and they educate preschool students. They manage the urban canopy through our urban forestry folks. They ensure iconic locations that include waterfront park, portland international raceway, botanical gardens and the forest park are accessible to portlanders and the visitors. If you walk through anyplace like lens park or you visit east portland community center, you have met the members and you have seen results of their work. After years of the difficult budgets like i said i can't tell you how pleased i am to talk about the interfund transfer for parks and recreation. This is a view toward building a sustainable parks bureau, one to provide as well as sustain the living wage jobs performed by the diverse members of the community. For too long the workers endured stressful budget cycles and had to deal with the harsh reality of the proposed and the real cuts to the jobs and the services that the jobs provide. The interfund loan ordinance and the supplemental budget ordinance allow park and rec to access the parks levy dollars before november to provide much-needed stability to the bureau. Over the past two budget cycles in particular, and during the covid-19 pandemic, parks and rec laid off regular staff, held vacancies for open positions and had to lay off a huge number of the seasonal and casual folks. The parks bureau regularly employs 3,000 workers each year in peak times. The impact of returning large numbers of the living wage jobs to the community is going to play a significant role in the post pandemic recovery of the city as was well documented in director long's presentation. The parks

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and rec bureau workforce is among the most diverse workforce in the larger city portfolio. Data from dashboard for the fiscal year 2019 shows 10.5% of the parks workforce identifies as black. 8.8 as latinx. 6.2% as asian. Looked at another way, 33% of the parks workforce come from the communities of color. 56.1% of the park workforce are women -- park workforce are women. Your support of the ordinance today will give the bureau an opportunity to lead with equity by returning the job to community. Our union supports and welcomes the parks bureau plan to increase diverse recruitment effort partnering with the community organizations. I want to thank you for your opportunity to speak today to this funding decision. As well as i would like to offer a thank you to the many unions including laborers who made significant contribution to the parks levy success. With that, i would say labor local 483 urges the council to vote to support the interfund loan ordinance and supplemental budget ordinance which is harder to say. If you have any questions about it and the impact it will have on the members, i'm available and lead representative tom collette are available for more information. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you, farrell. I sincerely apologize for mispronouncing your name. It is important to get it right. Thank you for that. Next, we have antoinett ebb edwards, ifc community advisory committee and isaiah johnson, teen rec leader from the east portland community center.

Antoinette Edwards: Good morning. Mayor, and commissioners. I'm just excited to be here. I can say commissioner ryan, commissioner mapps, commissioner rubio, for the first time. And i feel like the song make new friends and keep the old. You are not old, ted. Mayor. And commissioner hardesty.

Wheeler: I feel it, sometimes, though. Antoinette. I feel it.

Edwards: It's okay. I'm an elder so i respect that. I am just excited to be here this morning representing the community advisory board. For i.f.c.c. Someone once said to have a gift to be grateful is like having a gift to not open it. We want to open it in front of you and say thank you, thank you, thank you for funding the feasibility study. And i really want to appreciate director long for the partnership. Really respecting our committee and working closely with us along the way. We came together. We very city appointed and we came together to be there six weeks. But two and a half years, we are still involved. I want to borrow from commissioner hardesty. And commissioner ryan. When something touches your soul, you stay in it. You are in it. That is what this is about. So you giving us that money for the feasibility study helps us to move on. It will allow the c.a.c. In partnership with the portland parks and recreation to develop our vision, to expand and redevelop the ifcc site as a center for the black arts and culture. Operated as a mission driven non-profit. I want to state that again. A center for black arts and culture. For the

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new members, i just want to give you a little bit of background. In 1982, ifcc founded as a cultural center in north portland by charles jordan. Portland's first black commissioner and the portland and parks and recreation first black director. For three decades, ifcc operated as a thriving neighborhood arts center. During city budget cuts and the changing in building management, ifcc has been dormant and joun utilized since 2015. In 2018, ifcc c.a.c. Appointed to develop a vision and recommend operating model for the ifcc. Amazing team members have been amazing. Their commitment, their dedication in volunteering, to stay the course until we see this through. The c.a.c. And parks have seen five changes in parks commissioners since then. From commissioner fritz, commissioner fish, the mayor, back to commissioner fritz, and now to commissioner rubio. For every step of the way, commissioner fritz, fish and the mayor expressed the ifcc was a priority with the full support. We thank you for that. Now commissioner rubio, we look forward to working with you and all of the city council to fulfill on the promises made to realize our vision to expand ifcc to a center for the black arts and culture. As picasso stated, "art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life." we are in need of that. Art is something that centers us and brings us all together. So in our appreciation and in our gratitude, for your commitment to this work i would like to take this moment to invite you all to become friends of ifcc c.a.c. That almost sounds like a song. ¶ ifcc c.a.c. ¶ we want you all to know what it means to us. We invite you to help us move this vision and we are on a mission. And this is an opportunity to create a legacy project. We invite you to be part of that. We need you, the community needs you. This is something that can bring us all together. And in my closing, i only want to share this. And honoring charles jordan. I knew him well. And in honoring black history month. Share with you just a few of the words from the amazing poem that inspired me from amanda. "we will rebuild, reconcile and recover. And every known nook of our nation and every corner called our country, our people diverse and beautiful will emerge. Battered and beautiful. When day comes we step out of the shade of flame and unafraid. The new day blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If we are only brave enough to see it. If we are only brave enough to be it." so we invite you to become that light as we climb that hill together. And we are so looking forward to the opportunity to work with all of you. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you, antoinette. Next we have isaac.

