



CITY OF
Portland, Oregon

Official
Minutes

March 31-April 1, 2021

Date and time

March 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Council recessed at 12:28 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Megan Lehman, Deputy Clerk of the Council; Lory Kraut, Senior Deputy City Attorney

Consent Agenda

Item No. 192 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and on a Y-5 roll call, the balance of the Consent Agenda was adopted.

Date and time

March 31, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Council recessed at 3:31 p.m.

Council reconvened at 3:40 p.m.

Council recessed at 5:05 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Megan Lehman, Deputy Clerk of the Council; Linly Rees, Chief Deputy City Attorney

Date and time

April 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Council adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Officers in attendance

Megan Lehman, Deputy Clerk of the Council; Matt Farley, Senior Deputy City Attorney

MARY HULL CABALLERO
Auditor of the City of Portland

By Keelan McClymont
Clerk of the Council

**PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
City Hall - 1221 SW Fourth Avenue
WEDNESDAY, 9:30 AM, MARCH 31, 2021**

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

Disposition:

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.

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The deadline to sign up for the March 31-April 1, 2021 Council meetings is March 30, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

186 Request of Toni Davis to address Council regarding acknowledgment of public riots (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

187 Request of Janet Hawkins to address Council regarding audit of the Office of Civic Life (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

188 Request of Lauren Armony to address Council regarding community involvement in the formation and reapplication of Enhanced Services District contracts (Communication)

PLACED ON FILE

TIMES CERTAIN

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<p>189 TIME CERTAIN: 10:00 AM – Accept the 2020 Annual Report for the North and Northeast Neighborhood Housing Strategy Oversight Committee (Report introduced by Commissioner Ryan) 30 minutes requested</p> <p>Motion to accept the report: Moved by Ryan and seconded by Hardesty.</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>	<p>ACCEPTED</p>	
<p>190 TIME CERTAIN: 10:30 AM – Amend provisions of City Building Code to clarify permit abandonment, expiration, extensions, and reactivation (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Ryan; amend Code Chapters 24.10, 24.15, 25.05, 26.04, 27.03, and 32.62) 20 minutes requested</p>	<p>PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 7, 2021 AT 9:30 AM</p>	
<p>CONSENT AGENDA – NO DISCUSSION</p> <p>Commissioner Carmen Rubio</p> <p>Bureau of Planning and Sustainability</p> <p>191 Consent to the transfer of Gruetter Sanitary Service Inc. residential solid waste, recycling, and composting collection franchise to Portland Disposal & Recycling (Second Reading Agenda 173)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>190337</p>
<p>Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty</p> <p>Bureau of Transportation</p> <p>*192 Accept a grant in the amount of \$32,250 from Oregon Department of Transportation, authorize Intergovernmental Agreement for transportation safety programs, education, and encouragement for people walking, biking, and driving, and appropriate \$30,000 in FY 2020-21 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>190341</p>
<p>*193 Authorize Intergovernmental Agreement with TriMet for staffing services to assist with transportation construction projects in the amount of \$260,000 (Ordinance)</p> <p>(Y-5)</p>		<p>190338</p>
<p>REGULAR AGENDA</p> <p>194 Proclaim March 31, 2021 to be Cesar Chavez Day (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Hardesty and Rubio) 30 minutes requested</p>		<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>Mayor Ted Wheeler</p> <p>City Budget Office</p>		

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195	Amend Portland Utility Board Code with housekeeping changes for clarity and to increase equity and inclusion (Second Reading Agenda 178; amend Code Chapter 3.123)	REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
Office of Management and Finance		
196	Authorize price agreements for On-Call Land Survey Services to support design and construction of sanitary and stormwater collection systems, treatment facilities, and watershed restoration projects in amount not to exceed \$10,500,000 (Ordinance; Contract Nos. 31001870, 31001869, and 31001868) 10 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 7, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
197	Authorize price agreements for wastewater treatment and structural engineering services in support of the Bureau of Environmental Services' Columbia Blvd Wastewater Treatment Plant in amount not to exceed \$17,125,000 (Second Reading Agenda 180) (Y-4 Rubio, Ryan, Mapps, Wheeler; N-1 Hardesty)	190339
Police Bureau		
198	Amend contract term with Versaterm, Inc. for application software support and increase compensation in amount not to exceed \$5,990,000 (Ordinance; amend Contract No. 30005161) 20 minutes requested	PASSED TO SECOND READING APRIL 7, 2021 AT 9:30 AM
Commissioner Dan Ryan		
Housing Bureau		
199	Approve limited tax exemptions for properties under the Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption Program (Resolution) 10 minutes requested (Y-5)	37535
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty		
Bureau of Transportation		
200	Assess benefited properties for street, sidewalk, stormwater, and mast arm traffic signal improvements at the NW 23rd Ave, Vaughn St, and U.S. 30 intersection in the NW 20th Ave Local Improvement District (Second Reading Agenda 181; C-10049) (Y-5)	190340
<u>WEDNESDAY, 2:00 PM, MARCH 31, 2021</u>		
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<p>201 TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM – Proclaim March 31, 2021 to be Transgender Day of Visibility (Proclamation introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 1 hour requested</p>	<p>PLACED ON FILE</p>
<p>*202 TIME CERTAIN: 3:00 PM – Extend state of housing emergency, operationalize efficiencies and identify Council powers, specify a twelve-month duration, and waive portions of the Portland Zoning Code (Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler) 2 hours requested for items 202-204 (Y-5)</p>	<p>190342</p>
<p>For items 203 and 204, additional oral testimony will be heard on the below amendments on April 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain. Sign up to testify at https://www.portland.gov/bps/s2hc/events/2021/4/14/city-council-hearing</p> <p>The written record will remain open until April 14, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Submit written testimony at https://www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/proposals/#/s2hc</p> <p>Proposed Amendments to be considered on April 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Time Certain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2.2 Allowing shelters without Conditional Use up to 20 beds on institutional sites in single-dwelling zones3.1 RV/tiny houses on wheels element (29.50.050 and 33.260)	

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***203** Amend Title 33 Planning and Zoning to facilitate the provision of shelter and housing options for Portlanders in need (Previous Agenda 183; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Rubio and Ryan; amend Code Title 33)

Approved Amendments to the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project

Motion to amend City Code related to open space and natural areas:

Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to amend City Code to examine surplus city property for suitability for transitional shelter accommodations and affordable housing: Moved by Rubio and seconded by Hardesty. (Y-5)

Motion to amend the amendment to change the date to June 30, 2021 by which Bureaus will provide to City Council the inventory of land portfolio and candidate sites for land that could be determined excess: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

Motion to amend City Code related to rewording of Outdoor shelter definition for clarity: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to amend City Code to reduce site size standard for outdoor shelters to 3,000 square feet: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Wheeler. (Y-5)

Motion to delete the recommended amendments to Title 17.44.B related to right of way encroachment element: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

Motion to amend City Code related to Group Living: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Mapps. (Y-5)

Motion to amend City Code to clarify short term rental occupancy due to removal of household definition: Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Ryan. (Y-5)

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APRIL 14, 2021
AT 2:00 PM
TIME CERTAIN
AS AMENDED**

***204** Amend City Code Health and Sanitation, Emergency Code, Public Improvements, Water, Property Maintenance Regulations and Affordable Housing to facilitate the provision of shelter and housing options for Portlanders in need (Previous Agenda 184; Ordinance introduced by Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners Rubio and Ryan; amend Code Titles 8, 15, 17, 21, 29, and 30)

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THURSDAY, 2:00 PM, APRIL 1, 2021

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***205** **TIME CERTAIN: 2:00 PM** – Authorize the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability Director to execute grants focused on clean energy, green infrastructure and workforce development for a total allocation not to exceed \$9,235,400 from the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (Ordinance introduced by Commissioner Rubio) 2 hours requested

Motion to add an emergency clause because it is in the public interest to get the funds out the door as quickly as possible:

Moved by Hardesty and seconded by Rubio. (Y-5)

(Y-5)

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As Amended

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Key: ***** means unidentified speaker.

March 31, 2021 9:30 a.m.

Wheeler: Hello. This is the Wednesday, March 31, 2021, morning session of the Portland city council. Welcome, everyone. Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: 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. 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, www.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 as always for your patience, your flexibility and your understanding as we work together and manage what is a challenging circumstance. Thank you for your understanding. With that, we'll now hear from legal counsel on the rules of order and decorum. Good morning.

Lory Kraut: Good morning. To participate in council meetings, you may sign up in advance with

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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.

Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you. First up, Keelan, communications. The first individual under item 186.

Clerk: Request of Toni Davis to address council regarding acknowledgement of public riots. Toni canceled the request.

Wheeler: Next is 187.

Clerk: Request of Janet Hawkins to address council regarding audit of the office of civic life.

Wheeler: Hi, Janet.

Janet Hawkins: I'm Janet Hawkins. I live in southwest Portland. I'm here to testify on the outside review of the office of civic life. I have been active for a decade and I'm here to represent my own views. I'm asking the council and commissioner Hardesty in particular to release the outside review document commissioned last year and completed two months ago.

Commissioner Hardesty's office held the report for the last two months. Ostensibly to conduct analysis of the information. There has been ample time to conduct the work. The city has an obligation to present this to the former and current civic life employees and public. This is concerning. We failing the employees delaying the actions on findings of the outside review. We are failing Portlanders. There was an article published "culture of fear" and published this month. I highlighted the impact of the toxic work place as well as civic engagement. I realize it would contain confidential information that should not be released as public information but importantly it will contain nonconfidential information on the civic life work place. Hardesty

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could release the executive summary and recommendations. The reality is the broken management of the civic life impacts the city. The bullying, harassing and the retaliatory behaviors in the article escaped out of city wall and found the way to the community. Civic life has documented history of contentious communication with neighborhood and there are ongoing complaints against the office for unethical contracting practices. It's too simple to say it's because of the diverse programs so let's learn from the review if it's effective or inadequate. The core value resolution for Portland is knowledge, sharing, transparent budgetary issues. The core values will go unrealized without the trust of Portlanders and the city of Portland is in a difficult budget process to determine the future of civic involvement in the government. Can we entrust this to the office of civic life without response from the outside review? I respectfully ask for the review document. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, I believe your name was Christina. I didn't hear the name. I will be briefed next week on this audit. And as the commissioner in charge, I will make sure that as I have been doing, continue to gather information and share it with the colleagues as appropriate. We will be moving forward with changes. In a timely manner. I appreciate you being here. And sharing your concern. But the document actually, I haven't been briefed yet so of course no one else on the council has. Action is coming. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner. Thank you, Janet. I appreciate your being here.

Hardesty: Janet. My apologies. I blanked on the name.

Hawkins: Not a problem.

Wheeler: Next item, item 188. Next individual is under item 188.

Clerk: Request of Lauren Armony to address council regarding community involvement in the formation and reapplication of enhanced services district contracts.

Wheeler: Good morning, Lauren.

Lauren Armony: Good morning. Thank you for letting me speak today. I'm here representing a coalition of organizers and small businesses and people who live, love and work in the clean and safe enhanced service district. Copy of the letter has been sent to all of your inboxes. We have met with many of you. If we haven't, expect to hear from us shortly. We, the undersigned organizations, urge the city council to step the city auditor recommendation to review Portland three enhanced service district purpose and the city's responsibility to oversee them as put forth in their award winning audit titled "enhanced service district cities provide little oversight of privately funded public services." report 529 from August 2020. We are committed to foster

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community that faithfully represents the shared values of the residents. Some proponents cite their potential to promote public safety, we are deeply concerned that the demonstrated lack of city oversight of privatized policing in the public space can contribute discriminatory outcomes to affect the most vulnerable. Within the review the auditor crucially asked the city to determine whether or not the districts shall continue to provide services in public space. We support this and ask robust to include the process. Should not be limited but can include town hall outside of traditional business hours, specific and accessible engagement with communities who are historically disenfranchised especially as unhouse community especially in time that technology is needed to connect and be participatory. At least one regular season council meeting where the public comment is heard and public streaming of the contract negotiation work session. Those who are affected by the esd have a say in the future, small businesses and the tenants and the community organizations in the downtown area that pay for this specific clean and safety from the additional fee of property owners and managers and parking permits and meters but are not democratically represented in the decision-making. We urge you to begin public evaluation of the them as soon as possible and do not renew the products until it's decided they do contribute to the shared goal to make Portland a thriving community for all. We look forward to collaborating with the council in this endeavor. Undersigned by 350 p.d.f., the American civil liberties union, Oregon justice resource center, Portland job for justice, Portland metro people coalition. Western regional advocacy process. Thank you. Look forward to hearing from us again soon.

Wheeler: Thank you for your testimony. Keelan, that completes communications; is that correct?

Clerk: That is correct.

Wheeler: To the consent agenda. Have any items been pulled off the consent agenda?

Clerk: Yes. 192 has been pulled from the consent agenda by Edith Gillis.

Wheeler: Please call the roll on remainder of the consent agenda.

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. We'll take up 192 at the end of the regular agenda. Colleagues we have not reached the time for our first time certain item. We'll call item 194, please.

Clerk: Proclaim March 31, 2021, to be Cesar Chavez day.

Wheeler: Colleagues, Cesar Chavez was a civil rights and labor activist, champion for agricultural workers. His activism created protection for farm workers that are now codified in several states, including right here in the state of Oregon. However, much of his work remains unfinished. Despite being essential to the food system and economy, farm workers are still vastly underpaid. They tend to work in miserable conditions. And lack many of the most basic workplace protections. In the United States 73% of the farm workers are immigrants and approximately half are undocumented. Since so many of our farm workers are undocumented, farm workers are often powerless to speak up about poor working conditions or labor law violations. We must continue the legacy of Cesar Chavez. And ensure that farm workers have a fair shot at the American dream like everybody else. At the national level, progress is being made with the recent passage of the farm workforce modernization act of 2021. This law will create a pathway to citizenship for undocumented farm workers, streamline the visa program for temporary agricultural workers amongst other improvements. I want to thank commissioner -- I want to thank commissioner Rubio and Hardesty for cosponsoring this and I want to thank my team, ocean, especially for putting this together. Oshan grandmother worked as a young child up and down the San Joaquin valley in California. In Klamath Falls, Oregon, with her parents and sister picking grapes, apricots and cotton amongst other crops. I know this meant a lot for her to work on this proclamation. With that in mind, it means a lot for me to sponsor this proclamation as well. With that, I'd like to turn this over to commissioner Rubio. Welcome. Good morning.

Rubio: Thank you, Mayor. Good morning Mayor and councilmembers. And also to our guest speakers today. March 31 is always an extra special day for me. Not only is it only the day that we are honoring Cesar Chavez, we also honor the contribution of farm workers, immigrant workers and Latinx contribution to the state. It's also the birthday of my grandmother, Dolores, born in the same year as Cesar Chavez. My grandparents were farm workers for all of their working years and she would work long days in the field alongside my grandfather, yet remarkably she still somehow managed to dress, feed, love and care for a family that included 11 children during that time. I think a lot about my grandmother and what her long days must have been like. Also the toll that a lifetime in this back breaking work took on her body. I also think about her hands. I

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know that many of our guest speakers will know what I mean when I say that. Her hands were worn with decades of work outdoors, picking, pulling, sorting, indoors cooking, scrubbing and holding little hands. This is still a reality for so many in our community. To this very day. And like them, our communities come out, have the courage to come out and advocate for justice, dignity and respect. They risk their own livelihoods and their own homes and deportation to create a better life for their family. Latinx front line workers and agricultural are some of the most vulnerable, and most dependent on and today they still fight for rights and support that should have been made so long ago. The pandemic has only made things so much worse. Because the reality is while the immigrant and the Latinx communities made immense contribution to the economy, they still continue to be exploited and aren't able to fully participate in the benefits of the economy to which they have contributed so much. When many immigrant and the front line and service workers lost their jobs in the pandemic, many were ineligible for state unemployment and other federal aid and were thrust in to the economic crisis. For some that meant the threat of food instability and homelessness. Most people stayed home, farm workers continued on so quarantined people had food. In doing so, they took on great personal risk and put families at risk. Yet, they still had to fight to be considered a vaccine priority group even after outbreak of farming communities and high rate of infection among the Latinx and other BIPOC communities. Farm workers just became eligible a few days ago, long after other front line workers. Our charge comes from Chavez directly. His story will judge societies and governments by how effectively they respond to the needs of the poor and the helpless. This is why we must continue to advocate for changes like the Oregon worker relief fund, universal representation and navigation and farm worker overtime pay. I heard all of us today to learn more about supporting the efforts. If you need more information, please contact my staff at my office. Or any of our guests. They will be more than happy to tell you how to support and get involved. So today on what would have been Cesar Chavez's and my grand mother's 94rd birthday, I and we are humbly reminded how the movement for justice continues. So does our obligation to serve and to continue to serve our community well. And to leading with love and humility. Also, how we must never fail to recognize the contribution of the Oregon Latinx community, farm worker community and all immigrant community every day, not just once a year. It's my honor to introduce four invited guests today to share a few words about the significance today, of today in their work, their activism and their community. I'm pleased to introduce our speakers who will speak in order of introduction. First, Reyna Lopez one of the fiercest advocates and most effective organizers in Oregon and proud daughter of immigrants. And the executive director of

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one Oregon leading farm worker founded and Latinx organizations. Reyna is effective leader whose care fighting for immigrant farm worker justice and justice on behalf of the BIPOC and intersectional communities. Martin Gonzalez is a long-time community Portland activist and leader and the unofficial historian in the community. Martin has been at the forefront of multiple issues; such as, worker justice, police accountability, education justice and transportation equity. And was also the first elected Latino school board member to serve in the history of Portland public schools. Edith Quiroz is the executive director to bring leadership and the passion for entrepreneurship, and women's and Latinx empowerment and building community. She is deeply respected for experience in non-profit sector and organizational development consulting. And finally Tony D'Falco, the executive director of Latino Network and brings decades of experience in coalition building across sections of the region and the state and has a deep understanding of the issues facing the communities today. Welcome to our guests. And we will start off with Reyna Lopez.

Reyna Lopez: Thank you. Thank you so much for that introduction. Mayor Wheeler and the Portland city commissioners for record I'm Reyna Lopez, the executive director of Oregon's farm worker union and the president of a labor union arm of the union. Thank you for your constant support. In fact, I found an old photo from late 1980s of commissioner Hardesty at one of our rallies. [giggling] just, you know, no gray hairs back then. Still the same energy. It was amazing. Today is Cesar Chavez day. He was born 94 years ago. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you and the members of the council for proclaiming that Cesar Chavez day. Started by the 80 farm workers 35 years ago with the help of Dolores and they brought the spirit and the legacy and the struggle and the right to unionize continues here today in Oregon. I'm a daughter of immigrants. I came here to Oregon following the migration of the farm work north. My story starts -- I would like to start it off with my parents who left Mexico to come to Oregon looking for a better life. Here as a kid, I picked blueberries. I picked Marion berries, cherries. At one point I picked worms with my dad. Which was fun. Farm workers are essential. They were essential before the pandemic. They are going to be essential after the pandemic. Should be treated as essential. Yet time and time again, I hear the stories of my people. Agricultural workers who feel forgotten. Essential yet disposable is what I'm told. And why? Because today over 50% of workplace outbreaks due to the pandemic have hit our essential food supply chain workers the hardest. Through the pandemic, the Latinx, Latina, Latino community made up between 30-40%. In some counties up to 50% of the statewide covid-19 cases. Despite only being 13% of Oregon's population. Because undocumented workers have not been acknowledged as the

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backbone of the essential workforce. Because agricultural workers are being asked to do the most dangerous jobs without that being reflected in their pay. Because today, workers are being assigned labor housing with dozens of other workers making social distancing practically impossible. And conditions even more deadly. And because people across the state are dying to put food on our tables, people like 60-year-old agricultural worker Jay Guadeloupe who went home ill one March day and died on a Monday. More than a week on a hospital ventilator. Or my old soccer mate's father who works in the same processing plant as my mother who also passed away of COVID early in the pandemic. Because we are celebrating the contribution of the farm workers today and Oregon and across the country, farm workers still have not gained the right to farm worker overtime or collective bargaining rights. We acknowledge Cesar's contribution we have a long way to go to achieve farm worker justice. I want to offer insight on some of the things that you can do today to support us. The Oregon legislature is debating whether to require growers to pay farm worker overtime pay. Something that most other workers take for granted. But field and hand harvest workers do not have the legal protection under the law. House bill 2358 to guarantee overtime pay for the hourly farm workers would do that here in Oregon. We join ranks with Washington and California. I would first like to start pointing out the exclusion of farm workers from the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938, a part of a shameful legacy of racism that initially targeted 85% of southern African Americans who were farm workers in the 1930s. Today most farm workers are Latinos, excluding the farm workers from the overtime pay was wrong in the '30s. It's still wrong today. Farm workers are not second class workers and they do not belong in a lower class working class in Oregon or the nation. Many workers in Oregon are already afforded overtime pay. This is why we should offer these basic protections to our farm workers. As a society, we have been accustomed to profiting and benefiting at the expense of the farm workers. It's shameful to hear the growers talk about how this would just increase their labor costs and only talk about the bottom line. In the peak harvest seasons, our workers work from sunrise to sunset. They spend very little time with their families. In many cases, children of farm workers, myself included, were raised by babysitters, older siblings and we understand that the circumstances have big impacts on families. And kids rarely get to spend time with their parents. Overtime laws exist because we believe that the risk of injury and wear and tear on workers' bodies are past the reasonable limit. Because we believe people's lives should include time to rest, time to be with their family and off-the-job needs. To honor Cesar Chavez I ask you to support this. And to continue to support expanding farm worker rights including the right to unionize and improve labor housing conditions across the state. And to

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chipping away at farm labor exclusions that stem from a racist history in this country. Cesar Chavez today. Thank you.

Rubio: Thank you so much. That was amazing. Now we have Martin Gonzalez.

Martin Gonzalez: See if this works. Hello. I'm Martin Gonzalez. I reside in northeast Portland and I want to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Wheeler and Commissioner Hardesty and Rubio for introducing this proclamation for Cesar Chavez day. Important symbolic gesture to raise the issues of Latinos, Hispanics, Chicanos and those across the nation. Cesar Chavez life-long example is a showing a struggle against the those with the same history. [speaking Spanish] we have to testify, we have to write letters and organize committees just to be heard and recognized to press for our rights. And to be clear, it was not the work of just one individual. But a collective effort. Even in the midst of a pandemic, we can see that it is alive today. It's alive in the marches for black lives and the demands for immigrant justice. I want to take this opportunity to remind councilmembers that tomorrow April 1 is exactly 20 years since Portland police officers shot and killed day labor. The deadly encounter began two days earlier when Mejia had epileptic seizure trying to board a bus and was 20 cents shy of the fare. The officers were called to the scene and took him off the bus and reportedly beat him before taking him to jail. He was released the same day but had no money and indigenous Mexican from Yucatan peninsula and didn't speak English well and didn't know what was happening. They thought he was having a mental health crisis and they brought him to the mental hospital. Though he didn't have mental illness. They called the hospital twice when he tried to get out of his room and allegedly threatened him with a pencil. April 1, the crisis, the first response was a crisis intervention team trained police officer that showed up. Deescalated the situation. Second time he got out, hours later, two other officers showed up. Officer Bell, Jeffrey Bell and Chris Davis confronted Mejia. They said that he grabbed an aluminum pushrod off the door. Davis shot a less lethal weapon and Bell fatally shot Mejia. In the wake of the shooting the community issued a series of forums to present a list of the ten demands to the city, the police, the county and trimet. The city responded with listening sessions. The listening sessions, good intentions were undone when the chief of police awarded two police officers that shot him with medals the following year. When people tried to get the citizen police review committee to review the beating case for possible misconduct, director of the independent police review and the city auditor at the time shot them down. Eventually this will lead to five of the nine members of the c.r.c. Members quitting a few months later. Among them a leading member of the community. The hospital in the city came up with the monetary settlement for the family and the hospital is

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now shut down. The city agreed at the time to give one-hour training about epilepsy to all officers. As well as buying more kind of less lethal weapons. A new policy has been developed to encourage officers to use the colleagues' language abilities or get an interpreter to help when a person with limited English proficiency subject of the police encounter. It's hard to know if it would have saved Mr. Mejia's fate and how consistent this is used. But from where we stand now and today we continue to press for justice and change. Today, the community civilian police review board with real power will happen because of the Portlanders who overwhelmingly voted for the police accountability measures. And today, here and everywhere, people are calling for assistance to root out white supremacy and for leaders to have a way to shape the better way forward. This is what Cesar Chavez did, m.l.k. And others who dedicated their life in service to justice. The least we can do to honor the lives that have been lost because the injustice still remains. The community will continue to do our part, continue to push forward for substantive change and the police must also do their part in acknowledging their past harm on the communities. We ask you to engage our community and believe our experiences. And create the policy changes that move the city forward. Portland can and must do better. We do hope your actions as a council will lead us in that direction. And address the unmet demands of 20 years ago. And others for community engagement that continue to arise. Thank you for this opportunity.

Rubio: Thank you, Martin, for your important words. Next we have the Edith Quiroz executive director of el program.

Edith Quiroz: Gracias, commissioner Rubio. Good morning, councilmembers, Mayor Wheeler and commissioner Hardesty. Thank you for the invitation this morning. I'm just taking in everything I'm hearing from this amazing leaders of the Latinx community. They are bringing up memories of the activists, the organizing that Portland has experienced for many years. And I'm just, I have been reflecting back and we do this on this day, the Cesar Chavez day. The activists that the leaders are in the community. In my day job I'm the executive director of a program that is a staple of the Oregon community. And its roots and the legacy started with reaching out, outreaching to migrant farm workers in the farm worker community in Oregon. And so, we for many years have done this work. I am also like Reyna a daughter of immigrants. I grew up in the hood river valley in the Dalles picking cherries and apples. You know you'll be honest with you. I wasn't really picking them. I was eating them. And I would end up every day with a tummy ache. You know, the wonderful cherries. But, you know, you would see my mom and dad work hard labor, and the conditions have not changed very much as most of us have mentioned this

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morning. A few years ago, at el program espano we went to a local farm in east Gresham. I haven't visited a farm in many years. I was heartbroken to find out the living conditions of the local farm workers. There was a pregnant woman who was telling me that the bathrooms didn't really have running water. This is in 2019 when we went out to the farms. And it's just telling how much further we still need to go. How much advocacy that we need to continue making so that the conditions improve. Having potable water, bathrooms is one of Chavez and Dolores Huerta and the movement in the 1960s, it's one of the main things that they advocated for and to see that we still have farms here in Oregon not providing the adequate bathrooms to the farm workers is heartbreaking. So, this morning, as I was thinking about Cesar Chavez and what, and how do we honor and celebrate the life of one of our heroes. Cesar Chavez highlighted the depressed wages and the humane working conditions and experience labor in the 1960s. And his quest to bring dignity, respect and humanity to the American farm workers is something many of us will never forget. As you have seen this morning we continue to, we have grown inspired by it. We need to continue to be the voice for those who don't have a voice. That is our main mission. That is what we wake up every morning to do. The best way to honor his legacy for us and for you, for anyone that is listening is to ensure laws and policies to protect farm workers and their families are in place, that they are being overseen, honored, because that is the best way to continue to honor Cesar Chavez's legacy. Thank you to the city council for honoring one of our heroes because Cesar Chavez often said during the course of his life "by honoring me, you are really honoring them." so thank you so much.

Rubio: Thank you so much. Thank you for your work. Next we have Tony D'falco from the Latino network.

Tony D'falco: Good morning, Mayor and commissioners. Thank you commissioner Rubio, commissioner Hardesty for sponsoring this proclamation today. It's my unique honor and privilege to come before you as the executive director of the Latino network, an organization serving Latinx community in the region for the last 26 years. I was thinking about honoring Cesar Chavez today I thought about how he was a fighter. A fighter for fair wages and livable working conditions. Not just the farm workers but for our people. He fought for livable housing and he fought against the poisons, the herbicide and pesticides that harmed workers, the food and the earth. We owe to him some of the foundations of our clean water act, the clean air act and the acts against pesticides and herbicides. He also fought for the community self-determination. Denied to black and brown people for hundreds of years. So when I thought about what you all can do today as a council, there are very specific things you can do to honor his legacy. First,

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accelerating the efforts to pay non-profit workers who are taking care of our most vulnerable community members. Amending the current city contracts to reflect a living wage. And including an annual cola and wage escalator in the contract amendments and future contracts. I think as you have heard this morning, farm workers are not confined to rural Oregon. They live right here. They are sons and daughters of farm workers live right here. This is such an important part of our community that we call on you to honor all of our community. Second, as you can aggressively address air quality in Portland to alleviate the suffering of the low-income people and people of color who are disproportionately suffering the impacts of air toxins from diesel emissions. Especially during covid. Our community is getting the double whammy of both respiratory illness and steady diesel emissions in our neighborhoods. You can do that by passing a strong ordinance that creates new staffing in the city to help our communities address and reduce toxic diesel pollution and by creating resources for community organizations to address these toxic emissions in our communities. Third, you can increase investments in the joint office and in to the workforce and entrepreneurship programs to accelerate our pathways to making safe, stable housing a human right. And getting our Latinx community who has been hardest hit by the pandemic back to work building wealth in our communities. As we have build wealth it's been wiped away with each successive crisis our community has faced. It's time to create crisis-proof wealth building opportunities for our communities. That requires investment in the workforce, requires investment in entrepreneurial opportunities and training. And the city has been committed to do that and we call on the city to increase the investment there. Last, I call on you, we call on you to increase investment in the community-based solutions to gun violence and moving toward a more multi-jurisdictional approach. Last night, like so many nights in the pandemic, we heard -- I heard the sirens. Dozens of sirens streaking toward, through my neighborhood toward the outer northeast and in to southeast Portland. The pandemic and the violence associated with it represents the lack of investment in our communities. And our youth are struggling right now. To be able to address that need, we need to triple down on our investment in the community-based solutions to gun violence. And we appreciate the efforts of commissioner Rubio, commissioner Hardesty and others who are articulating proposals for multi-jurisdictional approaches, increased investment in the community partnerships and we look forward to continued partnership with you all as you seek to craft those solutions. So I want to thank you all for this opportunity to share with you some of the things that you can do for the Latinx community. Right here, right now to honor Cesar's legacy and I ask you to be a fighter alongside as Cesar was for our community. For civil rights. For the human right to housing. For

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the human right to clean air, clean water. For the human right to live safely in the communities. These remain elusive so us, unjustly so. We look forward to the day where we can stand together, breathe clean air, drink clean water, have solid wages, have safe and stable housing for our communities. Thank you. [speaking Spanish]

Rubio: Thank you so much for your words. I just want to thank you all of our special guests for your wisdom and your voices and for all you do on behalf of our communities. So now, we'll turn it over to our other cosponsor, commissioner Hardesty for some words and then back to the Mayor and our colleagues for final comments.

Hardesty: Thank you, commissioner Rubio. Oh, my gosh. Thank you Martin, Reyna, Edith and Tony. I feel like I have been on this generational journey this morning. Reyna, you will always be a kid to me. You know, I have known you for so long. But it's so fabulous to see that you are in your new position. Not just new anymore. You have been in it for a while. What an incredible job that you are doing there. Martin, you and I spent a lot of time in marches and the community meetings around the police accountability. I cried with you when Mejia was killed unnecessarily in our community. I grieved with you when there was no action taken to address that unfair death. I got to tell you, I'm thrilled to know that you have also raised some activists that are very active and very engaged. In community transformation. I just want to thank you for all you have done over the 30-plus years I have known you. To really make sure that you are centering voices of black, indigenous, Latinx, other communities of color. You have been a true champion. I want to acknowledge you. I don't get to see you anymore. It's great to see you today. Tony, you and I have worked together for many years and I'm so grateful that you brought up the environmental justice issues. Especially around honoring a great man like Cesar Chavez. Clearly the health of farm workers was one of the core issues that you organized around. I don't think a lot of people know he was a navy vet. As am I. He was a community organizer, as am I. He was a labor leader, as I'm not. But I could be if I wanted to be. But he worked well in actually engaging communities of color. All across the spectrum because he believed in justice for all of us. Not just for one group, but for all. It's really fascinating to me the interconnectedness of the work that Cesar Chavez did with the work that Dr. Martin Luther King did, with the work that Malcolm X did. Clearly our communities have been in the struggles for hundreds of years. And it breaks my heart to know that even today, even today, when we know how necessary farm workers are to everybody else actually being able to eat, where the pandemic has shown us that the people who really are the most valuable people in our community are not the ones with the big titles, not the ones in the big C.E.O. office space but people who are growing our food, the people who

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are making it accessible for all of us. And we tend to forget that. But it's a legacy, it's a legacy of pride and our obligation to the people with the least voice. Commissioner Rubio, commissioner Mapps, and I are here because of the work that Cesar Chavez did over his lifetime. And I won't forget the shoulders that I stand on, and the work that is still left for us to do. If it was easy, somebody would have done it a long time ago, right? It's not easy but it's absolutely necessary and critical. We can no longer pretend that we are progressive state, progressive city, a progressive county if we continue to ignore the inequities that are embedded in every single institution that we have. We know they are all interconnected because if you don't have a clean, safe place to lay your head at night, you cannot be a productive worker. The fact that farm workers still today cannot get overtime is insulting. It's absolutely insulting. All of us expect, except for those on salary, if we work more than 40 hours a week we don't question we'll get overtime. That is not acceptable. But today we are celebrating a legacy, a legacy of a fighter. Legacy of an organizer. A legacy of a uniter. As someone that looked at all of us as you are my brother, you are my sister. And collectively we are in this together. So thank all of you for your powerful testimony. Thank you for the legacy that you are leaving. As you can't -- as you continue to do the work you are doing. I'm here with you 100%. We will get this done because we have to. We have to get this done in this generation. Let's not leave this for our children or our grandchildren. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Hardesty and thank you again to all of those who provided invited testimony. It was powerful. I obviously gave my remarks up front so I won't take any more time at the microphone but I would ask my other colleagues who have not had a chance to speak yet if they would like to share any thoughts with all of us here today? Commissioner Mapps, then commissioner Ryan. Good morning.

Mapps: Good morning. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you, colleagues. Hello to our distinguished guests. I'm delighted to join with you today to celebrate Cesar Chavez day. Today, March 31, as we have heard would have been Chavez's 94th birthday. And the lessons of his life are more relevant today than ever. I grew up in the heyday of Mr. Chavez's career. I remember his march -- I remember his marches, his fasts and his organizing. I continue to draw inspiration and lessons from his life and work. I admire for example Cesar Chavez's commitment to labor and to working people. I admire his commitment to racial equality. I admire his commitment to nonviolent political action. Chavez used to talk about and speak of la cosa, "the cause." it was about more than a labor movement. It was about a new kind of politics. Politics that places people at the center. That should sound familiar to the Portlanders and to this council because that is the work

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we do in this city council and that is the kind of work we do in the city. In other words, we have all inherited the work started by Cesar Chavez. Which is why it's a pleasure for me today to celebrate Cesar Chavez day. Let me close by saying -- [speaking Spanish] thank you.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Ryan: Good morning. Oops. Sorry. Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yeah, we hear you.

Ryan: Okay. I'm having my own technical difficulty. Good morning. Thank you, commissioner Rubio, for bringing this forward. I know it feels different this -- I know it feels different this year because you are on the council. And it's also happy birthday to your grandmother. Thank you, Reyna, thank you, martin, thank you Edith and tony. I want to take a moment to acknowledge you, martin. You were my first phone call moving on from the school board and I'm glad that we have the alumni status in common. I just want to say the legacy of Cesar Chavez lives on with many of greats; such as, Martin Luther king and Gandhi. The mission was to bring dignity and opportunity to people. Chavez was a complex leader and admired by many for his strength and charisma and his leadership. So did his drive to bring people and different lived experiences of the backgrounds to the movement. Cesar Chavez, Dolores Huerta and other comrades of the united farm workers showed us power of union. They taught us that when we unite, organize and reach across aisles there is nothing we can't accomplish. I want to acknowledge my staff who are Latinas. Kelly Torres, chief of staff. Senior policy, Montez, and my constituent person Arenia. And my fiancé, Homereyas. I honor the agricultural workers across the country on the front lines of the pandemic, picking and harvesting the foods we eat. There is so much work ahead to protect them in immigrant community members. Thank you for the testimony earlier. I'm with you. I stand with you. I'm on your shoulders now. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. With that, it's my honor to read the proclamation on behalf of the Portland city council. Whereas, on march 31, 1927, Cesar Estrada Chavez was born in his family's adobe home near Yuma, Arizona, during his childhood, Chavez and his family suffered injustice when they were swindled out of their home through a dishonorable business deal, learning in the process that "the love for justice that is in us is not only the best part of our being, but it is also the most true to our nature"; and whereas, Cesar Chavez and his family continued to suffer injustice, becoming migrant farm workers and working in the fields up and down the San Joaquin valley in California; Chavez dropped out of school after eighth grade

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when his father was injured in an accident and could no longer work, becoming a full-time farm worker himself; whereas, after serving his country in the United States Navy, Cesar Chavez went to work in the lumber industry and again as a migrant farm worker; it was while working that he became friends with Father Donald McDonnell, a Roman Catholic priest who introduced Chavez to union organizing and nonviolent teaching, and Fred Ross, a community organizer who hired Chavez as an organizer for the community service organization to register voters; and whereas, in 1962, Cesar Chavez founded the National Farm Workers Association with his wife, Helen Fabela, and Dolores Huerta, working to organize and provide services, including life insurance and a credit union, to improve the lives of migrant farm workers; and whereas, on May 3, 1965, the National Farm Workers Association held its first strike with a group of rose grafters, demanding increased wages; after four days, a wage increase was agreed upon and the strikers returned to work, and with the success of this strike, Cesar Chavez's reputation grew; and whereas, in September 1965, Cesar Chavez and the National Farm Workers Association, which primarily consisted of Mexican farm workers, decided to back the Delano grape strike, which was initiated by the Agriculture Workers Organizing Committee, a group led by Larry Itliong and made up predominantly by Filipino farm workers; Chavez -- together with Itliong and Dolores Huerta -- grew the strike and attracted national attention, leading to support from the United Auto Workers under Walter Reuther, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee -- one of the main organizers of the civil rights movement -- and then-Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who held three congressional hearings on the plight of migrant farm workers and toured their places of work; and whereas, the successful advocacy of both organizations together led to their consolidation as the United Farm Workers (the U.F.W.), a union made stronger with the combined advocacy for both Mexican and Filipino farm workers; the U.F.W. were able to grow their national support by leading a boycott against grapes and the grocery stores that continued to sell them; eventually, the strike ended in 1970 with 26 growers signing contracts with the U.F.W., leading to increased wages, job benefits; such as, paid vacation days and health insurance, and improved working conditions; and whereas, Cesar Chavez, a devout Roman Catholic who rarely missed mass, combined union organizing and nonviolence teaching with the Catholic social teaching to create a movement that not only was strategic in its efforts, but engaged in religious imagery, pilgrimages, prayer, fasting and masses to meet the cultural and spiritual needs of a people who struggled for better working conditions and above all, a better life; and whereas, Cesar Chavez continued to work the Delano grape strike, leading further U.F.W. strikes and expanding the U.F.W. to other states, including Oregon, and fought for better legal protections for migrant farm

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workers, leading to the passage of the California agricultural relations act of 1975, which made California the first state in the country to enshrine the right to collective bargain for farmworkers. Today, 10 states, including Oregon, have enshrined into law the right of farmworkers to collective bargain; and whereas, after his death on April 23, 1993, in Yuma, Arizona, Cesar Chavez remains a folk hero among Latinx Americans for his work meeting the needs of migrant farm workers in the San Joaquin valley of California and elsewhere, while continuing to inspire labor and community organizers all around our country, today, schools, libraries, parks and streets are named after Cesar Chavez -- including our own Cesar Chavez boulevard -- and many places also celebrate Cesar Chavez on his birthday; now, therefore, I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the "city of roses," do hereby proclaim May 31, 2021, to be Cesar Chavez Day in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day. Thank you for all of you good folks who provided testimony, to my colleagues. Thank you. This is a beautiful occasion. Keelan, we will now go back to, if I can find it, the time certain agenda, please. Item number 18ed.

Clerk: Accept the 2020 annual report for the north and northeast neighborhood housing strategy oversight committee.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan? There we go. Good morning again.

Ryan: Good morning. Thank you, Mayor. Colleagues, last March the north/northeast neighborhood housing strategy oversight committee prepared to celebrate five years of the north/northeast housing strategy. Unfortunately, due to COVID the celebration was canceled and we all look forward to being able to meet in person to celebrate successes of the housing strategy. And in 2020, we lost many people. And one was an amazing community advocate. Dr. T. Allen Bethel. Let's just take a moment in silence for Dr. Bethel. [moment of silence] Dr. Bethel was an original member of the oversight committee. And his dedication to the community and the advocacy for doing that was right and felt by all Portlanders for decades. So today, we hear about year six of the housing strategy and what was accomplished by the housing bureau and the partners during an epidemic. We will also hear from Dr. Lisa Bates, Dr. Amie Thurber from the Portland State University regarding the grant they received to continue the evaluation of the important north/northeast preference policy. With that, I'll turn it over to Dr. Steven Holt, chair of the north/northeast oversight committee. Take it away, Dr. Holt.

Dr. Steven Holt: Good morning, commissioners. For those of you who have I not had the opportunity to meet I look forward to doing so. Commissioner Hardesty, always good to see you. Seems like we see each other more frequently these days. And Mayor Wheeler, good to see you as well. And an interesting day to be participating in presenting this particular report. Almost

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fortuitous if not serendipitous. We are talking about someone who has been so invested and so involved in righting wrongs and taking care of community. So, good to be here today. 2020 was a year unlike any other. It stressed us as a people in ways that we did not realize we could be stretched. The cry for social upheaval, economic eruption, health crisis, natural disasters caused us to examine things that really matter. We had to dig deep in the humanity and engage in thoughtful ways we most likely would not have without the perfect storm. Sometimes crisis is necessary. Sometimes crisis is necessary to make us think. To make us reflect and make us dig deep and make us change and adjust. Sometimes crisis is necessary to highlight those things. Bring to mind things in the sightlines the entire time but we don't see without the right pressure. 2020 helped to highlight that. I'm amazed that in the year of 2020, for the oversight committee to continue to show up and do its work and invest in prioritizing what is a human right. A right for housing. A right for people to be in affordable housing and a right to be and have opportunities of homeownership. A right for people to have the safe spaces and places to connect. I want to give significant appreciation to the oversight committee for the work, for their investment and tireless and relentless focus on this work. Thank you. Thanks each of you for doing this. I also want to say thanks to Mayor Wheeler who for four years had the housing bureau and kept it as a priority and supported the work of the oversight committee. Came to and was verbal, vocal in regard to his support for the work of the north/northeast oversight committee. I want to appreciate that. And your staff. Then you want to thank all the other commissioner who's are now weighing in. The new commissioners who are stepping in to this seat to also prioritize this work. Thank you. I want to say thanks to the Portland housing bureau and director Callahan who has been at meeting after meeting after meeting to be available and respond. Not only always in moments that have been soft and easy. But sometimes very intense and direct. As we have had to deal with making sure that the promises that were made, the promises that we keep. I'm excited about the report and what we have a chance to show you. 2020 was a miraculous year. And we'll get a chance to talk through that. Leslie Goodlow is going to walk us through the presentation. You are going to get data and in this report from 2015 to 2020. I have had the privilege of sitting as the chair for that entire time. I will come back to talk about some of the opportunities that are in front of us. Again, fortuitous day, almost serendipitous for what is in front of us and what we have to in my mind seize to keep this work going forward. So, with that being stated, Ms. Goodlow, I put it in your hands.

Leslie Goodlow: Well, good morning, Mayor, commissioners. I'm Leslie Goodlow, the equity and business operations manager for housing bureau and I'm also one of the executive sponsors of

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the strategy and I support the oversight committee. We are going to be presenting some data from 2020. And I'm going to go through this quickly. You all should have received this in your packets as well as the full report. But we will have opportunity to answer questions. So as these are the members of our oversight committee. We did lose dr. Bethel. We were very sad with his passing. And then dr. Kari Edwards resigned as she took on her new role as the president of clark college. We'll be recruiting for two new members shortly to get us up to the full 13. Some of the accomplishments of 2020. Portland state received a Robert Wood Johnson grant to continue the evaluation of the preference policy. We will hear more about that. Three of our multifamily rental projects completed construction and began lease-up. Our h.p.b. Asset preservation pilot program served 21 households. And most spectacularly, we went from 32 preference policy families becoming homeowners to 65 in 2020. This map shows you where the investments have been made in northeast Portland through the housing strategy. The red/orange dots are rental properties. The two greens are homeownership developments that are, one of them is almost fully leased. Not leased. Sorry. Sold. The other one is close to being sold. The third part of Kenton commons is not quite finished with construction but we have people in line to purchase those. And then the blue dots are land bank properties. So this slide shows the number of the people received home repair grants or loans over the course of the housing strategy in 2020. We were able to serve 18 families with home repair loans and 82 families with home repair grants. This slide shows you the race, ethnicity breakdown by year of the families that we have served with both home repair grants and home repair loans.

Ryan: Commissioner Hardesty, your hand is up. Do you want to ask now?

Hardesty: Yes, please. Leslie, if you could go back two slides. This one. Thank you.

Goodlow: Okay.

Hardesty: So when we do home repairs, are we still putting a lien on property or for these homeowners 25 years?

Goodlow: No, ma'am. We are now doing; we have updated the guidelines for 15 years for home repair loan. And then they are forgivable after 15 years.

Hardesty: Thank you. Is that a recent policy change?

Goodlow: It's within the last couple of years. We are currently going through all of our loan product listens and updating that for people that have had previous home repair loans. So it's not just current going guard. We are going back and updating the loan docs for everyone.

Hardesty: Good. I still think 15 years is too long. What is the reason for the 15 years?

Goodlow: I'm not as versed with the program but I will get you an answer to that question.

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Hardesty: Thank you. I've had some constituents ask about getting a home repair loan and then there is a lien on their property for 25 to 30 years and I think that is really inappropriate. I think the desire was to make sure people weren't getting a repair and selling their house. But if we are trying to keep people in their homes, putting a long lien on it, I think is kind of something we should talk about.

Goodlow: Yes, ma'am. I agree with you totally.

Hardesty: Thank you.