Isaiah Johnson: Good morning, city council. Good morning, mayor wheeler. I'd like to introduce myself. I'm isaiah johnson and recreational lead for the teen services at the east portland community center. I worked for teen services for five years at the charles jordan community center when i was 16. My time with teen force goes back longer than that. Living in northeast

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portland i grew up in a working family and i often had to take care of my younger brother. Like many other families and youth in the area, the parks and the community centers were more than a place to go play. From the youth camps, classes and activities there was always something to do. For me, teen services was something that changed my life. Not only did it give me employment opportunity but it played a large role in keeping me safe. The community center was somewhat of a home away from home. More than a place to go play basketball and meet friends. It was a place where i could learn and feel accepting and safe. Being african-american male it's often hard to answer the question of what do you want to be when you grow up? Teen services has a diverse group of caring staff who come from all different backgrounds so for me like many other kids, it's incredible to see people who look like you and doing something you would like to do one day. Many of the staff are more than just staff. They are role models, teachers and friends to members of the community just by being themselves. Us bringing back 1,850 positions this summer we can bring back the incredible people who make a huge difference in the youth lives and reconnect with the entire community. Now transitioning from experiencing the program as a youth to working with the teen force, i try to make the same positive impact on the youth -- impact on the youth that the staff did on me. This is personal to me because i was once that youth. I have a younger brother who is involved with teen force. He can see people who look like him who are positive role models in his life. Have a safe place to play and enjoy free time rather than be tied to something that could be detrimental to his growth as a young adult. We saw the effect of the summer recreation programs canceled on the youth, violence erupted and we lost several youth part of the teen force. This is a lifeline for families and even more so in the summer when the youth are out of school. With your support youth can enjoy the many camps and the activities that we offer and enjoy a safe space to grow and play. The funds will allow portland parks and recreation to provide an outlet and support to all communities in portland in the crucial time of year. Thank you very much.

Rubio: Thank you, isaiah. I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers and staff for taking time to testify today. We appreciate your service and commitment to parks very much. This concludes our presentation. Mayor, i'll turn it back for you for further public testimony and discussion.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner rubio. Thank you to all the invited testimony.

Congratulations. That is exciting for all of us. We know that you all put your shoulders to the collective wheel. So thank you for your leadership. Keelan, do we have any public testimony for these items?

Clerk: No, mayor, we don't have anybody on the call for these items.

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Wheeler: All right. Good. Then with that, commissioner rubio, i understand you'd like to make an amendment to these items?

Rubio: Yes. Because these ordinances are so important for parks and recreation to be able to prepare for summer 2021, i propose that we make them emergency ordinances.

Wheeler: Is there any discussion? Motion from -- i will assume this is both for items 9 a and 96. Is that correct, commissioner rubio?

Rubio: Correct.

Wheeler: Hardesty, is your second for both ordinance 95 and 96?

Hardesty: Correct, sir.

Wheeler: Thank you. Any further discussion amongst councilmembers on the amendments proposed? Keelan, please call the roll. On the amendment to item number 95, please.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yeah, just want to say thank you to everyone who presented. It was really, it was exciting, actually to hear from so many community members. Some who i know and haven't seen for a while. And our city needed that hour of time to get excited about what is coming. I was actually excited when i learned this was going to be on the agenda today. I'm proud to support this item and help parks get their process going for the summer programs. They need it. Portlanders of all ages and the backgrounds need a safe place to go. For me there is two things that stood out. The summer youth program. I think we all know how important that is in terms of building life skills and building career. You need to build soft skills which is about showing up on time and doing your job well. We need more opportunities like that. And also the programming. As someone who advocated for our children and the youth. Especially those of color and those who don't have the same resources as some, the parks have always been there to help what we call the summer melt. Which is when basically scores go down, and enrichment that is not offered to them is needed somewhere. And the parks has been the go-to in the city for years. I think we don't give that enough attention. They have also been there to help the schools in the summer when it comes to the food distribution. This is so key. I know you did the best you could last summer but to see it coming back with more infrastructure than ever, that is great. Thank you for answering the questions about the bridge loan if you will to get it started. It makes complete sense. I just wanted to hear that. I just want to once again thank commissioner rubio and director long for your leadership. This is very exciting. I vote aye.