Goodlow: All right. So, preventing displacement. We provided care, we use the c.a.r.e.s. Money that we received to provide assistance to homeowners. We had 17 families that had received home repair loans, get c.a.r.e.s. Financial assistance. That assistance averaged about \$4,200 household and 71% of those families were black or African American. We had 27 families that have received down payment assistance loans from the housing bureau receive c.a.r.e.s. Mortgage assistance. That averaged \$4,900 per household. With 96% of them being black or African American. Our asset preservation pilot program that started just as covid was taking off. We had a very successful start to the pilot. We have exceeded the goal for estate planning webinars for the number of the attendees that we were expecting to get. We have not quite reached the goal of the number of program participants that we are planning to have with this pilot goes through October. 86% of participants have been black or African American so we are reaching the desired audience for that asset preservation pilot. Creating new homeowners. We at this slide shows the number of the people by funding source that have become homeowners through the housing strategy. But the slide that I'm most proud of, or the goal the chart on the right-hand side show that we almost doubled our number of the homeowners from 2019 to 2020. We have come a long way since 2018 and 2017 when we had none. And 2018 where we only had seven. So very excited about the fact that even during the pandemic we were able to create new homeowners. This is some of the information on our creating new homeowners. The number of black, African American folks. 91% of the people that have become homeowners are our target population. But primarily people of color are participating in the program. The other piece of this is the number of the people with lower a.m.i.s that have become homeowners. 25% of the people have 0-60% a.m.i. We have 43% are at 61-80%. We have 23% from 81-100%. Then 9% from 101-120%. So we have been able to serve some very low to moderate income folks to become homeowners through the program that likely would not have been able to become homeowners without it. These are some pictures of some of the new homeowners from 2020. Moving in to their new, their new houses. One from our project on olin and then three people

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moving in to p.c.r.i. Blandine town home. We are excited for them. Our strategy three is creating the rental homes. As I stated earlier, we had three projects come online and start leasing in 2020. So p.c.r.i. King-parks is 100% released. These are as of the end of December. Bridge, bridge songbird was 60% leased at that time. And renaissance commons was about 50% leased at the end of December. This is a slide we use last year. We have new commissioners so I put it in here so you know we exceeded our goal in the rental units. Goal was 380. We have 501. We are able to serve very low income families through a combination of the section 8 and permanent supportive housing. 52% of the units are family size with the two or more bedrooms. We will serve 1200 people in the 500 units. We showed you the locations and the strong family property we plan to develop utilizing the additional funds that were approved through maximizing indebtedness. We plan to have community engagement process to talk to the community about what should go on the piece of property. Carey boulevard property that we purchased from the water bureau was brought in to the district just over a year ago. No. Almost two years ago now at this point. We will use the funds from indebtedness to create homeownership community on that property. The third piece is the 50/20 north interstate which was going to be a condo project. That due to the pandemic and the financial crisis, the project was not able to go forward. It's used in the metro bond solicitation. We will hopefully be utilizing the plans that were developed through the proud brown and the partners to turn that project in to a rental property. These are some of the d/m/w/esb stats from 2017-2020. For both of our home repair loans and the grant program. For rental construction I want to highlight two new data points that we are now receiving are gender workforce hours and and apprentice hours. So we are now able to see how women are being included in construction we increase number of the hours of participation from 3.2% in 2017-2018 to 25% in 2021. That is a very significant increase there. The race and ethnicity participation for rental properties, apprentice and journey level, these are also new data points we're tracking. We want to utilize apprentice program to bring people in the field of construction.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. We seem to be losing African American contractors rapidly. Why is that?

Goodlow: I'll get that question answered. You don't manage this so we will get you an answer to that question later this week if that is okay.

Hardesty: That would be fine. Thank you.

Goodlow: Okay. We did one round that started before the shutdown. We had just over 1700

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applicants apply for preference in 2020. One other information about the preference policy, we have had 5700 people unduplicated apply for the preference policy through all rounds. So we are finding that people are still wanting to move in northeast Portland and are very interested in both the homeownership opportunities and the rental properties. I will turn this now back over to dr. Holt to talk about the summary and the conclusions from the year.

Dr. Hold: Thank you very much. I'm going to hold on the summary. I will keep my comments held until the end of our time. But I would like to hear from dr. Bates and dr. Thurber and give them the opportunity to share what they found out related to the preference policy. Dr. Bates?

Dr. Lisa Bates: Thank you, Dr. Holt. Hi. Good morning, everyone. Dr. Thurber had to go to class. We started our spring term this week. So she has had to step off. Thank you for having me. So, I think that last year's annual report we shared kind of our big picture summary of what we had been finding in the first initial preference policy building. For the new commissioners share our research has been really focused on the well-being and experiences of folks who have been able to move back to or to more stable housing in northeast Portland through the preference policy. We conducted surveys and interviews of the focus groups with the first three buildings that were occupied under the preference policy. Generally found that folks were having very positive experiences in terms of their sense of community, their sense of connection to place. Their own family history, community history and the networks that were still in the neighborhood. We did find some challenges for folks. I think we have talked before in these sessions about access to things like affordable groceries. Issues of perhaps experience of discrimination or social conflict in the neighborhood that are race or class-related. But overall people describe the experience of living northeast; particularly, for those returning from other parts of the city as very positive. Both perceptually, feelings and access to the job, the transit and the material resource in terms of the park and transit, et cetera. Our team was awarded a research grant from Robert Wood Johnson foundation as part of the policy for action work group. It's a program that seeks to support knowledge, research and evaluation of state and local policies, housing policies that improve the health, culture of health and well-being which is Robert Wood Johnson foundation kind of primary interest. And that support racial equity. We're part of a cohort of projects that looks at the ways that local governments are acting to reduce racial segregation, increase access to opportunity and place-based resources for people of color. So, I think that one, this project of the word shows how much interest there is nationally about this policy. And the excitement. There are a number of other cities that are beginning a policy making process to create preference policies. We know that San Francisco and Austin, Texas, have policies modeled

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similarly on Portland's. But there are other cities considering this as a tool to address displacement and intergenerational traumas really and root shock from the experience of policy-led displacement. More importantly for us at p.s.u. The motto is "let knowledge serve the city" and we are committed to the ongoing partnership with p.h.b. We have had great participation from the housing providers in terms of supporting access to residents and the community spaces for holding events. We will be in the further project and we'll add community advisory board to help us interpret findings and to lift up the voices of people living in the building about their ideas and concepts for how they would like to see community develop in the building and the neighborhoods. We heard a lot about that last year. Great idea from the block parties and welcoming events to ways folks can participate in the neighborhood association as an example. We will also surveying people who are on the wait list and not yet moved in to get a broader picture of how people are experiencing other part of the city as well so we have a comparison in terms of the health, well-being and access to resources for folks who have been impacted by the intergenerational displacement. Look forward and appreciate that partnership.

Dr. Holt: Thank you, Dr. Bates. Super excited about and congratulations again on the award. And super excited about what it will mean, especially since we are on the cutting edge of this work. What a great privilege to participate and great thoughts around strategy, and how to broaden base and capture the right kind of information so it can help to enhance the work we are doing. I appreciate that. We also are privileged to have some homeowners, at least a homeowner to talk about their experience as a result of the work. And Miss Goodlow, I will hand it back to you to share that. To introduce the homeowner and then also to read the response from the other. Thank you.

Hardesty: You're on mute, Lisa -- Leslie. Sorry. Leslie, you are on mute.

Goodlow: Sorry. Sandra Wadsworth participated in the asset preservation pilot and received home repair dollars from the p.h.b. So Sandra, if you would like to unmute and give your statement.

Sandra Wadsworth: Thank you, Leslie. Good morning to Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. Can you hear me okay?

Wheeler: Yes. Loud and clear.

Wadsworth: Okay. My name is Sandra wads worth. I'm a homeowner in northeast Portland. I want to thank Dayna Shepherd for the opportunity to speak about my experience with the Portland housing bureau. My parents purchased our home about 55 years ago in the Irvington district. When I was about 7 years old. They both are gone now. But they asked us children to

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never sell the family legacy home. After moving back in to the home about five years ago, I knew we needed some home repairs. And someone recommended the home repair loan through the Portland housing bureau. I did qualify and received a loan and was able to have new windows put in throughout the entire home. Update plumbing. Wiring. Much more work that was necessary. Also I want to thank the team that I worked with at Portland housing bureau, Bev, Molly and Dayna, because they made the process very easy. Also, Portland housing bureau partnered with African American alliance for homeownership. I was able to have estate planning done for my children to protect our family legacy. I want to thank the wonderful lady named Etta Baker and her team. I'm very grateful for the programs and hope that the city continues to provide the support to our community so that we can maintain and stay in our homes. Thank you.

Goodlow: Thank you, Miss Sandra. We appreciate you joining us today. I do have a statement from one of our down payment assistance home buyers. His name is Nate Carter and he was unable to attend today but he wanted to make sure the statement was read in the record. The program was life-changing for my family and i. Given the unaffordable housing market in Portland. The dpal loan made the dream of homeownership become a reality. As a first time homeowner who had limited knowledge around the home buying process, I can say I felt comfortable throughout the process. Every step of the way there was a culturally specific specialist available to hand hold and answer any and all questions I had. They helped me budget properly, increased my credit score and find a trusted lender and agent. During closing, the housing center provided inspector to view the house and walked me through the possible repairs that needed to be done and how to negotiate it in to closing. After purchase, the housing specialist periodically reached out to check in on any needs I might have. Overall the process was fantastic and I'm grateful that the dpah grant is available to people like me."

Dr. Holt: Thank you. Thank you for sharing that. Excited to be able to participate in the process. Thank you, Sandra, for coming today and give us live feedback on the practices of the policies and how they are impacting. We appreciate that. You see in front of you the summary. I'm not going to read through all of it. We have had an opportunity to review it. I will say thanks again to city council and Portland public schools, Multnomah county, metro, Portland housing bureau, prosper Portland to move forward to maximize indebtedness to increase the opportunities. We know that housing again as a human right and continues to be one of those evasive and elusive things happening in the community. If ever there was a need to be important and prioritize the work it's now. I think we are clear on that. We talked about 15/20 and the transition of that --

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50/20 and transition of that. Two things I want to highlight briefly. That is there continues to be a need of affordable housing. Just mentioned. It places demand on us to be creative and intentional with how we do that. My thought is affordable housing is not only a human right, it's something to be woven in the fabric of society. The fabric of the neighborhood so it isn't isolated, we don't create communities or corridors of poverty. It's a great way to normalize and naturalize the lived experience. It's a part of all of us. Not relegated to two portions or spaces. It's important for to us think about it geographically. I do need to highlight that there have been leasing challenges. The challenges with two of the three facilities that have come online. Part of it is in relationship to BIPOC community. That the participants that those who are going through the leasing process need to be thoughtful in regard to who those people are that are doing the process. That they look like the individuals who are coming and applying to the spaces. So it's a great learned opportunity. A great opportunity to expand and enhance for non-profit partners how to do work and to do work in a 21st century way. And to do it currently. But I want to spend majority of my time on the opportunity. If you, whoever is running it -- thank you. I will start with the last bullet point and talk about the oversight committee is supporting a package for \$300,000 to continue to provide stable and ongoing funding for administration of the preference policy. You heard about the preference policy and how significant it is. And how important it is and what it is doing. In order for work to go forward there is a need to underwrite it so it can be staffed appropriately. And since the places will be affordable for 99 years, there needs to be ongoing effort and focus as people move out and graduate and hopefully improve the living experience by having stable housing. And others are moving in. Someone will need to facilitate that process. The oversight committee 100% supports this. And has led the charge so that it can happen. The next bullet point and the opportunity is and was talked about briefly. That is the community engagement that is planned for the two land banked properties. I do need to say this in regard to community engagement. We have been doing community engage in the a host of arenas for years. To a great degree we have a very clear understanding of what the black community continues to highlight as priorities. Safe spaces. Spaces to gather. Arts space. Museum space. Affordable housing. Ownership and rental. Small business incubation and the business opportunities. We are clear on what we know. So, while we will be involved in robust community engagement with how the housing is to be delivered, we understand the priority of it. The last opportunity and I think almost the most central one, commissioner Hardesty, we agree with you 100% in regard to the years of the 15-year forgiveness around home loans. That was actually put forward by dr. Bethel and lead by him, introduced by him. And

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rallied by the oversight committee. We are in full support of reducing that amount of time as possible. And whatever it would take in order for that to happen. We are also concerned in regard to the diminishing amount of African Americans in this space and doing some of the work. Interested in understanding it. I want to highlight what I would say is almost a mandate on us to coordinate the efforts. We are living in an unprecedented time. There are over \$1 billion, potentially \$3.5 billion that are being invested in to the Portland community right now. Through the i-5 expansion, through Russell and the community development initiatives oversight committee on prosper Portland. What is going on with metro bond housing opportunities. We have an ability to deliver on the promises we made. No one of the projects can do it on their own but collectively we can do it together. Add in to that the vision trust and add in to that the interstate bridge replacement, add in to that reimagine Oregon. And there is so much opportunity in front of us. I would say that the responsibility of those of us who are committed to this work places a demand for us to think beyond our own boundaries, jurisdictions, historic issues and think about how do we benefit people. I said at the beginning of this meeting that this was fortuitous. Here we are talking about the championship work of Cesar Chavez. And how he has prioritized a people and a people impacted. You know this. We for black people in the nation have been specifically in the Portland area, we are at the bottom of the rung in every area. In every category examined. The bottom of the rung. The homeownership numbers are worse than they were in the mid-'60s. We have an opportunity to do something phenomenal and incredible. This is a great report. I celebrate it. It's great for us to pause and praise but we can't get stuck in the pause or the praise because of the work that is in front of us. My urge to you and many of you have received my e-mail from Friday and it's already in this report. My urge to you and my request is we think collectively together with how we can make a difference for those who desperately need the effort, energy and the influence. That is our report. I love to hear your questions. And take your feedback.

Wheeler: Thank you. Very good. Any further questions? Commissioner Hardesty has a question.

Hardesty: Thank you. Thank you, all for the detailed report. Am I to understand that but for the c.a.r.e.s. Act dollars there would have been no dollars available for home repairs?

Goodlow: Oh, no. We have a home repair program. The c.a.r.e.s. Money went to support to help people pay their mortgages. To pay mortgage or pair their -- pay their utilities. Not to do the home repair.

Hardesty: I see.

Goodlow: We targeted the clients who received home repair loans and the down payment

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assistance first to get the mortgage assistance that we had available through the c.a.r.e.s. Money.

Hardesty: Thank you. That was helpful. Yeah. I would have had another question if your answer had been different. Thank you for that. I appreciate the fact that you are gathering information demographically. But as I pointed out earlier around who is getting the work to build these homes, who is getting the opportunity to build their own economic power. There appears to be a shift that is happening that is unexplained. From what was relatively okay to bad when it comes to African American contractors. So I am curious about the strategies developed to ensure that the preference policy benefits African American and other people of color contractors. Because if we continue the trend we are on, once again we won't get any of the jobs.

Dr Holt: I can speculate and I agree with you 100%, commissioner Hardesty. My speculation in the environments I'm in is with some of two things. The amount of the people African Americans who are going in to the space and the recruiting and the strategy to recruit and how it's being prioritized. Extensive conversations with Nate Mccoy of NAMAC. And a few others you could name. It's a major concern. And it will require significant prioritization. And potential funding for that work.

Hardesty: We already put a lot of funding in to that work and I'm curious to why we black and brown people are not benefiting from the construction opportunities. It's not that we are not putting the dollars in. It's just who benefits from those dollars. So I appreciate that. What is a certified and self-reported m.b.e.? How does somebody self-report m.b.e.?

Dr. Holt: Director Callahan, do you want to respond to that?

Shannon Callahan: Commissioner, may I ask what you are referring?

Hardesty: I'm looking at slide 19. Where we had the demographics breakdown around certified firms. It says certified m.b.e. Certified and self-reporting m.b.e. I'm trying to figure out what a self-reporting m.b.e. Is or self-reported m.b.e. Is.

Callahan: Let me look into that. I don't have the powerpoint in front of me. Let me look into that and get back to you on that.

Hardesty: I bring that up because self-reporting numbers are significantly higher than the certified m.b.e. I want to unpack that a bit and get specific information. So, I'll stop with questions and just say that it's incredible from when I first got to city council in 2019, the number of the homeownership units that were possible. As well as affordable apartment units. It's good to see the progress. I guess my question is when is this process over? This was, I thought this was a temporary oversight committee that was going to do some work and then it was going to be

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gone and then it was going to do the work, be done. Now it feels like there is a mission creep that now we are going to do everything for inner northeast. I'm curious as to what the timeline for what was originally the charge? It sounds like the charge has changed to where you think, how far in the future are you anticipating this work happening?

Dr. Holt: Great question. So let me address the mission creep. The mission creep, there is no change in charter. There is no change in charge related to the oversight committee. My last comments were in reflection, a greater passion that I have for the work that we are doing in -- work we are doing in the city and the broader reach and the opportunity to address what has been articulated repeatedly by the black community about what their needs are and the hopes and the wishes are. And wanting to capture the fact that we have billions of dollars invested in the city. So as a community leader, community member, I think it is the responsibility for someone to highlight and to call to accountability or investment the opportunity that is in front of us. That is not reflective of the oversight committee specifically. So, thank you. Then the timeline, Leslie, I believe you were going to address that.

Goodlow: Yes. So the original timeline for the housing strategy was five years. For that \$20 million. But as we have increased the available funding and moved funding under the strategy umbrella, so we have moved all of the interstate t.i.f. Dollars under the umbrella of the housing strategy it's increased the amount of the time that the oversight committee will be in operation. So now we are probably looking at another three years while we expend the dollars from the maximum indebtedness while the projects get underway. And get leased. Then once that happens, then we can, you know, do we need an oversight committee for northeast Portland? I think the housing bureau and the housing commissioner can talk about the necessity of that committee or maybe it gets rolled in to some of the other committees that are working in northeast Portland to be, or be a subgroup. But at this point we are looking at probably another three years while we get through the additional projects.

Hardesty: Thank you very much. Thank you, Dr. Holt, for the clarification. Because I didn't want to bifurcate all the efforts that are going on. I didn't want to leave this conversation thinking that all the other activities that are going on are -- yeah. Thank you for the clarification. It was helpful.

Dr. Holt: Thank you for the question. I appreciate it.

Wheeler: Very good. Next up we have Commissioner Ryan. And then colleagues, we are running pretty far behind schedule. So maybe after Commissioner Ryan unless somebody has a burning question, you'll entertain a motion to accept the report. Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you to the housing bureau and Holt for the presentation.

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First, I want to acknowledge the dialogue that took place. I heard you dr. Holt about the collective efforts. I think that is part of what we were alluding to with how we knit this together. With greater efficiency. More importantly impact. Speaking of the impact, congratulations, Leslie Goodlow. Doubling the amount of the homeowners in one year is a big deal. Can you please, when you look at the data that has spikes you want to know what practices we are behind that. We can understand it. Support that. Can you please explain what you are doing different in the past year.

Goodlow: You'll -- you'll jump in real quick. You don't think there was anything new or different. It took people time to get through the process. We are finding it is taking people about two years from when they start thinking about becoming a homeowner to when they get the keys. So for people to find a home to afford and get a mortgage in a pandemic and financial crisis. That number is so much more significant probably than the other people. We got 32 people become homeowners in a pandemic. Amazing.

Ryan: It is.

Dr. Holt: These are people in the process for quite some time. We talk about how long it took and how far back people were starting. It's the economic impact from where people started. We cannot ignore we are talking about the people who are marginalized in the city. The time taken is the time it takes to help somebody get up who has been so far down. So the credit repair, economy, building up the revenue and all of that. We need to capture that as well.

Ryan: I appreciate that. In addition to that, anyone that has built anything no matter what sector you are in, there is acceleration. It takes a few years to get things built up and start to accelerate. Sometimes the public is very impatience with investments and they want it to happen overnight. I want to use the time to have that dialogue. I thought I might hear some of what I heard from you. Thank you. I want to acknowledge the testimony from miss Sandra Wadsworth. It was really compelling. The last question to the housing bureau is what is our ongoing support? My lived experience taught me that once you are in a home you need support after that. Is there direct support for those that now are homeowners? Is that part of the services that we provide? Maybe I missed that.

Callahan: The entities that we work with, habitat for humanity, proud grounds, pcri, all maintain a connection to the homeowners. There is not necessarily ongoing services. We prioritized the funding and they worked to stabilize families in the pandemic. We don't necessarily provide intensive services to homeowners in the same way we might in a rental building. All of our partners maintain connection to the homeowners and help them weather financial crises as they

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come. They are all committed to their long-term stability of the homeowners. Of course if there are other supports or services they need, those are met by the other community-based partners that they would be referred to. Did that answer your question, commissioner?

Ryan: It did. My job is to have this dialogue and continue to do dig in to this with you. We want to have data that shows that four years later they are doing really well financially. They are building equity. It's a long game. The finish line is further along and we have to keep ongoing support. I want to put it out. Thank you. I heard what you said, Mayor. I'll stop.

Wheeler: No, it's a great conversation. I just am mindful we have a full agenda and people waiting to testify. So I will entertain a motion to accept the report.

Ryan: Accept. I move.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan moves the record. Commissioner Hardesty seconds. Further discussion? Keelan, please call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: I want to really appreciate the volunteer committee members that took the time to hold our work to a high level of integrity ensuring that communities are most impacted by the generations of this investment and displacement. I'm really excited by the results and the promise that this signifies. I also want to acknowledge what I heard today and recognize we still have so much more to do to get to a place beyond the recognition and deeper to the actionable resource solutions that include strengthening the housing. And goes beyond housing to ensure experiences of the wellbeing, wealth creation and the opportunities in the black community. I for one am interesting to explore with the colleagues what it will take to continue that preference policy that was referenced. Look forward to updates how they continue to develop and strengthen the community over time. You have vote aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you so much. That was a great report. An opportunity to do a little bit of the dialogue earlier and a big congratulations. Thank you for your long-term service, dr. Holt. We appreciate it. This is a longer conversation. I'm in for the long haul. I look forward to continuing the dialogue. You'll see you this evening. Thank you. I vote aye. [laughter] there is that part.

Hardesty: Minor detail. Yes. Thank you, all --

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, all. I'm grateful for the information. It's clear that we still have a lot of work to do in northeast. We have a lot of work to do in east Portland and work in west Portland. A lot

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of work to do as a city. I am also very, I want to thank Dr. Bates because building community matters. It's not just enough to have a place to live that you can afford to live in. If you don't have cultural support around you, you are a visitor in your own community. The culture experience and acceptance to be in a community radically changed is a question unanswered. I look forward to the work dr. Bates will do to help us answer that question with more clarity. I'm happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: I would like to thank oversight committee for the very thorough work. I am happy to vote aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: I want to thank Dr. Holt and the oversight committee as well. I want to thank Shannon Callahan of the housing bureau and commissioner Ryan for his latest stewardship of the housing bureau in the north/northeast housing strategy. I want to thank those who testified today. Go to the way back machine. This idea was conceived of by commissioner Dan Saltzman when he was the commissioner in charge of housing. The idea of a preference policy was at the time a radical idea. It took a lot of time and energy for then city commissioners and the housing bureau and the oversight committee to really get their legs underneath them in terms of how it was going to work. When I joined council four years ago, I can tell you it didn't look like it would work well. There was passion behind it and the partners and volunteers giving their all to make it work. For those who remember the city council session when we heard the remember a number of years ago, it didn't go well. People were disappointed with the result. Steven, maybe you remember, I think we had three families that secured housing on the list two years in the policy? We could have pull it and said we tried it and it's not going to work. But that is not where the oversight wanted to go, not where you wanted to go, dr. Holt and it's not where the city council wanted to go. There were values and the commitments to the community that were behind not only the preference policy but the broader north/northeast housing strategy. We were all determined that in total all of the strategies would be successful. We spent time in the virtual chamber beating up on ourselves and things that are not going the way we want them to go. To be honest, that is most things. The issues we grapple with in the virtual chamber are some of the most conflict and social issues that confront society at this time. We are changing and realigning entire systems in this case that support and uplift the populations who are struggling the most economics is just part of it. I want to acknowledge the improvements made. I want to acknowledge the tangible process made and the leadership provided to make it so. We don't

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often say we have a long way to go. We look at the path we walk and take a moment to look back on how steep and how rocky that path was. The old saying is we're not there yet but we are far up the trail. We are gaining altitude and we are living up to the core values behind the north/northeast housing strategy. I think we are better than anybody anticipated to lead the effort. There is a lot for us to take stock of today and be proud of today. While we acknowledge that there is still a considerable amount of path ahead. I want to thank all of you. I don't think we stop often enough to say thanks! You are doing a great job. Well done. Pat yourself on the back. Because you deserve it. I vote aye. Report is accepted. We look forward to continuing the conversation in the months and the years ahead. Next up time certain for 10: 30. We're behind that. 190.

Clerk: Amend provisions so the city building code to clarify permit abandonment, expiration, extension and reactivation.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Here we go. If people are get a building permit they are expected to get this completed in a timeline. This will clarify when the b.d.s. Will extend application, extensions and the others issued with the life of the permit to be with the adopted program guide for life of the permit. There are federal to process permit for structures that are tight and in most case are 60 days. This would amend the city code chapters for building, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and sign permits to clarify when the permits will be considered abandoned or expired in and the criteria for extending, voiding or reactivating the permit. With that, I turn it over to Emily Sandy and Nancy Torrington for bureau of development services to provide more information and answer any questions.

Emily Sandy: Thank you, commissioner Ryan. Good morning, Mr. Mayor and commissioners. I'm Emily sandy and I'm a policy analyst with the bureau of development services. As commissioner mention I'm here with the colleague Nancy Torrington to present the ordinance. It applies generally to the permits that commissioner Ryan described. And I'll cover a little bit of background about that. But there are also more specific amendments in particular for personal wireless facility that Nancy will cover. I'm going to move to share my screen. All right. Before we move on to describing the amendments, here is some grounding information on what the lifecycle of a permit looks like. This diagram as you move from left to right, you move through the different phases of a permit. You move from the top to bottom; you move through the number of days in each phase. In the big picture, there are two stages. When permits are under review, but they haven't been issued. And then after the permit is issued. On this diagram, it

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shows more detailed phases as the permit moves along. Both while the permit is under review and after the permit is, permits can remain active as long as the applicant continues to participate in review and inspection process without a gap of 180 days. If the applicants don't respond to request for correction or the additional material from staff while permit is under review, the permit is abandoned. For issued permits if the applicants don't have approved inspection in 180 days the permit expires. If applicants anticipate that they cannot meet the timelines they can request an extension. However, an abandoned or expired permit is not the end of the permit lifecycle. After a permit is abandoned or expired there is another 180-day period where an applicant can request the permit to be reactivated. If that 180-day period is completed, the permit becomes void. Without extensions or reactivations a permit is void after total of 360 days of inactivity by the applicant. A note that state building code gives authority to the building official who is housed in b.d.s. To extend or recalculate a permit with justifiable cause. To be transparent, b.d.s. Issued program guide that clarifies expectations and the circumstances under which b.d.s. Will extend or reactivate permits. This program guide was last substantially updated in 2019. For all the permits, the nonpersonal wireless related permits a lot of the amendments are clean-up and clarification. It separates the code requirement for the permit applications, permits under review and then permits that have been issued. It decouples the requirements for abandoned or expired permits versus void permits. Substantive changes were removing limit of one extension. Allowing possibility of more than one extension that allows b.d.s. To consider factors and circumstances determining whether to extend a permit. It also removes specific fee requirements. Fees including those for extension and the reactivation in the b.d.s. Fee schedule adopted by the city council annually. Now I will turn it over to Nancy to talk about the permits for personal wireless facility.

Nancy Thorington: Thank you, Emily. Good morning, Mr. Chairman, commissioners. I'm Nancy Thorington. I'm also code policy analyst for the bureau of development services. I'm just going to talk about the wireless part of this. So by way of the background, wireless industry complained to the f.c.c. A few years ago that the local jurisdictions weren't getting the wireless permits issued fast enough. So the f.c.c. In response adopted rules that now require cities to get the permits issued within a really condensed timeline. Those are known and I don't expect them to look through details of this but this gives you an outline of the types of shot clocks we have. Most of ours fall within the two that are labeled the 60-day period. 609s and the small wireless facilities on existing facilities. But in addition to the these shot clocks, the latest f.c.c. Rules now require us to accept permit applications for projects like swapping out equipment on existing

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towers. As soon as the applicant submits the paperwork. These are the 6409s. That is about 80% of the permits we take in. This is significant because we normally don't take in the open permit on a site to make sure that the site is, you know, that it is all the requirements are satisfied. So, in this case, if we take in a 6409 permit, there may be structural impacts for example. So you could have tower with existing equipment on it and somebody comes in and they want to put new equipment and that will bring the capacity of the tower up to 80% capacity. Then you could have, you know, subsequent carriers come in. They can't exceed that percent or the structural basically be fail. Part of the issue that we are trying to address is that our records will show a lot of times the wireless contractors will sit on the applications for months or a year or more. Before they move them through the system. To keep the lifecycle going, we need to move to life of the permit. Move to the next slide. That would be great. What we are doing for the wireless permits we are going to move to system where they don't get automatic extensions. We want to get it moving in the cycles that Emily described from getting issued and the project actually finish to 180 calendar days of each of the categories. If they are inactive they are void. So we are working on a separate guide to outline the program for processing the wireless permits that will talk about the extensions will be granted. We want them to articulate to us why you need the extension and for how long? One of the problems that we had traditionally, we had hundreds of the permits, wireless permits out there where we didn't know if they built it, what was on the site. We didn't know it was out there and what raises concern are too discretionary. As Emily mentioned under the state building code, the building official does have division cession -- discretion. We are developing specific criteria for the wireless permits. We also have an internal and external appeal process. So if deny an extension they can appeal to the internal appeals board and if they don't like it, they can appeal it to the external board. So on up, so basically there is a process for them if they have an issue. Also like to point out it's in the best interest to get these things finished. The projects finished. We are not trying to hold them up. So as long as somebody is moving the project along, we are almost certain to grant extensions to get the project to the, over to the finish line. That concludes my part of the presentation. We have Maridee Pabst with AT&T and Kathy Putt with crown capital to give you the industry perspective on this. So, thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty? Thank you.

Hardesty: Thank you so much, Nancy and Emily for the presentation. I guess my question is are there opportunities as permitting process goes through, is there a specific checklist that has to be, that has to be signed off on? I ask this question because I'm thinking about this industry from

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another perspective. As you know, they tear up the streets to put the wireless wires in. Yet there is no maintenance that they are responsible for actually paying to keep our streets good. Which there aren't. I wonder if it's part of the permitting process. If we are going to make a change like that, is that where that would happen or happen in another venue like with the office of technology? Do you know?

Thorington: Well, Emily you were about to say something, too. The office of technology, they are the ones who negotiate the contracts.

Hardesty: Right.

Thorington: So, I think that would be where that part would go. We are responsible for making sure that looking at the land use impacts and the structural impacts. Electrical, too.

Hardesty: Thank you. That is helpful. Emily, you were going to add something?

Sandy: You'll just add that b.d.s.' purview is on property, not on the right-of-way. So correct me if I'm wrong so it's from a city's perspective more for PBOT.

Hardesty: Makes sense. Trying to figure out how the partnership worked but you answered it for me. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Did I understand that there was additional invited testimony? Were the two individuals just there to answer potential questions?

Thorington: Yeah. They actually have testimony.

Wheeler: Why don't we go ahead and get to that. Then maybe others will have questions after that.

Meridee Pabst: Good morning. This is Meridee Pabst. Good morning, Mayor Wheeler and commissioners. I'm a consultant for AT&T. I thank you for the time this morning. AT&T is now constantly upgrading the wireless sites to add new technology. And federal laws require expedited review of permits requested for this time of construction. AT&T appreciates the staff's recent work to bring the city's application intake and the review processes more in line be the federal timelines. One improvement of note and Nancy mentioned this is the city's new online portal for submitting applications for the site modifications which went online in December. AT&T and the vendors really appreciate this improvement. As noted in your packet, industry representatives have met with staff over the past few years in an effort to develop new policy that would allow more than one so-called "open permit" on a site. This policy change would facilitate the city's acceptance and efficient review of the site modifications. We understand staff's agreement to the policy improvement part of a larger program is tie to the code change before you today in which revisions to the code governing the life of the wireless application

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and an issued wireless permit would be changed to in effect make it more difficult to get a permit extension. From AT&T 's perspective this can be workable with reasonable criteria for extension. We understand staff intends to work on the criteria in the upcoming program guide and we appreciate the staff's continuing commitment to working with the industry on the guide. A couple of thoughts about the reasonableness for your perspective today. One example of whether the new rules will be feasible when a carrier must special order expensive concealment materials for wireless site. City of Portland typically requires what is called steal thing or concealment measures on a site. Say for instance, when the antennas are attached to a building facade. There are special materials that are used to make that addition to the facade blend in visually to the overall building. Carrier will not place the order for the specialized materials until us permit is approved. Especially if it's a custom design. Then it's not uncommon for it to take 180 days for the specialized materials to arrive. In cases such like this, it would be reasonable to grant another extension -- excuse me, an extension for another 180 I days to complete the -- 180 days to complete construction. AT&T believes it's relevant whether another carrier proposed dependent project. If there is no adverse effect to another party, then it should be easier for permit holder to extend its permit to complete the construction. And this saves time and effort of both staff and the applicant. It's consistent with the city's goal of the efficient and collaborative implementation of the building code. These, of course, are the types of the discussions that AT&T anticipates having as the program guide is developed. Thank you again for your time. I want to thank staff, especially Nancy Thorington, for the hard work that has been going in to this project. I'm happy to address any questions you may have.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. We appreciate your testimony today.

Pabst: Thank you.

Thorington: Go ahead, Kathy.

Kathy Putt: Good morning, Mr. Mayor and commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to join you today. For the record I'm Kathy Putt, the government affairs manager for crown castle, communications infrastructure provider here in Portland. On behalf of crown castle we appreciated the opportunity to work with b.d.s. To review and offer comments on the proposed code changes which are before you today. Generally speaking we believe that the timeline included the proposed code amendments are reasonable and doable and we urge your adoption. As a shared infrastructure provider we see this as the very first step to achieve greater flexibility in permitting that will hopefully allow us to work on the multiple projects for multiple customers on a single communications facility at the same time. To that end we look forward to

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working with b.d.s. Of the development of their policy guide in the coming weeks. Really that is all I had at this time. Thank you for your time and your willingness to consider the changes.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Thank you for your testimony. Colleagues, are there any further questions about this before I ask for public testimony? Seeing none, is there any public testimony, Keelan?

Clerk: Two people have signed up to give testimony.

Wheeler: Okay. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance and moves to second reading. Thanks, all for the presentation.

Thorington: Thank you.

Wheeler: Next we'll go to item 195. On the regular agenda.

Clerk: Mayor we have two people signed up for public testimony.

Wheeler: Sorry. I thought you said there weren't.

Clerk: Yes. Sorry. Two people.

Wheeler: I apologize. I misheard you. Let's hear them.

Clerk: Okay. Perfect. First up we have Katelynn Nyssen.

Katelynn Nyssen: Hello. Good morning. I just had a question about the new permits of abandonment expiration and extensions. I'm just curious if that applies to the structures we will see in coming months for the sheltered housing continuum. That was my question. The rest of my testimony depends on that.

Sandy: Sorry. I was trying to unmute. This is Emily. Katelynn, I don't know the answer to that question. I can certainly follow up with you. That emergency ordinance has been handled by a different group than b.d.s. And I'm not fully connected to it.

Nyssen: Okay. Yeah, I would just be curious if those extensions would apply to that. Just out of curiosity. You have don't really have very much to say. That was just kind of my main question and my testimony was going to be based on that answer. I am signed up for testimony later today. But assumably that will not be able due to the topic is different. So I won't be able to talk about it at that time. But, yeah. Not sure if there is any way for an answer on that but I feel it's an important thing for community to be aware about if the extension apply to the emergency order. I think before the emergency order is put in place or voted on if the city council could address the answer to that question. It would be appreciated. That is my testimony. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Katelynn, thank you for that. Maybe we could do it -- we are not voting on this today. It's a nonemergency ordinance. So there will be more time and the opportunity for people to

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submit written testimony via e-mail. Emily, could we get you to track down an answer to that and get back to Katelynn. She could provide more written testimony.

Sandy: I will do that in the next day.

Wheeler: Awesome.

Nyssen: If I could ask how will I be followed up with? E-mail or --

Sandy: Yeah, Katelynn, I have your e-mail from the council testimony sign-up. I can send you an e-mail but I'm also at [emily.sandy@Portland, Oregon.gov](mailto:emily.sandy@Portland,Oregon.gov).

Nyssen: Awesome. Appreciate your time.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next up Edith Gillis.

Wheeler: Good morning.

Edith Gillis: Can you hear me? Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yeah. We hear you. You sound good.

Gillis: I'm wanting to say this is my 40th year of living in Portland. Along Oregon highway road. Southwest Portland, northeast Portland, southeast Portland. The biggest danger for the Portlanders that are talking about the safety education and engagement, the biggest danger is safety about policing and policing policies. So we need to replace, we need to stop the stop and frisk and stop high speed traffic chases. And we need to replace the cops with unarmed rapid response to protect intersections and the people at different locations. Replace them with camera enforcement. We need to ban the use of cops harassing people along the roadways who are unhoused. Shootings from the moving vehicles and running red lights. We need to prosecute the johns and stop criminalizing, raping, terrorizing and arresting the sex workers, the sex slaves, kidnapped children and the rape victims. Especially along 82nd. We need to install sidewalks. Pedestrian bridges. Low-growing nature scapes, stormwater vail along the section and the sidewalk out. We need to improve the timing at the pedestrian and traffic lights and install bike lights. Those are policing and engineering when it comes to the community education, I partner with the immigrant refugee community of Oregon on safe and culturally pedestrian and bicycle routes. We need to engage more with the awesome, incredible polo, who has worked a lot with the different immigrant organizations. Community -- [inaudible] we need to work with the street, that was known as the Portland bicycle alliance and the Oregon active transportation summit. Not just for the event but for the ongoing networking. We need to work with the black liberation ride. Not just the event to organize but the network. And black girls ride. We need to work with the community center and the pbx bikes for humanity and the other

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organization for design, building, training and giving sweat equity for the public service for children, groceries and the small businesses that are having bikes. We need to design and distribute human powered and battery-assisted wheel transport.

Wheeler: Edith? Thank you, Edith. Could I please make a polite recommendation? I mean this with admiration for you. You are a regular contributor to the public dialogue here at the city council. We all respect what you say. But could I encourage you to sign up for communications at the beginning of the agenda. You'd get your full time for communications. It's somewhat disrespectful to the staff members who are here and waiting to have their issues heard. It's disrespectful to other people who signed up for the public testimony on other items who have been waiting for several hours to testify on specific issues. As you know, we have communications at the beginning of the council session for the purpose of discussing anything with the city council that you'd like. But this is not that time. This is the time to speak specifically to this particular ordinance and the particular code changes. I ask you respectfully and politely in the future if you could adhere to those rules, which the entire council and presumably those who enter the virtual chamber agree to. Thank you. Keelan, does that complete public testimony for the item?

Clerk: Yes.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any further discussion before I move it? This is first reading of the nonemergency ordinance. It moves to second reading. Now to the regular agenda. Item 195.

Clerk: Amend Portland utility board code with housekeeping changes for clarity and to increase equity and inclusion.

Wheeler: Colleagues, item 195 will be referred back to the office of the Mayor. Item 196, please.

Clerk: Authorize price agreements for on-call land survey services to support design and construction of sanitary and stormwater collection systems, treatment facilities, and watershed restoration projects in amount not to exceed \$10,500,000.

Wheeler: Colleagues, this ordinance would authorize price agreements for on-call professional and survey services if for bureau of environmental services. Scott Schneider from procurement services and Mike Pimomo from the bureau of environmental services are here to present on the ordinance and answer any questions anybody might have about the project. Good morning.

Scott Schneider: Good morning, Mayor. Good morning, commissioners. I'm Scott Schneider from procurement services. Also with me is Mike Pimomo from environmental services. We're here to have you authorize to enter in three price agreements. They support the bureau of environmental services in the design and the construction of the wastewater collection and

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treatments and the watershed restoration projects. On September 3, 2020, the city issued request for the from pose sals 1509. For land surveying services. On the 24th, 11 proposals were received. Evaluation committee scored the proposals in accordance with chapter 5.68 of the city code and deemed parametrix, inc., and Emanuel hospital, l.l.c., and aks engineering and forestry as the qualified proposers. The subcontracting equity goal applies to the services and those committed to the 20% for the consultant certified office or business inclusion and diversity. All awardees are in compliance with the city contracting requirements. And we recommend that you authorize contract awards. If you have questions about the procurement process I can answer those. If you have any program related questions, I will turn it over to mike.

Wheeler: Does that complete your presentation, then?

Schneider: It does.

Wheeler: All right. Colleagues, any questions? Seeing none, Keelan, do we have testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one has signed up to give testimony.

Wheeler: Very good. This is a first reading of a nonemergency ordinance and moves to second reading. Item 197, please.

Clerk: Authorize price agreements for wastewater treatment and structural engineering services in support of the bureau of environmental services' Columbia boulevard wastewater treatment plant in amount not to exceed \$17,125,000.

Wheeler: Colleagues we have received a thorough presentation on this and there has been an opportunity for public testimony. This is a second reading of a nonemergency ordinance. Please call the roll. Keelan?

Clerk: I'm sorry. What was that?

Wheeler: It's a second reading. Can you please call the roll?

Clerk: Yes. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: I greatly appreciated the presentation last week. Concerns I raised about the \$17 million contract and whether or not we would achieve our goals around in showing the

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equitable contracting are still Mayor concerns of mine in this proposal. And because of that, this one and the other one that we just read actually will contract with the same companies. So I'm not comfortable voting yes on this when I see we have almost \$30 million going to a narrow group of companies with no clear plan on how we are going to engage minority business owners and women business owners in this project. So, I will vote no.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance adopted. Next item, please. 198.

Clerk: Amend contract term with Versaterm, inc., for application software support and increase compensation in amount not to exceed \$5,990,000.

Wheeler: Colleagues, I item 198 amends -- item 198 amends a contract with Versaterm incorporated that expires July 13, 2021. This is a proposed three-year extension of the contract which supports the police bureau's records management system. Funding will come from the existing police bureau general fund resources. With the financial impacts of the covid pandemic and the need to fill budget deficits, p.p.b. Had to abort purchase of new records management system in 2020. Maintaining the current system with the assistance of Versaterm's maintenance services will allow the Portland police bureau to continue regional contributions to law enforcement information. Senior program manager Tammy Mayer is here to provide additional details on the contract and senior business manager ken lee is also here to answer any questions that people might have. Welcome. Is there anybody here from the Portland police bureau? Tammy, are you on? Ken, are you on? Then I'll pull this back to my office. Next item is item 199.

Clerk: Approve limited tax exemptions for properties under the homebuyer opportunity limited tax exemption program.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan?

Ryan: Yes. Thank you, Mayor. Colleagues on behalf of the city of Portland, the Portland housing bureau administers and the home buyer limited tax extension program known as "HOLTE program that provides a ten-year property tax exemption for the low- to moderate-income home buyers to make homeownership obtainable for families in Portland. Excuse me. Home builders apply for the tax exemption prior to starting construction on a new home. Housing bureau approves the builder applications through the filing a resolution with the council seven years at a time. Nine properties are approved for the program through the resolution. Statue requires the approval of any exemption application prior to April 1 to be effective for the 2021

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tax year which starts July 1. This resolution has been submitted to include nine properties and the exemptions beginning in 2021. Dory Van Bockel from the housing bureau development program is here if we have any questions. Thank you for being here. So, Mayor, I don't know if anyone has any questions. It doesn't look like it.

Wheeler: I'm worried that we have the invasion of the body snatchers going on here. [laughter]

Ryan: I know, everybody is dropping off.

Wheeler: Dory is usually so reliable. She must be here.

Ryan: She is here. I see her.

Dory Van Bockel: I'm here!

Ryan: But she is just here to answer questions.

Wheeler: Very good. Does anybody have questions on this particular one? I see a bunch of head shaking no. Very good. This is a resolution. I should ask if there is any public testimony on this item, Keelan?

Clerk: No, no one signed up.

Wheeler: All right. Go ahead and call the roll, please.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye ordinance adopted. Item number 200. We already got through 200 items so far this year. 200! Big 200!

Clerk: Assess benefited properties for street, sidewalk, stormwater, and mast arm traffic signal improvements at the northwest 23rd avenue, Vaughn street, and U.S. 30 intersection in the northwest 20th avenue local improvement district.

Wheeler: This is a second reading. We have already heard public testimony on the item and we heard a presentation. Any further discussion? Call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

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Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler? Aye. Ordinance adopted. Back to 198. Tammy was on but could not figure out how to unmute or had the technical problems. Read 198 again, please.

Clerk: Amend contract term with Versaterm, inc., for application software support and increase compensation in the amount not to exceed \$5,990,000.

Wheeler: Tammy, are you there?

Hardesty: I see her name.

Wheeler: Yeah. Tammy, if you are on the phone, try star-6. See if that helps. Is she good?

Tammy, it looks like you're unmuted now. Can you try talking if you can hear me? Let's do this.

Don't say this out loud but can we get her phone number and while in the next item, tammy, if you can hear me, I'm going to call you on your city cell. Track it down and have you present through the telephone. We'll track you down in the next item. Look that up. We'll get you on in a minute. Thank you for your patience. The next item then would consent item, 192 pulled.

Correct?

Clerk: Correct.

Wheeler: Read 192, please.

Clerk: Accept a grant in the amount of \$32,250 from Oregon department of transportation, authorize intergovernmental agreement for transportation safety programs, education, and encouragement for people walking, biking and driving, and appropriate \$30,000 in fy 2020-21.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: I believe Edith pulled this off. Is Edith still here?

Clerk: Yes. Edith is still on the call. Edith, are you able to unmute yourself?

Gillis: Can you hear me?

Mayor: Yes.

Gillis: I misunderstood the clerk's e-mail to me saying all the things I registered to sign up for, I would not be allowed to except for 192. I heard my name so I started to testify about 192.

Hardesty: I see.

Wheeler: Ahh! Okay.

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Hardesty: That becomes very clear now.