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Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I want to thank staff and community members for their presentation today. I'm glad that we as a council can help parks reopen again this summer. And I think that is an important step to opening up the entire community. Those are some of the reasons why I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment to item 95 passes. To the amendment to item 96 -- item 96, adding emergency clause. Call roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: This is for the second amendment?

Wheeler: Correct. We have voting to add emergency clause to item 96.

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. The amendment is adopted. Item 96. Now to the main motion, item number 95 as amended. Further discussion? [no audible response] seeing none, call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: So, I'm sorry. I'm trying to clarify. So this is for now the whole package?

Wheeler: The whole kit and kaboodle on 95 -- the whole kit and kaboodle on 95. We have voted on the emergency clause and now we have to go back to vote on the main motion as amended. Voting on item 95 as amended with the emergency clause.

Rubio: Thank you for that explanation.

Wheeler: No worries.

Ryan: You helped confuse everyone.

Wheeler: I didn't want to interrupt. It was a good speech. Magnanimous and accurate. To the main motion.

Rubio: So we will vote one more time after this, correct?

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Wheeler: Correct. That is exactly right.

Rubio: Okay. Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Just for my new colleagues, don't feel bad. We all have been there and we have all been trying to figure out where we are in the process. Especially when we do the maneuvers on the spot. It's a learning process. You guys are wonderful. So don't sweat the small stuff. I want to take this opportunity to thank director long, her incredible team, the community members who came and spoke so eloquently today about the work ahead. But i also want to put a cautionary tale in. As you know, this levy is a stopgap. It doesn't do anything to resolve the overreliance on the general fund or the long maintenance backlogs that we have. I hope that we are starting with this levy thinking about what we do when this levy is up. Five years sounds like a long time. But what i know that will go just like that. If we are not starting today planning for what the future looks like, we will be back to a knee-jerk reaction. Let's just re-up the levy and do it later. Not going to work long-term. Incredible work. I look forward to what we build together. Coming out of this pandemic. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. 95 ordinance passes as amended. 96. Call the roll as amended.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Thank you. I want to thank mayor wheeler and my fellow commissioners for approving this important budget for the parks and recreation system. This budget represents a significant day for portland parks and recreation. It's a shift that centers equity, access and layers of foundation for sustainable future where all portlanders can feel safe and welcome in the parks and the natural areas and everyone can access programs that bring us together, help us heal and make the community healthier. I want to thank director long and the portland parks and recreation team as well. I know that the bureau has been through a tumultuous few years that included hard decisions to ensure long-term sustainability and growth for future generations. Also strategic thinking to prepare for the communities in covid-19. The hard work is far from being finished as we talked about. There is more work to do and to work toward. We have extremely dedicate and the values-driven parks employees. Especially the front line workers and

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those who work hard this last weekend over the storm. And creative and supportive leadership team to help us get there and it makes me proud to be parks commissioner. I'm really excited to help lead and support the critical work we are about to take on together because i understand how important is it for the city. Especially now. Like our late friend, the past parks director and the commissioner charles jordan said parks are more than just fun and games. Parks build community. They connect people to people. People to neighborhoods. And people to land. So finally i want to thank the portlanders who chose to invest in their parks and recreation system through the parks levy. None of this would be possible without the commitment to preserve and protect what past generations started to build and grow and strengthen the parks system to support all equitably. Thank you, everyone. I vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Everything i said earlier is now on the record. So i just want to say aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: That was smooth, commissioner ryan. I like that. Let me just say that this is a day to be proud. It's a day for us to know that we are investing in things that build community and build community safety. What we know from all the national data is that in places where people have access to the green spaces, communities are healthier because of it. So, i look forward to the incredible work i know that commissioner rubio will do in partnership with the director long. And know that we are here as your supporters and advocates to help you do the work that you have ahead. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: This process had its genesis over four years ago. And i'm thinking back to the very first budget hearing that i attended as a newly minted mayor. Given all we have been through, covid, wildfires, most recently snow. Some of the other crisis that we are facing as a community. It's hard to remember that at the first budget hearing people came out by the hundreds to testify in opposition to further reductions in the parks budget. They have come out subsequently for every one of the budget hearings. What we have heard loudly and clearly not only in those hearings, in our own town hall and our own community meetings but now through the overwhelming support of the measure at the ballot that the public strongly supports their parks system here in the city of portland. They want to protect that park system. I want to start by thanking the people of this city who even in economic difficulties chose to tax themselves for