Wheeler: That makes sense. Thank you for that clarification. That is helpful. I think we all liked your testimony we just weren't sure how it was relevant to the ordinance that was discussed. Thank you for that. Is there anything else you want to add or did you get it out?

Gillis: No. I didn't say it. I have a brain injury caused by the police and I get confused and I can't e-mail you testimony. So part of traffic safety in this odot grant is about engineering, education enforcement. I tried to say what to do about enforcement and about the education and collaboration especially with the folks marginalized and excluded and living in the area where the most highest -- [inaudible] where I have also lived in the last 40 years. I was talking about what communities and the organizations have existing, for human transportation. And working with the others to find out what you can do to make it humanly safe and emotionally safe for people as it is not now. And design and distribute the human powered battery assisted vehicles. A lot of us with disabilities, not just those of us caused by the police brutality cannot bend over but we can stand up and assist incumbent or a different position. We cannot afford. But we can certainly have enough resources available as the community program to develop folks. Provide work site and ever upgraded with memorials for people who are killed and critically injured at different sites. As well as not just with this grant but use the grant to leverage community and engage with other folks by the city first earning the trust of the community members. So that we have respectful memorials at the site. We have a bike program, we can expand that. I would like to have on top of the signs say let's command language of what could -- if someone had done that, it would not result in a death. On southeast Hawthorne where a welcome person speeding and ran in to a girl legally walking on the sidewalk. To simply say -- [inaudible] yield to pedestrians. Then below that give facts. And honor the individual. Have those with a lot of crashes on Powell -

Hardesty: Excuse me. Edith, if I may. I appreciate all the recommendations that you have for transforming PBOT and the work with odot and trimet. This particular issue, however, is really about us being able to pay for construction workers that will be doing community projects that are already underway. Because of the city's limited budget we are partnering with the trimet to use the professional staff in this effort. So, Edith has fabulous recommendations and many of those are things we are talking about. I'm happy to have the conversation offline. But today, this particular proposal is really just about being able to hire professional staff and having the partnership with the trimet so we can share the staff on some of the projects that we have in common.

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Edith: We can get more bang out of the buck for staff if there are more informed by the community.

Hardesty: I appreciate that.

Gillis: Part of a larger picture.

Hardesty: Edith, we do have community projects that are taking place to engage the community's voice as we move forward. We have a lot of big work to do in transportation. But again, today I'm asking my colleagues to support a proposal to help us pay for professional staff as a partnership with trimet. Thank you.

Gillis: I support that. Bye.

Hardesty: Thank you. Bye.

Wheeler: All right. Thank you, commissioner. Thank you, Edith. That completes public testimony in this item; is that correct, Keelan?

Clerk: Yes.

Wheeler: This is an emergency ordinance. Consent agenda. Call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio?

Rubio: Aye.

Clerk: Ryan?

Ryan: Aye.

Clerk: Hardesty?

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps?

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler?

Wheeler: Aye. Ordinance passes. Last but not least we have tammy on the phone with me here. 198. Read it once more, Keelan, so we're all up and up and legal and all that.

Clerk: Yes. Amend contract term with Versaterm, inc., for application software support and increase compensation in amount not to exceed \$5,599,000.

Wheeler: All right. I read the introduction. Tammy, you are good to go.

Tammy Mayer: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. City council, members. I apologize for the technical difficulties. I was talking but no one could hear me. This contract will, or this ordinance will amend the current contract with Versaterm, who provides the regional -- the records management system that the officers enter reports in to for the region project. It's the current contract that we have is ending on the 13th of July of this year. This will provide us some

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additional funds to move forward with a three-year extension on the current contract and at that three-year point we'll decide where to go from there. Do you have any questions?

Wheeler: Yes. Commissioner Hardesty has a question. Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Is this the contract we weren't able to get out of that was probably one of the, will go down in history as the worst contract the city of Portland ever signed?

Mayer: Yes, ma'am, it is the same contract. We were in the process of doing other another r.f.p. To pick a new vendor and we had finished scoring and picked a new vendor. Unfortunately with the fiscal impacts of 2020, we weren't able to continue with that r.f.p. We had to terminate it. So we are extending or we are asking to extend the current contract for three years hoping that in three years the fiscal outlook will be a little better and we can relook at the other vendors for the system.

Hardesty: I'm just shocked that we would even entertain extending this contract. This is a really, really bad data system. Many other police agencies dropped out of it. We were impatiently waiting for this contract to be up. The city council actually dedicated funds in the city bureau budget to replace the data system. And there is -- I just can't imagine why we would want to extend this very poor data system for another three years. That is just not acceptable to me.

Mayer: I understand that. We do not have the money to move forward. We estimate it will cost somewhere between \$4- \$6 million to implement the new system chosen and we don't have it in the budget.

Hardesty: How much money did we give you last year set aside specifically to replace the data system?

Mayer: I believe that was \$300,000 that was to hire consultants that would help us through the project. We have used them up until the point where we terminated the r.f.p.

Hardesty: There must be a better alternative than for us to be stuck with a broken system for another three years.

Mayer: Yes, ma'am, I understand. This system actually works. It's just not user friendly and it frustrates a lot of the officers that have to enter the reports. It works. It's functional. It's just not the best system out there. We can continue using it for another three years. We are looking at possibly moving to the cloud version to make it a little bit easier. But at this point we really don't have an option because we don't have the money to make the switch. It's very expensive to implement a new system. It takes approximately a year. We would have to stand up all new servers. We would have to do data conversion. It's a very lengthy and costly expense.

Hardesty: I appreciate that. We have been working on it for two years.

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Mayer: Yes, ma'am.

Hardesty: Right? My newer colleagues just don't understand the history of this particular contractor. And every time another policing agency drops out the city of Portland is required to pay more.

Mayer: Yes, ma'am. We just lost Multnomah County at the beginning of this month. It is possible we'll lose another one before the end of the calendar year.

Hardesty: There is no way to support five-year extension of a contract so poorly written that doesn't benefit the city of Portland at all and it's not what we have addressed the bureau to do. Mayor, we have had this conversation many times in the last couple of years. I'm shocked that somebody would bring a proposal back and want us to do another five years with this company seems inexcusable. Did we fix the flaws in it? That is my last question. Are we just renewing the same contract that will again make us pay more every time somebody else drops out?

Mayer: Steps to sort of rebalance the funding side. We had a region user board meeting this month on the 16th. I proposed getting rid of the master i.g.a. Which controls the governance of the system. All the current agencies voted yes. So when this current contract ends in July, we will no longer have the master i.g.a. We are in the process of rewriting and coordinating with the other agencies on the participant i.g.a., which will rebalance and the agencies will pay the full user share in the cost for the system. However, we are still the majority of the system by leaps and bounds. The next highest agency is Gresham, I believe, sitting around 198 officers. So we quadruple the next iest agency and the sworn members that contribute to the system. I am taking steps for rebalance the cost share of the program.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio?

Rubio: I just, I have a quick question as someone who is new to this conversation. As you know, there is fear in the immigrant community when it comes to the data collection and particularly, access by i.c.e. And the federal enforcement. Can you tell me who has access to this database in terms of -- when you are mentioning the material, regional partners have access to this. Can you tell me who? Or if it's easier can we get a list to understand?

Mayer: Yes, ma'am. I can send everyone a list of the current users, agency wise, that input in the system. I'm pulling it up. -- pulling it up. Columbia county sheriff office, Gresham, Lake Oswego, port of Portland, Portland state university. Caboose and St. Helen's are the agencies that are left in the regional system. With the withdrawal of the Multnomah county happening a few weeks ago. There are also a number of inquiry-only agencies. Let me pull up that list. Bear with me one minute. But most of them are parole and probation kind of agencies for other agencies that are

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law enforcement. Some of them are law enforcement. Like Vancouver. Even though they left as a full entry system. Or entry partner. They are in as a quarry-only agency. Here is my query list. It's coming up. Here we go. Okay. Query-only agencies right now are the a.t.f., camas police department, Clackamas county sheriff office, Clark county police department, Multnomah county juvenile, Multnomah county medical examiner. Multnomah county sheriff's office. We are in the process of bringing that online right now. O.h.s.u. O.l.c.c. Oregon d.o.j. O.s.p. P.c.c. Public safety. Tigard police. U.S. Parole and probation. Vancouver police. Washington county community corrections.

Rubio: Thank you.

Mayer: I can send you that list when I get off the call.

Wheeler: Very good. Thank you, Tammy. I have a couple of comments. i'll put out at this moment. First of all, just in case people don't know what commissioner Hardesty was referring to, this contract is, in fact, I agree with her probably the most poorly structured contract I have ever seen. It did not include an opt-out clause for the city of Portland on one hand. On the other hand, it made city of Portland singularly responsible for -- singularly responsible for paying the total cost of the project, even if other partners pulled out. In other words, if other law enforcement agencies decided ah, we don't like Versaterm and we want to move to a different platform, the city of Portland would pay -- not the city alone, but the remaining partners, the remaining partners in the pool would then have to pay the additional cost that was previously paid for by the partner that pulled out. So, it's a classic last one in the pool gets their hide nailed to the wall. And we have no opt-out. So, I want you to know, I'm not walking in to this like some idiot who doesn't see what is going on here. I actually directed our legal counsel to do an investigation whether or not we have a legal ability to withdraw from this contract. I questioned whether it was legal to have a contract with literally no opt-out for the customer. Which is what this original contract term had in place. The conclusion was no, we are stuck with it. So, what I want you to know is two years ago, I did put money in -- we have crafted a proposed budget that was effectively a no-cut budget that included the funding that tammy just mentioned for us to make the transition to a new provider. We were all very happy about that. Then, of course, the economy went off a cliff as a result of covid. We had to find \$95 million in reductions. Any software or systems-related project that was not already underway toward fulfillment city wide was eliminated as part of trying to close the \$95 million gap. So we have a choice before us. We don't have to make it today. Because this is not an emergency ordinance. If there is an interest on the part of the city council finding an additional -- tammy is it \$3.5 million? What did you say

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the cost would be?

Mayer: Low to high range from \$4-\$6 million.

Wheeler: If the council over the course of the next week prior to the final vote would like to find an additional \$4-6 million in this budget for the purpose of making that transition now, that is option "a." option "b" is this option. Which is extend the contract. I believe tammy, the term is three years? It's not five?

Mayer: Three years.

Wheeler: It's three years. Neither is a great choice but given the fiscal constraints that we are currently understand my preference would be to plug my nose and vote yes to extend the contract that is not particularly favorable with a product that we don't particularly like but at least it gets us to what will hopefully be a better economic environment that will allow us to make the jump in three years. That is where I'm coming from. Commissioner Hardesty?

Hardesty: Thank you, Mayor. Let me just say I do not support extending this contract for three years. This is a giveaway of public dollars to a company that is not worthy of receiving the dollars. The fact we are increasing the salary by \$5 million for a three-year contract -- salary by \$5 million for a three-year contract sounds ludicrous to me. I'm disappointed that the bureau would schedule this without coming around to having conversation with us prior to scheduling it for a city council hearing. Clearly they knew I knew a lot more about this than the system than I wanted to know. And my colleagues are too new to understand the significant resources that have been squandered on this system. I think there must be a third alternative. I think the police bureau should work with the city council to determine what that third alternative could be.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps?

Mapps: I just like to say I think we are having vigorous agreement here. I'm relatively new to the topic but I have followed it a little bit. I see the police department wishing for better software. I see members of council being dissatisfied with the options here. I appreciate the fact that it appears that we have maybe a week to have some internal dialogue to figure out how to move forward. I think it would be healthy for the police bureau, council and the city.

Wheeler: Tammy, what is the -- thank you, commissioner Mapps. What is the drop dead date? When do you have to make the decision? Can we extend it a couple of weeks?

Mayer: We can extend it a couple of weeks but that gives us less time to negotiate changes in to the current contract. Because I know Versaterm has some things that they did not like out of the first and I know our city council, or our city attorney would like to change some things, too. Once we had approval from you we were going to start the negotiation process on the contract. But

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I'm sure we have a few weeks.

Wheeler: So tammy, why don't we do this? Could you make a good faith effort in the course of the next week to meet with my colleagues assuming you are the right person to do that --

Mayer: I am.

Wheeler: Could you work with them to generate -- commissioner Hardesty is suggesting there might be a third way or alternatives. If there are, I want to hear them. Could we commit to do that in the course of the next week? We need to extend it another week I'm happy to do that.

Mayer: Yes, sir. I can reach out to all the commissioners' offices and set something up.

Wheeler: Awesome. Good. I appreciate that. Colleagues, does it seem like a good resolution? Good. Okay. Seeing head shakes. Tammy, you can't see it because you are on the phone. Keelan - - sorry. Keelan, is there any public testimony on this item?

Clerk: No one signed up.

Wheeler: Okay. Good. This is a first reading of the nonemergency ordinance. You will all be hearing from tammy. This moves to second reading. Keelan, I believe that completes our business for this morning; is that correct?

Clerk: Yes, it does.

Wheeler: All right. Thank you all. Appreciate it. We are adjourned until 2: 00 p.m.

At 12:28 p.m., Council adjourned.

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Wheeler: Good afternoon. This is Wednesday March 31st, 2021 city council meeting. [roll called].

Wheeler: Under Portland city code and state law, the city council is holding this electronically. The public can listen to the audio broadcast of the meeting. The meeting is available on the city's youtube channel. The public can also provide written testimony to the council by e-mailing the council clerk at [Portland, Oregon.gov](mailto:Portland,Oregon.gov). The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and limit contact. The pandemic threatens the health, safety, welfare which requires us to meet by electronic communications. Thank you for your patience and flexibility and understanding as we conduct the city's business. Then we hear from rules of order and decorum.

Linly Rees: Good afternoon. Participate in council meetings, you may sign up with the clerk's office to briefly speak about any subject. You can sign up for resolutions and first readings of ordinances. The agenda at [Portland, Oregon.gov/auditor](http://Portland,Oregon.gov/auditor) has information about how and why you can sign up for testimony. The 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're representing an organization, please identify it. The presiding officer determines the length of testimony. Individuals have three minutes to testify unless otherwise stated. When your time is up the officer will ask you to conclude. Disruptive conduct won't be allowed. A warning will be held. Thank you mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you very much. And Megan I owe you an apology, it is not Keelan, it is Megan. Our first item is 201.

Clerk: Proclaim March 31, 2021 to be transgender day of visibility.

Wheeler: Colleagues, it is an honor to introduce the first item on our afternoon agenda. March 21st, 2021 is transgender day of visibility. This international event celebrates the

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transcommunity, toasts the activists that paved the way and send a message to the next generation of transyouth that there's power in being themselves. It highlights the need for the city council and other leaders to collaborate on the policy changes to recognize the importance of transvisibility in our culture and in our policy. We see you. We care for you. This is the third year we had the privilege of hosting this event. The first was the brainchild of a couple of community do gooders, Micky Jolet and Seth Johnston and Seraphie Allen in the office of the mayor. Looking for an opportunity to provide a platform that has all too often denied that platform. We are three years later and reflect in securing housing as well as shelter. I can recall that last year this was a request bit city council to allocate directly to the queer community experiencing homelessness. We strived to answer that call. Last fiscal year, the county donated 250,000 dollars of ongoing resources for the joint offices of homeless services to provide services directly to the queer and transcommunity experiencing homelessness here in the city of Portland and throughout the county. Last year at the start of the pandemic, the city allocated more than half a million in cares act funding which is helping create the first queer specific shelter program, known as the queer affinity village. These allocations are a direct result of the activism and the community partnership made over the last several years, including transgender day of visibility. It is a good start. It is something that all of us can be proud of. However, as is often said at this roster, there's still a lot of work yet to be done. Our city has one of the largest percentages of transpeople in the entire nation. We're considered a safe harbor for many transfolk. A city that many turn to in the place they grew up and the family in which they were raised was not accepting of who they were. I personally heard stories of people come to Portland to receive gender affirming healthcare that they're unable to find in other cities or other states but there's a long way to go to live up to the expectation that we with set for ourselves. Transphobia persists, even in progressive communities such as Portland. I know as a city council, we're unified and committed to listening, learning and then rolling up our sleeves and putting in whatever work it takes. That starts with with events like this, with community leaders and activist that is are joining us here today to share their stories and experiences. To the organizers, I'm eager to hear your ideas of are where we can further partner to address critical need in the community. That's true not just today or during pride month or when a crisis arises. You have my commitment for the mayor of the city and I know I speak for all of my colleagues when I say we're committed it this important cause. Let's turn it over to our fabulous mcs for today's event. Thank you for stepping up to be our mcs. I'll turn it over to you.

Erin Waters: Hi, everyone, may name is Erin Waters. I'm a transperson and a member of the

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community. I'm on the board of directors for the binary collective.

Seraphie Allen: For the record my name is Seraphie Allen. I serve as director of housing in the mayor's office and the leadership team for the LGBTQ and friends affinity group. Today I'm supporting the trans and nonbinary community. We had a third emcee that will join us, Leila has who with will introduce themselves and Erin has to work the other job at Kaiser halfway through the program. I want to give a shout out to Erin and Leila for making the time in their day to be with us.

Wheeler: It Leila on?

Leila Haile: I'm the disability engagement coordinator for the office of equity and human rights and a member of the city African American network leadership team. I'm here representing all of these hats and also myself as a black transgender individual. Thank you for having me.

Wheeler: Thank you. Leila. To all of you that took time out of your day to speak with us today. I want to extend a big with thank you to community leader and city staff that worked very hard to put today's event together. That includes --.

Allen: Mayor.

Wheeler: I'm sorry.

Allen: Erin is going to go next.

Wheeler: So you tell me had with you want to throw it back to me.

Allen: I'll let you know. About an hour from now.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Allen: Erin if you want to kick us off.

Waters: Transability was started 18 years ago when she was frustrated that the only known for trans-- was a day. They raised awareness of the struggles and dangers faced by our community. I will pass this off.

Allen: Thank you. As mayor mentioned the first proclamation was conducted in 2019 at the request of my fend and community members Mickey and Seth. Since then the mayor's office brought together a table of community members that determines a theme, the run of show with the speakers and performers and then ask the city council which seeks to better the livelihood of trans and nonbinary community members. We have LGBTQ analyst position and ill with join us. Outreach funding to join on the binary from the cut and then as we mentioned the cp-30 villages and the queer affinity site. Those are steps forward, I want to give space to the community members that did not want to participate in today's event in working. I've heard from many trans and queer people who are frustrated of what it feels like to have a slow

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government approach when they fight for their lives. They express frustration and doesn't think the city council has done enough. I wanted to hold space for those community members as well.

Waters: The reality of increased transgender visibility in this country is paired with the reality of reactionary intolerance by theocrats. In the states of Arkansas, Tennessee and Alabama and others, the transcommunity is not only told you're not welcome but your existence is criminalizing to you and others. Something -- something we know, it is a fact that can do more young people to emergency rooms after suicide attempts. Something they see increasing as the legislation moves through the country successfully. We're reminded our children, including transgender are only objects. Especially when it comes to enforcing gender and trying to escape them. It makes sense that large portions of our community don't trust the institutions around us. We have a day of visibility but in day of listening. Communities seek proclamations like this often and generally little follow through and impact. We with know the word proclamation is a noun. Aspiration. A statement of desired values. In of itself it is not action. We choose to hear from people whose systems see us inconvenient at best, erase us and tokenize us without acting on our need. So measured in millimeters, what does it mean for transpeople to be visible and safe. Whether I receive lifesaving medical service. What does it mean in a country? The honest question remains, has is the city changing for us that is really making things better. There's gaps in the system. It is the transcommunity followed in them. It is up to the city to do more than just state hopes and dreams. Today members of our community will information necessary to understand what with we need and embrace action and had you to understand to give us our roses while we're still here. We hear from multiple speakers. We left time in the agenda for the council to engage with these speakers. Please do so. To kick things off, I welcome our first guest. She's the chair of the black American caucus. She serves as artistic director. It is a residence. He's interdisciplinary artists whose work is around race and gender history. Welcome.

Zelos Marchandt: Thank you. Thank you you for having me. Joy. Last transjoy. Why has it been so hard in the past to write and talk about transjoy. In a single day a week, what I hear often is that it is difficult to speak to and quantify the transexperience. Let alone the black transexperience. I very much disagree there's a lack of data or infrastructure for our lives, family are and homes in contributions to the human experience. In 2018 I worked with journalists to speak with the auditing team that researched and published a scathing report on the department of human services, including the child welfare system and foster care. It is an inept branch of public service that does not know the meaning of joy. It spoke to unpreparedness to support children and their family, many black and many queer and trans. Despite lawing being

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passed to the contrary. It is in the data missing. We're intending to have a frequent guest at our table, this lack of preparation is widening disparity gaps in the midst of national insurrections. These I man on put on my tombstones without consent. There's so many more people. However there have been -- we have found joy as individuals and families and friends and human beings. Imagine what our joy can do when you work with us. This is my one act play. After the riot is the first performance at the buell with theater for the outright festival. It is titled three or four girls. Three or four girls. Three or four girls. All white action. They in pajamas and slippers and pairing place and clipped and surgical masks over their faces. It can be applied to a threatened life. It stills my no, sir -- nostrils. Girls run and wash hair and pick out a sundress I would not be caught dead in. 45 dollars because it is so ugly. Girls reached for uglier still dresses. I used to be intimidated by these when with I was small. More so you I pitied and hated them. I felt superior to them without knowing why. I say today it is pity but it evaporates. I dodge other's fear. Sometimes it gets on me like a lick of snail. Sometimes I'm across the door, intern timer. Grab half and half. They grab dry ice. One candlestick, two hair dye, three hair bleach, toothbrushes. More half and half. Three or four girls. Nine, whiskey, later dinner. These things hit my friend in the stomach. I put candles in my basket with three or four girls blog 300 dollars on an ugly sundress. Pioneer dresses and the bounty of produce can still be there 100 years later and prove positive that human beings are adaptable. It is incredible how the adaptations take shape. Three or four girls, half dead by 24 on prozac, but their features will be fine. Their always with around them, fine. The silence fine. The silence fine. I hate their sound. White people in their 45 dollars change sound quiet like shark. Swim you may make it home. Three or four girls and you'll all be waiting for me.

Waters: Well, thank you. Really appreciate the time. Thank you. So we will hear from Reid Vanderburgh. Reid was the first transtherapist in Portland. During the course of his career, was 450 clients asking had you do I want to live my life in the context of gender identity. He's lived in Portland 30 years and retired from his therapy practice he serves. He sings baretone. And then familiar faces for many at city hall. This works for transyouth. Art and music. Counseling, education and more. This is joined by one youth. Thank you if joining us. Reid, the mic is yours.

Reid Vanderburgh: I have a long history in Portland dating back to 1970 as a lesbian community. In 1995 I needed to transition. At that time trans was an invisible identity everywhere not just Portland. I felt fortunate as I began transition. This was one therapist that understood transidentity well. That was one more than existed nearly anywhere else. I had chest surgery in 1997 at east Mooreland hospital. And Toby Meltzer was this. One of the handful of

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surgeons on the continent with extensive experience with dance related surgeries. I met a number of people when had traveled to Portland. I met John, a college student from Houston who just spent his student loan money on chest surgery. Toby accounted for about 90 percent the patients. People walking around slowly as they recovered from a transrelated surgery. East Mooreland hospital was sold and they gave him notice. With the exception of OHSU, all of the other local hospitals were Catholic based. He left some years earlier and finding it difficult to work with a teaching hospital around scheduling and the like. We lost Toby Meltzer to Scottsdale, Arizona. That was then. This is now. Most of the hospitals that refused Dr. Melzer operating room privileges 20 years ago now have clinics. This is great expertise working with transclients. I used to be one of them and taught classes. And yet when I first learned of the transday of disability, I had great difficulty retaining in my mind -- mind what it stood for. I gave the keynote speech at one of the first transday remembrance in Portland. This is held each other and both transpeople have been killed because of their transidentity. The idea behind it is to create a day in celebration of dance identity and create our presence in a positive height. At the time transpeople weren't on the radar at all. There was some safety in this invisibility but it also meant this was in mainstream recognition of transidentity. No public sector support. Now we're visible. With that, more risk. Transday is my day every day. Yes, we have more services available to us. We're speaking to city council. If I were at city hall and speaking, I would be vigilant when I left. Visible, yes, but with a feeling of being in the lime light and cross hairs. Reading about anti-transbills. Passing legislation to outlaw medical care. In light of the responses, we need to know that the place we call home is supportive as we emerge into the light of day. This is a time for allies to step up overtly in support of those in the cross hairs and letting us we're in the alone. What does it look like to be ally, put pronouns in your e-mail address. What it means to be nonbinary, this is helpful information on the internet. If you find out a neighbor or neighbor's child is transitioning. Two to them and say congratulations. How can I support you? Work toward social justice side by side. Others will speak from the perspective of policy and support services. Support from every perspective help us as we venture out of marginalization and in to the arena of full participation as our true selves. Thank you.

Seth Johnstone: Hello, everybody. My name is Seth Johnstone. And this is Kevin King. We did a writing workshop the other day. And these are words from -- that I'll share and I'll turn it over Kevin. I ask you what with is visibility mean to you? It means wanting to express yourself and not be afraid when in danger. Have you ever felt invisible. Folks said, people with wants and need and not invalidating us is important. Because to discriminate against us we need shelters, we're

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without housing and it is harder to be this when people treat us poorly. I asked what about the community? I said I want them to know systems are built the same way. Inclusion needs to happen. This is from the youth worker who wanted to remain anonymous. The lack of access to money and education and being pushed out of our spaces. And looking different. Our communities face hate crimes and we have a lot of medical support. We need a specific shelter that is specifically for us. I asked people to write poems about their identities. This is a poem. I should have known sooner, always hating my name and wanting to wear boy clothes, not knowing what is going on. You're scared as much as I was. It was new to both of us. I learned to move forward as you see in the past. You asked what do you want a community heard to see? Folks said visibility means being out on our own terms and not answer evasive questions. This will not be for the people that need protection. Those folks that need it most often have the least access. Transability. We want to be seen so folks understand. Last but not least this was a quote they shared. Welcome to see the good side of our community and we mean peace when we rally and will fight for our happiness. I'll turn it over to Kevin King.

Kevin King: I'm 18 years old, I attend school and I'm also [indiscernible]. It means I've never felt comfortable with gender. This is for transpeople like me. Isn't that what it means in your neighborhood, to feel you belong? That's all I have, thank you for listening.

Allen: Thank you. We time if you like to ask questions, otherwise we can move on. You can also think about it and ask at the end. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you so much, what powerful words today. I'm almost speechless. But not quite. I wanted with to ask Seth and the young man that is with you. The young person is with you, I like to know what is -- tell me -- tell me a time in Portland where you felt totally safe.

King: What do you mean exactly? Could you word it differently?

Hardesty: You said you want to feel safe, right? I want you to give me an example of a time where you felt safe.

King: Well I usual my feel safe in my neighborhood. I usually have to take Trimet. Because I can't drive. physically disabled. One time I was trying to get off and the guy said, do you want me to pull a knife on you?

Hardesty: Shouldn't happen to anybody.

King: Exactly.

Hardesty: Yes. Should not able to travel wherever you want to go without interference. Thank you. I just -- you said I want to feel safe. I wanted to get an example of that.

King: Thank you very much.

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Hardesty: Thank you. I appreciate your statement.

Allen: Mayor Wheeler. You have your hand up?

Wheeler: Thank you. So I have a general question. I'm not sure if this is directed towards anyone individually. It is more of a general question. Hearing the history and the injustices particularly around access to housing and to healthcare. That's raised an issue to me that is very germane it today. Access to mental health services is as a result of the covid pandemic. We were seeing obvious health impact from the covid pandemic but as we heard, there's obvious increases in mental health need being brought about by social isolation, people aren't -- aren't able to -- to congregate and do group activities the way they were able to previously. People who are athletic and engaged in sporting teams and things like that don't necessarily have access to those opportunities. Educational opportunities have moved either to nonexistent or virtual. There's talk about with not only the health impacts but mental health impacts of covid to the population at large. This is discussion at city council about disproportionate impacts on our communities of color. I haven't heard as much about the impact on the transcommunity. I wonder if anybody has insight interest that or any thoughts or experiences you would be willing to share with our city council. Just generally, I want to thank everybody for sharing their lived experience with with us today. It is very important that we hear. And I understand for some it can be retraumatizing. I want to make sure this is valuable. I'm interested in what we need to know about the trans community as we get American recovery act money into the community.

Allen: I want to give my performers and speakers a chance to address that. We may have others also.

Hardesty: Would you add housing. I believe the cp-3 came for the first time that we actually created a specific they think for transgender community members. It is important to think about what the wrap around supports need are.

Allen: We'll have a speaker speaking directly to you about that in a little bit too. If you want to speak to the mayor's question. We could move on to the later speakers.

Wheeler: If it is part of somebody's presentation, I can wait.

Marchandt: I'm grateful somebody it taking the torch. I can speak from my perspective. I shared when with talking with with Erin and other people in the transcommunity. I think you could take whatever has been impacting us and multiply that by five or ten. I think in the last you're going to have the -- due to the unseen, let me call them unseen consequences of covid. I probably had about five people in my circle connected to speak frankly because they don't have access to our clear spaces. Right now it has been incredibly dire. We lost lots of venues and there's restaurants

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to us and only places we could go to be free outside of our homes. I think what with -- what already -- what already affects human beings, we're social creatures. It is affecting our community in a much greater way. We're not just going out if a drink or coffee or tea. We're seeing our family, our siblings. That affects mental health which dove tails with mental health service and what we need as far as that. Housing, incredibly critical right now. Very critical. Didn't really have stable housing to begin with with, despite a lot of equity. Not paramount. And then allocating fund directly are, you're moving in a very beautiful perfect direction. We know what is best for a community. We're not unfocused or in that, as you can see -- we're totally fly. We're doing our best to do those things as hard as we can without passing out at the end of the day and speaking to lots of people. I would say that's the most pressing concerns, making sure our families are stable. I spoke early about -- about just one -- one little window into how we get brushed aside or treated like we're dangerous. We're different, but in the that different. I don't know if that answers your question, briefly. All of those things times ten.

Wheeler: That was actually extremely illustrative.

Allen: Thank you and thank you to the speakers on the floor. I like to ask open signal to play the video we have which is a performance. Anyone from open signal on?

Wheeler: Is there something you need to do to get the videos up?

Clerk: Yeah.

Allen: Trans performance artist and was on american idol. Since then she's going to produce one of the most successful shows in the city and being part of the drag queen brunch precovid. She wants you to celebrate the transpeople in your lives and be as vigilant as possible if trans people. I watched this and it made me cry so be prepared.

Wheeler: Something isn't right. There it is. Okay.

Allen: With that, it is my pleasure to introduce our next speaker, Babatunde Cass Averill. He from Athens, Georgia. You are up next.

Babatunde: Thanks for having me. Before we get started, I wanted to do land and labor acknowledgement since that didn't happen earlier. We with do our work on the land of [indiscernible] and many other tribes that made their homes along the river. Exploitation of African people through slavery or the great disaster. We are have lived our land and generations of Africans. We know there's no black liberation without indigenous sovereignty. Commissioners, as folks mentioned Babatunde. We're dedicated to the healing and safety of African, transgender Oregonians. Thank you for having me. I'll share where our work is grounded in the past and we shift with the way everything goes on with covid and meeting the need of the community.

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Previously our work has been focused on leadership development for young black Oregonians, special those that have been pushed in the county in Portland, Oregon. It is a development program for youth, LGBTQ who are 14 to 26. That's -- that's how long it has been going since 2017 as well as doing the safety and liberation. It is an event to change the conversation around public safety to be less focused on fear and punishment and criminalization. One of the other programs that we have done is the trans resilient. We do this work after -- after all of the work that has happened from queer organizers that came before us, particularly just want to shout out Leila because without the work she had done in the collective we would not be here with black and beyond the binary collective. I want to shout that out. The trans resilience is uniting all folks of color who are black indigenous and poc and part of the transcommunity. Particularly for us, as black people and native folks and folks of color, the visibility piece feels a bit hard just because for us we don't all want to be seen. A lot of us want it live our lives in safety and peace and live to a ripe old age like many other communities. The reality is that one in five trans people in the united states have been discriminated against when with trying to find housing. That's a reality you I heard echoed through many instances and cases with people we work with in our communities. Most have experienced homelessness. Kicked out of home when they were 14. And then into my early adulthood, I relate to that just trying to be yourself does result often in loss of housing and medical care and loss of income which -- which -- which creates nor increased risk to engage with the police and we have to do other things so that we can survive. I estimated 20 to 40 percent of youth are are LGBTQ identified. This is a significant number and definitely tells a story of exactly what happened in the homes are where these young folks come out and experience issues with their parents and don't have community support. With everything you I mentioned and everything going on with the pandemic, our work has had to shift from being primarily focused on social engagement for our community to meet the need in terms of service deliveries. We partnered with the cut to distribute over 75,000 dollars worth of resources into the trans community. I can't tell you how quickly that money went. That should tole you how it is in our community, especially had we didn't create barriers for people it access the resources. With that being said, I'm glad this conversation around housing is happening, specifically because I want to introduce our newest guest. This is Jerome who is the deputy director. Anything you want to say?

Jerome: My pronouns are they/he, use a 60-40 split, that's appreciated. Black non binary. Happy to be here. I also wanted to add that -- that -- that this is particularly hard for black folks because it is a day of visibility and visibility doesn't equal being heard and being valued. So really

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bringing in the message as we good on throughout today and we revisit it every year to really look at that as an option, to not just be visible but make sure people's need are being met.

Babatunde: Yeah. I think with that we definitely -- we're shifting to a point where people were reaching out to resources and head to people asking about can I get support with with my rent? Can you help me move? Who do I turn to if I need to talk to somebody who is trans-- -- and knows the experience and I'm in a crisis moment. We've partnered with the office of homeless services and join and create a housing fund specifically for black trans. So they can get the support they need. All of us, every single one has been dealing with issues of increased violence, as well as housing insecurity. This is an issue that is near and dear to our hearts. Jerome can say more about the program. I'm going to hand it off to them.

Jerome: So folks, this is the housing project that we're citing is basically aimed at making sure both can be completely whole. We realize in you're not housed you don't feel a part of the community. My goal is to make sure we increase the access of the funding so folks can be properly housed. We're not talking about putting folks in a hotel room. We want them to sign a lease and focus on getting on their lives. We want to make sure folks are properly housed. And feels really really good. So part of this work is really going to reach all of the areas that housing presents. It is so they could get the assets to get the fund to pay for the apartment, as well as the other need that they have. Moving costs are are super expensive. That continues with expenses. I can't imagine what it is like for folks here moving from county to county. We with want to make sure these are are access, so they can say, I need a couple of hundred dollars to pay the movers to get here. I don't have it right now. We want to fill those gaps so they get properly housed. Another part of that is our wrap around services. This housing plan and program will help folks say, now that I focused on my housing maybe I want to talk to a therapist. What we'll do is we'll make sure we build the wrap around services for support, there's other avenues for folks to engage in so that the support is always this. And they can engage. We really pay attention. Someone said it earlier, we know what to do in the community. You have to make sure that the access to the funding and things that we need is there. We with don't need you to tell us how to do it. The access is there and work with with us on how to provide that. The other piece to that is we don't want to be tokenized. If you reach out to us and build that relationship with with us, you have time to build it. We'll ask you to sit with us so we can engage in a conversation that feels great and doesn't feel strange.

Babatunde: I think before we close out, something that was said about the suicides happening right now. Housing is suicide prevention. I wonder if -- if we experience so much in the trans

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community and in the black community in general, I wonder how many instances of those black trans women murdered could have been avoided if they had a place to live. I'll let that sink in.

Thank y'all.

Allen: I now want to turn over to Cass. Got lost in my doc here. All right. Founder and board president of transponder, a support resource and educational organization for and about transgender and gender diverse communities in Eugene, Oregon. We thought it would be nice to include things that weren't just in Portland. The organization strives to support awareness through relationship building and transponder is committed to addressing community need and the root causes of discrimination both locally and a larger lens. I'm excited to introduce Cass. We're getting short on time. I hope we have time for engagement at the end.

Cass Averill: Thank you. I appreciate that, I'll try to get through my information as soon as possible.

Allen: That's more for the Commissioners knowledge.

Averill: I'm a talker so it also applies to me. Transponder been around eight years. We've provided support to the diverse community. I've I called us the firefighters for the community. It is more about with what are are your need? That's how we activate and help. We do everything depending on what the community is bringing forward. As far as why I was asked to talk today. I want to address the mayor's question first because it ahead right into the rest of the information that I have which was around what is the effect of covid on our population. Transponder sent out a survey about a year ago when covid hit to ask the community, has is going on for you? Where are are your shifts of focus, what do you need? The top concern that the community came out and I do is a that they need, they are seeing -- they need access to mental and medical care, like appropriate and -- and knowledgeable care. Then the number -- the second thing was social support. Access to social support with quarantining we have isolated community. Covid has made isolation worse which is having major effects on people's mental and emotional health. It means when we talk about with -- about how that plays out, we're seeing higher rates of suicide and homelessness and personal and domestic violence throughout the community. The hate and the violence that society at large has felt. The community has been attacked since covid. The access to support and services has been locked down. People who had surgeries on the books before covid had their surgeries indefinitely postponed or payout canceled. People that were finally getting access to these things, the rug was ripped out. That alone caused suicidal ideation in the community. We're see ohp is inundated with everybody wants to sign up and they did not increase capacity across the board and they didn't increase their capacity of doctors or providers

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who are knowledgeable about how to care if the transgender population. If you happen it on ohp, it is way harder now because everybody else is accessing the same doctors. This is an issue. It is something that came up. We've seen higher rates in homelessness and violence and discrimination. Those are the big things I wanted to point out. I was here to talk about kind of like provide you what being transgender and homeless looks like outside the area. If I dive into that. The transhomeless population is at risk of exposure and infection had with we talk about covid. Hearing Eugene, the city has been sweeping homeless and preventing them from sheltering in place which is another item. I'll point out that the city has funneled all unhoused people into two homeless camps. Between those between homeless camps, they will occupy 300 people total. That's between both of them. Our homeless population in Eugene is 13 times that size. That's an issue. All of the camps at full capacity, if they get any bigger people cannot appropriately socially distance so there's in way to increase the sizes of the camps. With with you look at that, you could see these are general population camps. In the focused than certain populations other than unhoused. When you start compounding intersectional identities and marginalization, then we start seeing these issues rise as well. Now also for those that are housed, we're seeing many are forced to quarantine and go into isolation with unsupported family and help mates and they're forced into these situations and forced into the closet and all of these things have effects on people's mental health. Trans people are four times more likely to have suicidal thoughts. You start compounding these identities and marginalization, those numbers get worse. What I did in preparation today, I reached out to the front line workers to find out what they were seeing. They're providing the support. I talked to the street aide and hiv alliance and cahoots to get their perspective. They're seeing extremely higher rates of homelessness with with trans and queer youth. The amount of trans and queer youth on the streets is different than before covid. We're seeing dangerous situations. We're seeing them -- we're -- we're seeing an increase in youth being trafficked because of lack of support network. This is hard in Oregon. Front line workers are referring people out of state to get access to safe housing to actually acknowledge our gender identity and sexuality. This is a problem that need to be addressed. Trans people are forced into homelessness and harassed a persistently disrespected and moved and then on top of that they're dealing with transphobia and homophobia. This results in severe PTSD. We're seeing triggers and responses heightened and a worsening state of anxiety in the community. All homeless trans people this organization worked with with, every one reported they experienced hate from other homeless folks. When they're experiencing hate and violence, we see them in the engaging with services. They do not

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come to clinics. They don't approach clinics or service providers. They rarely engage us at all. They do not believe there's services created with them in mind. They don't think anything out this applies. This is a big problem. What we know is on average, homeless people die 30 years earlier than the rest of nation. Homeless transgender and disabled and a person of color. It is not one is worse than the other. They add on top of each other. We're in the looking at the nuances of the community or marginalized in the community. We could do better on that. We need to decriminalize homelessness. We got it stop punishing people. There's house bill 3115 that addresses this. The creation of homelessness on top of transphobia is providing a disproportionate effect. Our population already are lacks understanding and support. We must learn to protect the most marginalized among us. I hope that's helpful to give you an idea of what is outside of Portland but much information I provided is just generally about the population at large.

Allen: Thank you. That was incredibly informative and helpful. I now need to turn it over to Leila that -- that the community panel came up with. Turn it over to you.

Haile: I want to say thank you to everyone that has spoken. I don't think we had quite enough time to truly absorb everything that they gave us. They had time to review that, please do. Thank you for taking the time to recognize and appreciate the trans community as part of moral economic contributions to society. This year we invite you to deviate from the usual practice of policy based change and instead we're asking that folks lead by example to engage interpersonal learning that is necessary for life long allyship. Not only to the transcommunity, but the multitude experiences that we're a part of. We believe that council should model through actions like this meaningful and educational resources that we provide you and your office. We shift the understanding around the root causes of oppression and all of your efforts for the rest of your lives and not just the time you're in office. We'll provide you with with resources and learning that will include titles like the invention of criminal. The documentary are disclosure. Brainstorm the flaws and the science of sex differences. Books like skin tooth and bone, the basis of movement as a people. I really encourage y'all to -- to both engage with that -- with that individually and each other. Keep each other accountable as you move forward. Thank you again for your time. I'll turn it back over to Seraphie.

Allen: Thank you. As we draw this event to a close, I want to thank the performers and speakers today if taking time out of their schedules to share their life and expertise with us. As the mayor said, this can be especially, you know retraumatizing. We're lucky and -- and deserve to be getting people compensation for that time and effort. With that I also want to thank the

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community members that worked with with our office to create the run of show for today and I also want to thank Matthew and Aja with the mayor's team who supported the logistics from behind the scenes and me generally as a human. I want to thank city council and those that tuned into the event to honor transgender day of visibility. We heard from our community members today. On a personal note, I want to leave with a coach from coach carter which I watched for the 50th time the other night. Big basketball fan. Our deepest fear not that we're inadequate, our deepest fear is that we're powerful beyond measure. We're meant to shine a children do. It is not just in some of us. It is in everyone. As we let our own light shine, we give other people the permission to do the same. Our presence liberates others. This is true for me, participating in trans gender every day. I hope that today's event as people watch it in the future will allow more trans and binary people to be visible and see who they are. With that I will turn it back over to the mayor to read the proclamation.

Wheeler: Thank you. Thank you to everybody that testified. This was really fantastic. With with each one of these transgender days the testimony is pack withing richer and deeper and I greatly appreciate it. I will give my colleagues space to react to what they heard as well. But before with I do, I want to thank our community leader and our community organizations who with worked collaboratively to put this event together today. Sage metro Portland. Friend affinity group and a dozen employees from bureaus across the city and members of my own staff, Matthew palmer, the intern in my office. Aja Blair who has the hardest job in city government can is being my scheduler. Then the amazing Seraphie Allen. At this point before I read the proclamation I want to hear from my colleagues. Commissioner Hardesty, why don't you start off?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor. Thank you to everybody who shared with us some painful truths about life in Portland, Oregon. And honestly the world that we live in. I will say the things I know the city can do is certainly around housing because of the significant dollars we with put into the joint office. But many support services will either come through the metro grant or they'll come through la loma county because the city is just not what we fund. Traditionally we've done a lot more direct service because of the pandemic that respond to it. It is separation of government. The city and county does this and the state does something else. I didn't want people to leave today without acknowledging that you have significant ask on the table. You may know that the city has just started our budget process. And it is really important that the transcommunity is engaged in those conversations because if you're not there, we're not having the conversation about all of the needs about community. I think this is many opportunities to engage coming up

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very soon. I also want to acknowledge the -- the safety factor of just showing up in this little box today. I understand you put yourself at risk for speaking. I want you to know that I see that. I see the -- the -- the -- the courage that it attention to speak your truth today. I just want to thank you for being here. This is also my third year. And participating in this day of acknowledgement. But we also know that transgender people, especially black transgender women are are the most vulnerable people on the planet. We've seen their death and their torture and what happens at the hand of both community members and law enforcement. And we to -- we have not be silent about that epidemic as well. We have a lot of work to do as a city. I'm confident my colleagues will do -- do -- we can also help you do the advocacy at the county and at the state and at the federal level. Again, we got a lot of worked to and for the a lot of time to get it done in. I'm confident we could build with a more equitable city coming out of this pandemic. Thank you for being here. I greatly appreciate it.

Wheeler: Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you. Thank you for bringing this proclamation to council. Thank you it all of the performers for sharing your experience with us. The challenges trans folks face, I want to recognize your presence and willingness in telling your stories and it can involve reexperiencing moments of trauma and your willingness to go through that to get nontranspeople to move out of their ignorance. That speaks volumes. As someone that is learning and has a lot more to learn, I appreciate the frankness which you talked about today about how it is to be in our lives and not tokenize with superficial gestures. That's important for me to hear and for the public to understand as well. For those that have a lot to learn, I see you and I stand with you and I commit to listen and learn and how to be an ally every day and committed to more about the concrete ways that we with can be a support. Both using the platform of our offices but also for what I heard you mention interpersonally. In order us to move us in the direction that we do need to go. I heard several concrete issues. A few of them, housing, safety, mental health, trauma healthcare. Economic support and so many others. The city most specifically us as elected leader also have a role and responsibility to call out and address transphobia and homophobia and xenophobia because we know these things share the same ugly roots of right supremacy and colonialism. We want to create the environment we want, when when strength and story and love has come from -- from this community that translates into positive experiences. And enables us to bring our full selves to work and community life in Portland. You're probably exhausted from constantly having to teach people all the time. I do want to thank you for the presentation. We will reflect the totality of those experiences in Portland.

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Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Rubio. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: I want to thank all of the presenters today. And I want to declare March 31st, 2021 to be transgender day of visibility. It's -- we're on an unsteady march to a better day. Transgender day is an important part of the story. We gather together, if you remember the struggle that brought our community closer to fuller equality for our transgender friends and neighbors. We recognize the work that still needs to be done. In preparation for today's event, I did a little research to look into the history of -- of transgender Portlanders here in Oregon. And of course that history goes back to time immemorial. The first in the written record I could find of trans gender folks here in Oregon stretches back to the early 1800s. And then closer to my life-time, bit time we got to the early 1960s the record shows that there were vibrant active and connected transgender communities in Portland. I remember the 80s and 90s about when he saw phoenix rising and others, and began to serve the community. It is a delight to see so many new organizations taking up this work. The gender allegiance. Smerk. We appreciate your work and the Houston group can provides a variety of community based peer led and support activity groups. We need organizations like this because as we have powerfully heard transgender Portlanders still face discrimination. Commissioner Hardesty said that black transgender women are the most brutalized people on the planet. I believe that is true. We know that members of the transgender community suffer employment discrimination and more likely to find themselves in homeless situations. They're more likely to suffer from hate crimes. As we heard over and over again today, our health system continues to poorly serve our transfriend and neighbors. Portland must do better. This is one small step and that's unsteady march toward doing better. So I like to -- to close today by on this disability day, that this council sees neighbors friends and colleagues. We with look forward to seeing you next year.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan.