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the purpose of holding the line on their parks bureau and indeed as we heard during the testimony today, providing the opportunity for new investments that will take our parks bureau on an exciting new direction. I think to the betterment of the entire community. So I want to thank my colleagues. I want to thank my former colleagues including commissioner fish. Who went a long way to help us understand the hydraulics of the parks bureau budget and some of the fiscal issues we were facing. I want to thank commissioner fritz for her time and dedication and support of the efforts to get this referral to the ballot. I want to thank my own team for their hard work on this as well. And to my colleagues on the council. And especially commissioner rubio. You now have a big weight on your shoulders because as commissioner hardesty just indicated we are never there. We have come a long, long way. We have a lot to be proud of. We should take this moment to step back and look at the view for a moment and appreciate how high we have climbed. But there is still work to be done in the months and the years ahead. As the parks commissioner a lot of this burden will fall to you and your team. But I have utmost confidence in you and in them. And in parks director adena long and her entire team. And all of our volunteers. Some of whom we heard from earlier today who are so passionate and engaged and supportive in terms of their time, their talent, their energy in helping keep the parks bureau an integral part of what makes the city so fantastic. Thank you, all. I vote aye. The ordinance is approved as amended. Thank you. And now we will go believe it or not to the last item on our agenda this morning. Item number 100.

Clerk: Proclaim week of march 7-13, 2021, to be women in construction week.

Wheeler: I can't help but noticing this is a seminal moment. This is our 100th item that we have taken up as a city council this year. So for those of you who are just starting out on council, that gives you some idea of how many things we will look at over the course of the year. So I'm proud to support the women in construction week proclamation. Sponsored by the nawic portland chapter 54. This proclamation celebrates the work done so to increase participation and success of women in the construction industry in particular. It also reminds us that more work remains to be done. I know that as a city council we have had a lot of conversations about this important issue and the role that we can collectively play to help improve the numbers. Speaking of which, nationwide, women make up about 13% of construction workers. This is a significant improvement over previous decades going back to the 1960s when women made up only about 6% of the workforce. In recent years, what we have seen is while there has been tremendous growth over time, the figure has remained relatively stagnant in recent years. In other words we have hit a plateau with regard to increasing the number of the women in the workforce in the

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construction trades. The city of portland is working with the regional public agency and non-profit partners to increase workforce diversity in the construction trades by providing both reliable career paths for women as well as for people of color. The national association of women in construction, nawic, made great strides in increasing number of women who work in the construction industry since it was founded in 1953. We salute the nawic portland chapter 54 for the work they are doing to support women's advancement and growth in the construction trades in the city of portland. So with that, colleagues, i will read a proclamation. If anybody has anything they would like to share at the end, i would certainly entertain that. This is a proclation on behalf of the entire city council. Celebrating this important effort. Whereas, the nawic portland chapter 54 has distinguished itself for 59 years as voice of women in construction in portland, oregon; and whereas, the work done by the nawic portland chapter 54 has been -- benefited the city of portland through community development and educational programs; and whereas, the nawic portland chapter 54 has unceasingly promoted the employment and advancement of women in the construction industry; and whereas, the construction community, represented by nawic portland chapter 54, has been a driving force in fostering community development through renovation and beautiful projects; promotion of skilled trades careers; and a positive vision of the future; and whereas, the nawic portland chapter 54 has sought to achieve successful results for portland, oregon, and surrounding areas in a cooperative spirit with other organizations. Now, therefore, i ted wheeler, mayor of the city of portland, oregon, the "city of roses," do hereby recognize the nawic portland chapter 54 and its many dedicated volunteers for its steadfast work on behalf and support of women in construction, and do proudly proclaim the week of march 7-13, 2021, as women in construction week in portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you. Colleagues, anything further to add? It looks like we got it covered. Thank you, all. Keelan, i believe that is our entire agenda. Am i right?

Clerk: That is correct.

Wheeler: All right. Thanks, everybody. Have a fantastic day. As they say in the news, that's all there was. We are adjourned. [meeting adjourned]

Council adjourned at 10:59 a.m.