Ryan: Thank you for bringing this farther. Thank you all. You guys are are great co-leaders. I liked what you said earlier about absorbing this. It has been great and been a hot. So it is important to take this back. I had a lot I wrote down but I'm not going to use it. My heart is in this. I really heard the messages of direct action around housing and houselessness. I have the honor of being the Commissioner in charge of those areas with with my colleagues of course. It will be front and center as we build a better system of shelter. Everyone should have a right to lay down their head and have a safe sleep. I know someone mentioned that. That will be in my remarks coming up later. I also want to say that -- that -- that to me this is really been a journey as someone who is active in the lesbian, gay, queer community. In the 90s I was the co-chair in

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Seattle called the lesbian and gay commission. I'll tell this quick story. Anyway, here's what happened. We always have one gender. We had co-chairs. A boy and a girl. If you will. And so the person when with wanted to be the other co-chair identified as a female. By it was such a controversy because everyone was so hung up on -- on whatever. You know, it was like no, they identified as a female, so they're lesbian and why is this a controversy. It must have been like a three month conversation. That was in the 90s. 97. Co I want to thank you for -- people that are -- are becoming older to just see where you are today and where you've taken this. It means a lot. I've been comfortable over the last couple of years being known as they or them when I think of it. I need to push myself harder to say that. My partner identifies as they and them. Basically, it is this. We don't choose another person's identity. That's over. I'm grateful to live long enough and reside in the city where I do believe the majority agree about such common sense. This is just common sense. So I really thank all of you, the performances, the words were really compelling. I look forward to -- to -- to absorbing more later on. This was a wonderful way to begin the afternoon. I'll never forget it. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Thank you. Later on today I'm going to [indiscernible]. So it is now my honor to read the proclamation. Transgender day of visibility proclamation. Whereas, transgender, transmasculine, transfeminine, nonbinary, gender queer, gender nonconforming people have always existed and made important contributions to their communities. Whereas transphobic cultures including that of the united states complaint to suppress the existence in contributions of transgender and gender nonconforming people. And whereas, transphobia requires disparities negatively affecting transgender and gender nonconforming people in health housing and moment and all major aspects of life. Whereas white supremacy, ablism and anti-blackness, misogyny are are interconnected and cause continued violence to those that are are transgender or gender nonconforming. Particularly women. And whereas, houselessness and housing services providers consistently fail to provide safe welcoming and knowledgeable support for transgender and nonconforming people experiencing houselessness. Whereas among cities in the united states Portland is home to the second largest percentage of LGBTQ plus people per capita, including transgender and gender nonconforming people. And make our community safe and empowering for the gender nonconforming residents. Whereas the city has not yet succeeded in this endeavor. Whereas visibility for transgender people is complex and nuanced and should not be a precondition for justice. Are whereas, transgender day of visibility is an opportunity for the Portland city council and the city as a whole to create a dynamic learning space focused on Portland's transgender and gender nonconforming community and

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recommit to partnering with the community to address our challenges and now therefore, I ted Wheeler, mayor of the city of Portland, Oregon, the city of roses do here by proclaim march 31st, 2021 to be transgender day of visibility in Portland and encourage all residents to observe this day by committing to -- to unlearning transphobia and cis sexism and participating in the civic engagement necessary to make Portland a city and -- a safe and prosperous city for all. If we were in chambers, we would be whooping it up and celebrating. Thank you everybody for participating. Thank you for the leader that created this space today. Thank you all who justified and shared your truths. I hope this is something that the community will benefit for some time to come.

Allen: I'll let you get to the next agenda item. We'll follow up with the reading list that was recommended to all of the offices.

Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate it. Megan, next item is 202. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Could we take a break?

Wheeler: Take a break until 3:40 p.m. [break taken]. We're back in session. I'm going to do this slightly differently than what the chiefs of staff may have discussed. I am going to have us do items, we're going to do 202 separately from 203 and 204. There's only public testimony on 202 which is the extension of the emergency. We'll do that separately and dispense with that and then move to 203 and 204 together. Is that okay with everybody? Megan, can you call item 202.

Clerk: Extend state of housing emergency. Operationalize efficiencies and identify council powers, specify a 12-month duration and waive portions of the Portland zoning code.

Wheeler: This extend the 2015 housing state of emergency for one year to april 4th, 2022. My office has this for two reasons. Number one, this renewal direct the Portland housing bureau and the pure row for the office of government relations to monitor state and federal legislation related to the end of the housing relief federal foreclosure moratorium and the state wide eviction moratorium as a result of the covid-19 pandemic and related economic downturn. Number two, in order to avoid a gap between the adoption amendments of shelter and housing and continuing code project introduced by council shortly and in the state of emergency which is expiring, this extension gives council the time to adopt those tweaks and changes. This particular one was by hales and the past councils would have called this a shelter short an emergency as the tools provided were primarily related to shelter siding. I like this council to adopt new set of tools and expand greater security for tenants and landlords should the moratorium be-hitted without adequate protection for Portlanders. i'll ask if my colleagues have anything they want it share prior to that. Great. Can we get a brief presentation from staff on the

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extension of the -- the state of housing emergency? Alternatively i'll ask does anybody have questions of staff on this item? Not seeing any. Has anybody signed up to testify on 202.

Clerk: Yes, we have seven people on the call.

Wheeler: Let's go ahead and hear from the seven individuals.

Clerk: First up Tim McCormick.

Tim McCormick: Thank you, mayor, council members. I'm the co-founder of pdf shelter forum. I'm here to support the extension of the housing state of emergency declaration and say why and say what I think we should do given the state of emergency. Do I have three minutes?

Wheeler: You have three minutes.

McCormick: I want to honor the powerful testimony for transgender day of visibility which we with just heard and as was said, the feeling that others have that our slow government processes are not really rising to the reality of day-to-day fearing for one's life. One such person was Kin Lambright, she was found dead near where I live. It is heartbreaking to me in all of these years in a declared state of emergency, we with as a city have yet to offer safe places to be on the scale needed for the thousands of people living like Kim was. So what is to be done? Now if the emergency is -- declaration is extended as I believe is going to happen, one consequence we no longer have the imminent expiration deadline. I propose given this and how brief the deliberation on that has been so far and how recently most people heard about the proposal, a final vote be deferred in order to discuss important issues and community proposed amendments which were not yet brought it council for public consideration. I encourage you to look at the amendments in the letters referencing other groups and in our co-authored op-ed all of which are available on the tool map. I propose listen to the yet unheard ideas. Consider them now. And potentially issue a directive to explore proposals for other work. Finally this bill should direct planning and other city agencies to as soon as possible, produce a mapping of shelter eligible sites and a spreadsheet of the top 100 suggested public and current institutional use sites. We need 50 to 100 well qualified sites to build at the full-scale of need and leading to action. The other 150,000 sites in the city don't matter so much in the current state of emergency. Every day we don't get those -- those key steps done, means thus of people living in fear of death on the streets. We cannot accept that as a humane city. Thank you city council for your consideration and letting me present to you today.

Wheeler: Thank you. Next individual, please.

Clerk: Next up, Sean Green.

Wheeler: Welcome.

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Sean Green: Thank you, mayor. My name is Sean green. I'm co-founder of shelter now and a small business owner. I joined other representatives from a variety of organizations including victory project. Oregon harbor of hope and many other leaders in community and neighborhood and business and faith organizations in supporting the extension of the housing emergency in order to give us time to get the shelter to housing continuum project right and to provide additional flexibility to respond to the need of the community. As one who has been a part of zoning projects, I think this continuum project was being rushed before the draft was even publicly released. I feel strongly that we need to codify tools but given the complexity of the proposal and the new amendments that emerged in the last few weeks or months, let's take this opportunity to get it right. Updating our zoning code, we know if we want to make future improvements we'll go through the process all over again. Let's leverage the energy and resources to insure that we set up our community for success as we respond to what with many in the community consider to be one of the most important issues before us. I'm inspired by the way Portlanders are stepping up. Thank you.

Clerk: Next up we have Katelynn Nyssen.

Katelynn Nyssen: Good afternoon. I'm going to keep it short. This vote should definitely be delayed until more information is given to the community about the shelter to housing continuum. It is a big worry for a lot of people. I talked to a gentleman from southeast Portland, there's a big homeless shelter next to his house, a camp if you will. I'm hearing you need to hear more from the community before we make these decisions. Robert Schultz on the 17 of this month, I got really great information from him talking about how he's a single father of three kids and he had thinks them seeing the houseless crisis we have here, they think this is how people live. Even on the port-a-potty, it is a human right, dignity. There's no dignity in the way people are living had. I want to echo the people that spoken before me. Please delay the vote. Do not pass the shelter.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next, Gay Greger.

Gay Greger: Good afternoon. Mayor Wheeler and council members. What you have heard from park advocates stem from the change in the code section that defines temporary activities allowed during an emergency. That's 33296g. We have always supported and including open space zones fully in the event of a natural disaster of weather or a health emergency. When with shelter short an was added to this section, we could no longer support it. If an emergency has been declared which you're intending to do, this section now allows shelters in the open space

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zone for the duration of the emergency. We submitted an amendment that would fix this problem. The amendment first removed shelter shortage from section g. It establishes a new section to address shelter shortage. In this new section, you can acknowledge the difference between this kind of an emergency and a natural disaster emergency. You can specify outside the open space zone, all activities are allowed. You could even narrow that down and specify outside parks and recreation properties. Section f, or h I'm sorry, which would become section I in the recommendations is the one that deals with 180-day shelters and an emergency has not been declared. You removed the open space zone from this section except for parking lots. Parking lots are an integral part of a community center suggesting that parking lots can be shared between park users and outdoor shelters much the same way that farmers markets might share a parking lot is quite frankly ridiculous. I don't think I need to explain to you the difference between a seasonal once a week farmer's market and a 24/7 outdoor shelter. We recommend removing references to parking lots from this section altogether. Making a distinction between a shelter shortage emergency and other natural disaster related emergencies, simplifies the code and makes your intent clear. If you don't intend to put shelters in parks, you need to make this that is under consideration. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: I want to clarify for folks that what is under discussion is merely the extension of the housing emergency. If you're testifying on other items, that's not this. However, if -- if -- if you happen to agree with what you heard, it sure wouldn't hurt to say I agree with what has already been said. That's sufficient.

Clerk: Linda Robinson.

Linda Robinson: Okay. My name is Linda Robinson. I'm -- I want to say that I agree with with -- with the proposed amendment that was mentioned. I'm concerned because -- because it was my understanding is that the reason for the proposal and the shelters is so that you didn't have to declare an emergency but you are declaring an emergency simultaneous. So the things that can happen when with you declare the emergency are not the same things that are -- in -- in -- in housing continuum. It allows to go on as it is. It is -- it can occur in open spaces. I'm worried about that. I agree with the folks in the courtroom about housing that this should be postponed because there are -- there are amendments we considered our amendment to be considered and this are probably other amendments that should be considered. People are just learning about those. They have been going on for two years and almost none of us knew it was going on for three years. I would agree with those. I think -- I think having to breathe on everything in the -- in the shelter and housing continuum you probably do have an extension of

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the emergency.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Next Zari Santner.

Wheeler: Welcome.

Zari Santner: Good afternoon mayor, members of the council. I have to say that I'm in total agreement with with your first three testifiers that suggested postponing the vote on the -- on the proposed shelter to housing continuum. I'm submitting my -- my -- my testimony here assuming you will vote on that issue. And if you do, here's my testimony. I am basically begging you to exclude the use of the park system for use as temporary shelters during the housing and emergency day declaration. I like the previous testifiers have always supported, including open space zones, fully, natural disaster and health emergencies. And all of the activities that would go with it. And doing the entire period of emergency. However, if you do change the code and include shelter shortage to section g of the open space zone, then I no longer can -- can support that. I strongly urge you to exempt open space zones and bikes for shelter or amend a shelter housing continuum proposal for a shelter site during an emergency. Except obviously in the case of natural disaster or health emergency. Commissioner Rubio, as Commissioner in charge of parks, if you don't have the vote to exclude the park system for use as temporary shelters during a housing shelter emergency, then I suggest that you require the applicant's follow the nonpark use of park processes and demand that they assess the property value of a park site at the same rate as a nearby commercial and residential properties. Thank you very much for paying attention to my testimony.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Clerk: Last testifier, Patricia Frobes.

Patricia Frobes: Welcome. I've got -- can you hear me?

Wheeler: You sound good.

Frobes: Thank you. I'm Pat Frobes. I was a parks advocate. Like others I support the extension. I believe you should delay the vote on the s2hc zoning changes. I reinforce that unless you do more the declaration with you couple that with the shelter to housing and code amendments that are currently posted will have the effect of parks and shelter sites for at least a year and inevitably longer. I urge you to either amend the declaration to make it cheer that open space won't be used for shelter seats during the emergency or amend the zoning code changes to exempt open space zones for use as shelter sites except in the case of natural disasters or health emergencies. I know you have the language that Greg referred to. You said you don't intent to

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use parks as shelters. That reassurance rings hollow if you're not willing to translate that -- into an explicit exemption. The reluctance to do so, I think creates frankly a certain amount of distrust about your stated intentions. Honor the commitment when you made -- commitment you made.

Wheeler: Did you say that's the last public testimony.

Clerk: That concludes testimony.

Wheeler: Linly is going to tell us something and then Commissioner Hardesty.

Rees: As you mentioned, this is -- this is -- this -- the matter is on the housing emergency, not on sheltered housing continuum. I like to make sure that the testifiers on the housing continuum is closed, if anything they're providing today, it will only be for the housing emergency ordinance not the sheltered housing continuum. I want to make it clear for staff and council and testifiers.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty. Commissioner Hardesty, we don't hear you.

Mapps: I bet she's frozen.

Wheeler: Is she? Hang on for a second. I have an idea.

Hardesty: Can you hear me?

Wheeler: Yes. My computer just you know, whatever is happening with with my internet happened. Ready for me to ask my question?

Wheeler: Go ahead.

Hardesty: Excellent. My question has to do with with what we're going to be measuring in this ordinance. Section h talks about the performance measures but I don't see any performance measures as it relates to -- to -- to demographic breakdown or -- or -- or specific groups like we heard earlier about transgender community members. Is this additional data that will be collected with this extension?

Wheeler: Could somebody from staff answer that question, please. Anybody from the housing bureau who is on this call?

Hardesty: Well, mayor we can't get an answer today, it would be my hope that we actually demographic data that would allow us to track who is being most impacted by being houseless in the community.

Wheeler: I think somebody could answer it. The language is exactly the same language that has been in place for several years. There's in change. Surely somebody could tell us what date is currently being collected? All right. If not. [laughter].

Jessica Conner: I apologize that we did not have a staff representative for this item. I'm actually up for the next item. I'll certainly get the information about what data is expected and what can be collected. I can get that information to you.

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Wheeler: Okay. Marc Jolin might have insight as well. I don't want to put Marc on the spot.

Marc Jolin: I'm happy. This is in terms of what we collect and do know. In the context of this emergency but more broadly of course in terms of the demographics of who with is experiencing homelessness and houselessness, it breaks down by ethnicity. A broad range of groups that folks can identify themselves with with and they could identify themselves with multiple communities. We're both able to understand the racial demographic. Gender identity and transgender identity. We collect that information and able to report back on both who with is experiencing homelessness and houselessness in our community and disaggregated in I.a. And as well as how people are faring in their transitions into the service programs and housing. We'll share that back with respect to progress under the emergency declaration.

Wheeler: Could I ask a question related to that. I think Commissioner Hardesty will have a follow-up before before she does, it is vague. Can we change or increase the types or -- or -- can we amend the types of data that we're collecting? Does the ordinance allow that flexibility? Is -- in other words, is the specific data that we're collecting, is that administrative decision?

Jolin: I can't speak to what the ordinance allows and doesn't allow. Maybe the -- maybe the city attorney's office can. We -- we can change what data gets collected in terms of our -- of our ongoing collection practices in the homeless response system. As that -- that does take work to shift those systems, so it would be an analysis of what it is specifically that -- that we're for the collecting that you would see collected.

Wheeler: I don't have anything in particular in mind. It just occurred to me, I was prompted by Commissioner Hardesty's question that obviously, or davis as our data collection. I'm assuming that is allowed under the terms of the ordinance. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you mayor and thank you mark for that response. I know that you internally collect that data. If we look systematically and who is impacted by housing, this is point in time data. This is information that would be useful for us long-term. And because we're not actually being with intentional about saying we're collecting data around demographic and age as well as transgender, community, folks I'm just concerned it won't be collected if it is not spelled out.

Jolin: We collect that data. We report it out. If you look at the time count, you see breakout by age and gender identity and race and ethnicity. If you look at our -- if you look at our report out, we're always here by race. We can pull the reports. I think the data is there and I think you -- it is made available on a regular basis but it could be brought for council's consideration and this is a point in time when with you need it.

Hardesty: Thank you for that. I think it would be helpful for us to have a quarterly report on kind

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of what we're seeing around this demographic data because you know, my fear is at the end of the year, we get a complete count but it doesn't tell us actually whether or not we're having impact with with specific demographics along the way. Thank you. I don't want to take up too much more time on this. I noticed. That seemed like a clear. It appears we're collecting data for hud and not for us in this resolution. Thank you.

Wheeler: Very good. Any further council questions or discussion on this item? Megan, please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: The ordinance is approved. Read items 203 and 204 together.

Clerk: Amend title 33 planning and zoning to facilitate the provision of shelter and housing options for Portlanders in need. Amend city code health and sanitation, emergency code, public improvements, water, property maintenance regulations and affordable housing to facilitate the provision of shelter and housing options for Portlanders in need.

Wheeler: We had discussed our testimony and we identified potential amendments. Today we're going to begin work on motioning and seconding and voting on amendments to the package. We with will not be voting on the main motion, just on the amendments. Before doing so, I ask that bureau staff provide us a summary of the testimony since our last meeting. We're going to talk about the summary in a moment. I'm going to ask my colleagues if they have any opening remarks they like to share. It is not mandatory. We will be guided through the process of offering up specific amendments and we with will be asking for a second on those amendments and then discussion and a vote on those particular amendments and we'll go through each of the different facets of -- of the sheltered housing continuum proposed amendments. So let's start with the summary of the testimony that we heard last week and -- or since last week's meeting. People were able to provide written testimony. So I'll introduce Eric Engstrom. Welcome.

Eric Engstrom: Thank you. Once you get into the consideration of the motions and votes I will put up a PowerPoint to help stuck -- structure that. I'll discuss what has happened in the last weeks. I think the number one trend in the testimony continues to be concern about with parks and shelters. That's fairly obvious in reading through the -- the remarks. Another common theme is general frustration about with -- about the situation we see on the street with with camping. A lot of folks have connected the dots between voting for additional support for homeless services and their perception that things are are still getting worse and this a lot of reasons why that is happening and probably it points to the need for continued communication on that issue about what our next steps are are, beyond just the shelter and housing regulations but in terms of

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homelessness more broadly. This week this was a -- -- this was a thread of testimony related to Portland, international raceway. I'm not sure what generated that exactly but we got letters concerned we may convert that facility into a shelter facility. We did get some support letters for the package as a whole and the amendments on the table. We got -- we got a slight increase in testimony related to the rvs and houses on wheels and letters of support for that. Some opposition. Some letters related to sewer questions. The presentation you got last week from b.e.s. And there is some confusion in some of that testimony, folks have conflated their observation of the rvs beside the road with our proposal to consider rvs on residential lots and those are different things. There's some testimony expressing concern about rvs and camping along the road. There was not a huge number of letters about amendments last week, but both in support and urging more. That I think is a brief summary. There's -- as I said the dominant theme by far was the concern about use of park space.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Joe, did you have anything else to add?

Joe Zehnder: Not at this time.

Wheeler: Okay. Very good. This is a time that I'll set aside for my colleagues if they have any opening remarks. Commissioner Rubio, somebody pinged me you might. Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: Thank you, mayor and all of my colleagues for your collaboration through this process. I just want to say, I feel really good about the work we've been doing over the past couple of weeks. We with felt we took the time we needed to authentically engage and work together on shaping this policy and we wouldn't have gotten this without the staff at the bureau of planning and sustainability. Eric and his team helped us understand the ins and outs of the proposal and helped us craft amendments that got it exactly what the -- the things we with wanted to -- we've all been clarified. I also can't forget to thank former staff al burns a lead on it who retired this year. Thanks to my policy director. Lujan and Cynthia Castro. They spent countless hours listening and meeting with with communities and advocating deliberating on this policy and advising on this complex but important policy. I have to establish the hard working staff of all of my colleagues and your offices. Zach, Adam, Mark, Derrick. It has been really great collaborating among our teams and our offices. And finally most importantly, we wouldn't have gotten to today without the numerous community members who with submitted testimony, met with us, called or e-mailed our offices, posted about the proposal on social media or attended a listening session during the proposal development. And whatever your perspective is, you know, we know everyone has a different opinion. There's a lot of opinions in this. Everyone will have different opinions about whatever we end up happening. If you fall in a place where where

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you're not happy, whatever the outcome is, it is still important that -- that -- that we express that and you know we did all hear you and we spent such a great deal of time thoughtfully and thoroughly discussing what you can do. Truly helped us to make a sharper and more focused policy, better designed to achieve its truest and clearest intention. It is a different conclusion than your preferred outcome, about with the best course if the city right now, please know that your contributions have made both the proposal and our city better. In evaluating the proposal I've been looking to see if it reflects what it was intended to do and also provides children who are houseless the best possible opportunity it succeed and maximize the community's safety and reinforce that Portlanders experiencing houselessness are treated with dignity and respect. I'm confident between the policy and the amendments we're considering, we're meeting these key benchmarks.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Ryan

Ryan: Excuse me. Thank you mayor. I like to echo the sentiments of Commissioner Rubio. I'm grateful to the input and collaboration that has taken place throughout this process, whether through the bureaus, council offices and the wealth of public testimony we have received. Thank you. The past year has brought multiple crises. We see the impacts all around us, even though vaccination rates are climbing and the economic impact of covid-19 are still very much upon us. Minutes ago a looming crisis coinciding with the moratorium. Now we need to a code change package that gives the city as much flexibility as possible in service that they need most and being responsive to the testimony provided by the community. Our offices and council and bureau staff have taken information and made this as effective as possible while avoiding unintended consequences. I said in the beginning, we need to meet our houseless community and move forward with a valuer share and everyone deserves a safe place to sleep and services that provide stability and resilience that could one day lead to stability and housing. We have 34 proposals that have been submitted to the joint office of homeless services that provide shelters in the community. The desire to expand is there. These proposed code changes are the other half of that equation. I extend my sincere thanks to the staff. I look forward it today's discussion and the passage of this critical policy.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: I apologize. Thank you Mr. Mayor and colleagues and to everyone that is tuning in. I want to echo the -- the -- the themes my colleagues have hit on this afternoon, especially I like to recognize staff and we worked hard to get this to this point. Everyone deserves our gratitude. The same is true with council staff that have worked night and day to get us to this point. I also

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want to wreck -- recognize the community advocates. Those that testified or e-mailed or called. You have made us smarter. I believe the shelter to housing continuum project is a historic opportunity for the city to approve its zoning code and accommodate the need of our most vulnerable neighbors. I think it shows us that our current zoning code is largely inadequate to what houselessness presents. I hope the ordinance that we ultimately pass will serve our community better and provide housing to people desperately in need. I believe every Portlander deserves a home and I think this policy will help us achieve that.

Wheeler: Thank you, Commissioner Mapps. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor, thank you -- thank you bps staff. Thank you to the public that have written and provided testimony and have been very vocal about what they liked and didn't like about this proposal. We're in a crisis. We do not have enough housing that Portlanders can afford to live in that is safe, that is affordable and that accessible. We heard all day today, starting with this morning as we -- we celebrated Caesar Chavez day that we have a -- an entire community that is housing insecure all over the city of Portland and that was even prior to the pandemic. We heard this afternoon about transgender people who are discriminated against. And how income insecure they are and what with they have faced since the pandemic. Without extending the housing emergency we could expect tens of thousands of more people to be living on the streets in a city of Portland. When we actually did the rip project there was a lot of fear. Fear of change. My neighborhood will look different. Fear of well what about me? The reality is that we all will change to accommodate the need we currently have in the city of Portland and the need that we desperately have and people see it every day on our streets is a need for a variety of options for a houseless community members and -- as we -- -- as we assist and transitioning to -- to permanent housing are where -- that people can afford to live in. Which support services for those that need it. That means any unused land should have the opportunity to determine when it could benefit those with with almost nothing. I appreciate the hard work our Commissioner Rubio and Commissioner Ryan. This is never easy conversations it is never easy to tell people that have a door that others deserve the same dignity. This won't fix all of our problems but it certainly moves us in the right direction. I hope my colleagues, I -- I -- I plan to support my colleagues on getting this voted on as quickly as possible so we could start the healing of so many people that are in crises on our street. Thank you for the hard work. I look forward to us getting to the amendment and the vote. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you. I want to echo my appreciation for -- for the staff work that went into this, all council offices for vps and who worked tirelessly in helping to shape this policy. I want to call

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out Johnny. He worked really hard to be in the work group with the bureau planning and sustainability. We have listened to your thoughts, your critiques and we incorporated your suggestions, where we felt it was appropriate to do so. We appreciate all those thoughtful comments. We won't get through all of the amendments today. For those items that we do not vote on today, I hope toant can receiving valuable testimony from the community. We will continue to address homelessness long after the declared state of emergency. I trust that the the changes that will be offered in the amendments will offer space to shelter and providing services to help people experiencing homelessness move toward permanent housing. That's -- that's the whole purpose of this entire effort. Now I'm going to turn it over to joe. He's going to help us navigate through the amendments that we with we plan on getting through today.

Zehnder: Good afternoon. I'm joe. I'm chief planner. We have a PowerPoint that we'll use to facilitate the discussion today. Eric, you want to launch that? Just -- just today, just a reminder at a high level, the shelter to housing continuum project touched on regulations that apply to the creation of and development of shelters created a new type of -- of legal sanctioned shelter outdoor shelter. And liberalized or changed rules and took up the topic of allowing tiny houses on wheels and rvs as part of the housing mix. Today we'll talk about three of those topics. The other part I wanted to remind you about is there's been public discussion of this, the project has been going for two years and the public deliberations started at the planning and sustainability commission and extended throughout December and January of this year. We are now after a public hearing on the 17th heading into the amendment process. The amendments you'll see today. Are are drawn from what we heard in the hearings and the discussions we had in your offices and the areas of interest that you expressed. To facilitate this, we organized -- we have seven amendments to get through it afternoon. We have organized in three main areas. You see those color coded here. The first area is parks natural areas and open space. There's two amendments that are are -- are related to that. Each of the rows on this table, if you're looking at it is one of the amendments we're going to discuss, the topic areas. Some have more than one topic. The first one is both addressing overlays and the open space zone. But a single motion is what we would be hoping for and vote to -- to adopt wherever you land on that particular -- we're just going to go through all seven. Eric will ahead us through one at a time. Also in this table, you'll notice that -- in the right-hand column, a reference to page numbers. That's a reference to the memo that we with provided, a fresh copy of today, a copy of today before the hearing. If you want to see the exact language of the amendment, you can go and it will be this and track changes. What with eric is going to show us and ahead us through is a

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higher level summary of what the point is for each of these amendments. So with that I think we're going to start with the first amendment in the grouping that is related to parks natural area and open space. Eric.

Engstrom: Thank you. So I want to just -- I want to make a clarification here that this is a bundled amendment. Both amendments amend the same set of sentences in the zoning code. We had to weave them together to make sense of it for you. The first element of it would clarify that -- that nonemergency temporary shelters would not occur in natural areas in any zone and this is embodied by a group of overlay zones in the city zone code. There's a related technical change to the section of code that makes permanent shelters, just to make sure the list of overlays is the same list in the both areas of the code. The second one here is related to -- to -- to nonemergency temporary outdoor shelters. These are the ones in the draft that are allowed up to 180 days outside of the emergency. This amendment would -- would clarify that those would not occur in open space zones. By way of nomenclature, I want to make it clear that the code language you see in the memo is -- is struck through. That is relative to the current code. The shaded area is the area that has been changed for purposes of the amendment. We're amending the original change document in our -- in our report essential my. This amendment or this pair of amendments effects section h and 33296030. And then the related change to make sure the overlay zones match is in section 33285050c1 on the following page. So taken together these things to what is on the screen. They prohibit the nonemergency temporary shelters from being in the natural areas and remove the open space zone from the outdoor, temporary outdoor shelter provision. You would retain the ability to -- to use the os through the emergency clause in section g above as written.

Zehnder: The pattern we like to establish is that -- that that concludes eric's presentation on this amendment. If you have any questions, this would be the time to ask those. There's no questions, we could move to the motion.

Wheeler: Commissioner Mapps.

Mapps: I like clarification from staff about what 1.2 would do in the real world. Specifically in the context of let's say parks. 1.2 is -- is primarily embodied with in -- in section h sub2 are where -- where it now says outside of os zones so outdoor shelters would not be allowed outside of an emergency declaration, they would not be allowed in parks because parks are zoned os and -- so that just removes that entirely. The emergency clause in g above would still allow that through -- through an emergency declaration.

Mapps: So. Let's imagine a scenario. If we pass this, could we set up a -- an outdoor shelter in a

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parking lot?

Engstrom: No. This language has relative to the language that we had discussed last week, the current language before you does not have the parking hot provision in it.

Mapps: Okay. But if we needed to use a community center attached to parks for -- for shelter, can we do that?

Engstrom: You can. The mass shelter is the indoor form of shelter and that doesn't have the OS exclusion. You could continue to use indoor facilities in this way.

Mapps: Okay. As long as we're doing this, let's go back up to 1.1. Just so I'm clear on what this says. Portland has -- has many beautiful open natural areas. This would prevent us from setting up mass outdoor shelters in natural areas.

Engstrom: Correct. The specific overlays lifted are the environmental overlay zones which are resources inventoried by the city and wetlands and forests and things like that. That's along the river. The river environmental is similar. Pleasant valley is a specific brand of overlay zone that is in place in one district. The flood hazard. All of those are are mapped. All those lands regardless of the basic zoning would be excluded from the outdoor shelter.

Mapps: I got it. Thank you very much.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: Thank you. Joe, were there people sleeping in our parks and in our open spaces prior to the pandemic?

Zehnder: I'm not -- in most cities this are but I don't think that was a sanction practice for sure. If that's what you're asking.

Hardesty: No I didn't say sanction. I just asked if there was people prior to the pandemic sleeping in open spaces in the city of Portland?

Zehnder: Sleeping in open spaces, yes.

Hardesty: Yeah. We anticipate whatever we do with with the zone change there will still be people sleeping in open spaces. Am I accurate to make that assumption?

Zehnder: Yes.

Hardesty: Thank you. I wanted that on the public record. Appreciate it.

Wheeler: I like to ask -- a followup question as well just to make sure I understand. Does this prohibit temporary shelters in natural area overlays?

Zehnder: Yes.

Wheeler: Okay. And this limits temporary shelters in the -- in the open space zone to indoor shelters only, is that correct?

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Zehnder: Yes.

Wheeler: So park are are out, parking lots are out, is that correct?

Zehnder: Yes.

Wheeler: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted that clarification. So joe, just to make sure I understand how we want to go through this. The question, you're asking for a motion and a second. Are you asking for it on 1.1 and 1.2 individually or as a package?

Zehnder: Each will be presented. This is a package. The motion would be to make amendments that would implement the language that you're seeing here listed on the slide if 1.1 and 1.2.

Wheeler: You want us once we have a motion and second if this is in further discussion you want us to go ahead and vote, is that correct?

Zehnder: Yes. That's going to be the clearest to walk through.

Wheeler: These amendments will good to a later session where we vote on the main motions as amended. Is that correct?

Zehnder: We will deliver to you an as amended to the code.

Wheeler: Makes sense. Colleagues, hopefully that was -- was a clear as mud. So we'll -- I will be seeking a motion on 1.1 and 1.2 as a package.

Hardesty: So moved.

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: We have a motion from Commissioner Hardesty and second from Ryan. Is this further discussion on this package of amendments? Please call the roll.

Clerk: Rubio

Rubio: I want to say my office had conversations with providers, bureau staff and we feel very comfortable with the amendment because this is not the preferred option or intention. And while our focus should be on permanency solutions and we need to look at available land for these potentially permanent sites.

Clerk: Ryan.

Ryan: I'm glad for the proposed change. I hope that this amendment provides reassurance to concerned community members.

Clerk: Hardesty.

Hardesty: Aye.

Clerk: Mapps

Mapps: aye.

Clerk: Wheeler.

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Wheeler: It is inadvisable to provide temporary shelter without certain conditions. The person outside is at elevated risk. That's why I support 1.1 for temporary shelter to be successful, requires a base level of infrastructure and I agree with my colleagues and that natural and environmentally sensitive areas are in the appropriate for this purpose. With with regard to 1.2, we heard public and written testimony on this issue about setting limit takes on the temporary use of shelters in open spaces. We're very clear with our intend. This language clarifies and codifies that intent and so you -- so I support and vote aye. Amendment carries. Joe, what is next.

Zehnder: Next amendment is had related to parks and natural areas as well.

Engstrom: Thank you. So this came out of one of the options that was -- that was -- that was -- that came up in testimony and that was a -- a request that we look at our property. This is an amendment that operates outside the zoning code. It would be an additional directive in the ordinance rather than amendment to the zoning code. It would direct property owning bureaus to do an inventory of surplus property. There's caveats about it not having a use restriction. There's some issues we resolve around the color of money and how those lands were purchased. We don't want them to be natural areas or open spaces. It would direct us, it may be appropriate, there may be further planning. They may require other transfers. This would be more work to do on this but this directive would set the ball rolling to look through that -- that -- and -- and one -- one thing that is for the super clear in what is written in the memo that I think we with want to clarify is which ordinance. This is two ordinances in the sheltered housing package. Amending the zoning code and the others is the non ones. This is in a second because this is not a zoning one. I look to the city attorney to see if they have agreement with with me on that recommendation.

Rees: I think it is really up to council. I don't think it is -- it is better in one place or the other.

Engstrom: We decide one or both or decide how it is going to be.

Zehnder: Again, for clarity we put it in the second ordinance.

Engstrom: It is the one, maybe the clerk could help me, the one with the with non-zoning code list of titles.

Zehnder: Okay. That should be sufficient.

Wheeler: Okay. Good. Commissioner Hardesty, did you have a question?

Hardesty: Thank you, mayor, I was going to recommend that we go with the recommendation which was the number two.

Wheeler: Okay good. So do you need a motion then on 103?

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Zehnder: Yes. Entertain motion and second on 103.

Rubio: Moved.

Hardesty: Second.

Wheeler: Moved by Rubio and second Hardesty. Further discussion? Seeing none call the roll.

[roll called]

Hardesty: I know there's other action that the city council have to take in order to make this -- to realize this section but I'm glad to see that we are identifying that city owned land should be identified and made available. I vote aye.

Clerk: Mapps.

Mapps: Aye.

Clerk: Wheeler

Wheeler: Aye. Amendment carries.

Engstrom: One clarification. I apologize for not catching it earlier. This was some -- some things crossed in the mail at the last minute and there was a question about the date that is in this directive. This is on page -- page four of your memo. The date is October 31st and this was some back and forth about whether it should be October 31st that is the due date for bureaus to get back to council or if it is the end of June. I wanted to make sure if there was an intent to make it end of June we with may want to take another motion.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: The intent was to have it in June. If the document you're looking at that says December, I would modify the motion to make the date June of 2021.

Engstrom: 30th.

Zehnder: June 30th.

Wheeler: Commissioner Ryan, anything else to add.

Ryan: No. I was going to say three months. June 30th. I like that amended. Added.

Wheeler: Legal counsel, is this an error or should we call the roll on the amendment to the amendment?

Rees: Quick roll call. Move and second and quick roll call.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, can you move this?

Hardesty: Yeah.

Ryan: Seconded.

Wheeler: Amendment to the amendment changing the date to June 30th. Call the roll please.
[roll called].

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Wheeler: Amendment to the amendment carries.

Zehnder: We're moving on to the next category.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, I think we have to make a motion to accept the amendment as amended, do we not?

Rees: I'm comfortable that at this point you moved -- I think you're done.

Wheeler: Good. Commissioner Hardesty.

Hardesty: If we're done I'm done.

Wheeler: All right. I reached the same conclusion.

Zehnder: I didn't see the hand up. Second category, three amendments are coming. These are -- application to regulations about shelters or shelter related standard. So eric, that we're going to do each of these again, one at a time.

Engstrom: This first one was circulated initial my in a staff technical memo and then repeated in the -- in the current memo that you have before you. It is rewording the outdoor shelter definition that would be in the -- in the definition use category. Rewording. It was a long sentence and we broke it up. Another was how parking was handled in the wording. It was potential my up to interpretation in several ways and we clarified that. And then there was a question about -- about the previous definition, didn't adequately identify sanitary facilities as part of the use and there was -- there was potential for confusion about that. That led to a complete rewording. It is substantively almost identical.

Hardesty: Looking for a motion.

Zehnder: Any questions and then a motion is appropriate.

Wheeler: Commissioner Hardesty, are you moving these?

Hardesty: I move 2.1.

Mapps: Second.

Wheeler: Second. Mapps. Further discussion. [roll called].

Engstrom: This next one is a small change. Minimum site size requirement than the proposed standard. To change it from 5,000 square feet to 3,000. For reference 5,000 is a standard residential lot size in Portland and 3,000 is the current minimum lot size for many residential zones. The origin was one of the existing outdoor shelter sites was smaller than 5,000 slightly and that particular site is actually in a right of way and wouldn't be part of this standard. It led us to consider the standard was in place and may be too strict. We proposed to change it downward slightly.

Wheeler: Thank you. Hardesty.

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Hardesty: I move we -- we accept 2.3 amendment.

Wheeler: I'll second that. Commissioner Hardesty moves, I second. Any further discussion? [roll called].

Wheeler: As we discussed last week, we have shelter proven effective at less than 5,000 square feet but this was consensus, we didn't want to go down to zero, so we were looking for intermediate number and I appreciate the dps team suggesting that 3,000 square foot which comports with the largest hot size and that seems to be a reasonable cut-off point. I'm happy to support this amendment. I vote aye. The amendment carries.

Engstrom: Next item concerns right-of-way encroachments. This is in title 17.44. This section, what we're proposing is to remove the amendments in this section entirely from the panel. You're not changing anything, you're just directing us not to change this section of the code and remove from the proposal. Couple of things going on. This is a pbot administered code. They would like to consider this holistically. In the meantime, there's a separate section that -- that -- that in 17.24 which addresses the question with of encroachment adequately. The concern is to make sanitation facilities and other things that may support homeless services in the right of way on occasion. And we're confident that you have enough ability to do that now that we can postpone further changes to this code until pbot has a chance it look at together with everything else they're doing.

Hardesty: I move that we drop 17.4 from the -- from the -- from the amendment.

Wheeler: Is there a second?

Rubio: Second.

Wheeler: Second from Rubio. Any further discussion. Megan please call the roll? [roll called].

Hardesty: I'm appreciative that we are together and I look forward to the overall updates from pbot at a future date. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Understand from what has been indicated previously as well with as today that pbot has said that the existing language in code allows them to permit shelter and proven it be incredibly important services and resources for people experiencing houselessness. This will continue that and gives pbot the breathing room to come up with a code as they expressed a desire to do. I vote yes to this amendment. And the amendment carries.

Engstrom: Okay. So this is another bundle. This deals with the remaining technical amendments to the group living section of the code package. You have not received too much testimony about with the code but in the staff memo we had three things we asked you to do. All of these relate to the development standard that apply to congregate structures. When we restructured

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we left a few loose ends in the code that we need to connect the dots on. Those three things are -- one is to clarify what floor area ratio or building site standard would apply to structures in single dwelling zones. What with other requirements would apply to congregate structures in any of the zones. That last thing, you may remember with the residential infield project that you removed most off street parking requirements from single dwelling homes in the -- in the household living category. This would clarify the equivalent for the new group living category we're allowing by rights. Those are largely technical clarifications to make to make sure this is not left hanging determining which standard applies.

Wheeler: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I move.

Wheeler: Second?

Mapps: Second.

Wheeler: We have a second from Commissioner Mapps. Any further discussion? Megan, please call the roll. [roll called].

Wheeler: The amendments are adopted.

Engstrom: This is the last item that we have on today's menu. This clarifies for the short-term rental code. This is about people staying in a short-term rental. Household was up to five unrelated people and functionally five was what they were operating under in the old code and we're changing the code now to remove the reference to household and instead explicitly say five guests. We think this is the functional equivalent for a short-term rental.

Wheeler: Hardesty.

Hardesty: I move that we adopt the 4.4 amendment as presented.

Wheeler: Motion. Second

Ryan: Second.

Wheeler: Second from Ryan.

Wheeler: Do we have discussion on this item before we call the roll? Hardesty?

Hardesty: No. I'm sorry. I'm just -- I didn't put my hand down.

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

Hardesty: I want to thank BPS. This is a long overdue change. I heard this for years that people that want to collectively live together wear restrictive face guard and weird definition of household. So thank you for this. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Amendment is adopted.

Zehnder: We're on to the next steps now which -- which -- -- which talks about our next hearing.

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I believe you're going to lead us into that.

Wheeler: Right. Two items, more recent additions to the project were based on testimony. Like to hear more testimony if the public about the proposed changes that are proposed. We like to carry these items over. Is that correct?

Engstrom: Yes. The two items are proposal to allow shelters without conditional use up to 20 bed on institutional sites on single dwelling zones which is largely faith based institutions. Then the second was the request that we -- that we invite further testimony on the rv and tiny house element of the package which both -- both the amendment for the institution the sites in single dwelling zones, that's in your packet for reference. And the entire code for -- for the tiny house and rv element is also in your packet. It is in title 29 and one chapter in the zoning code. It is my understanding that we would seek further testimony on these.

Wheeler: Yes. That was 2.2 and 3.1. In our original list s that correct?

Engstrom: 2.2 and 3.1. They are listed as those numbers and we carry those forward to the 14th.

Wheeler: The question I have is this any action required by the council to carry them over?

Rees: Mayor, I think you need to do two things, one is carrying it over it a time and date certain, so have council confirm that. Currently the record is closed, council, if you anticipate taking written testimony before the 14th, reopen the record and let people know how they can send that testimony.

Wheeler: Okay. Can I get a nod or hand raise to carry them over to April 14. Can we get a time certain on these?

Clerk: Yes, 2:00 p.m. on April 14.

Wheeler: I'm seeing my nods looks nod up and down. We'll carry these items over to april 14th 2 p.m. Time certain colleagues does anybody object to our keeping the record open up until that time?

Hardesty: Mayor, I have a question about that. Is the record open just on these two new considerations or is the entire record going to be reopened?

Wheeler: Linly, wasn't your intention just on these between items?

Rees: I might refer that back to eric, I thought I heard that the goal, because council has closed that amendment packages today, how -- and encourage people to focus on the new -- the new two proposals that you'll be considering on that date.

Hardesty: Thank you. I did not want this to be an impression we were going to take additional testimony or the entire package.

Wheeler: It is my understanding Commissioner Hardesty, that it be on these two amendments.

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Hardesty: I support that.

Wheeler: Eric, could you suggest a time when with we would chose are the public record on these two items?

Engstrom: I would suggest that -- I can reopen the record after the meeting is over. I could reopen that as soon as the meeting is over. I suggest keep the record open until the hearing on the 14th. If I understood correctly there was intent to allow oral testimony on the 14th for these between items. If that's the case then the -- then the -- then the -- with what -- once we got the link to the right zoom meeting, we could post that on the project website if people it sign up for testimony to those two items.

Wheeler: Just to clarify and make sure I understand. We'll keep the written record open for these two items only and until the close of business on the 14th of April. We will be taking testimony at that time only on these two items is that correct?

Engstrom: That's my understanding.

Wheeler: Linly?

Rees: That was my understanding of the proposal yes.

Wheeler: Colleagues, further comments. We need to make sure we clarify the e-mail address are where people can e-mail.

Engstrom: You look at the screen at the top and once we have a link to the registration for that meeting, we will post it on the project website as well as the link at the bottom. Clarify we're continuing to work on the findings that this does with with policies and we'll begin the work of updating those, depending on what with happens on the 14th, we'll need additional time for finish those. It was mentioned that -- that -- that the commentary. It has legislative intent. As we provide you a report we will with update the commentary and bring that back as well.

Wheeler: This gives us time to focus on this. These issues about rvs and tiny houses on wheels, really didn't get the attention and the focus they deserve. I think it is entirely appropriate to do this. Anything else we need to do today on this matter?

Zehnder: Nothing from our end.

Wheeler: With that, colleagues, any last comments before with I adjourn us? We're adjourned until 2 p.m. Tomorrow afternoon for another council session. Thank you, everybody. Have a great afternoon.

At 5:05 p.m., Council recessed.

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Wheeler: Thursday, April 1, 2021 afternoon session of the Portland City Council. Keelan welcome back, please call the roll. (roll call).

Ryan: Look at that. It's April first. Here.

Wheeler: Under Portland city code and state law we're holding this meeting electronically. All members of council are attending remotely. The city has made several avenues available to listen to the audio broadcast of this meeting. It's available to the public on the YouTube channel, on the website and channel 30. The public can provide written testimony by e-mailing the council clerk. The council is taking these steps as a result of the covid 19 pandemic and the need to limit in person contact. The pandemic is an emergency that threatens the public's health safety and welfare that requires us to meet remotely by electronic communications. Thank you all for your continued patience, flexibility as we maneuver through these challenges. With that we'll conduct the meeting with the rules of decorum.

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Wheeler: Thank you very much. We have one item on this afternoon's agenda. 205 please Keelan.

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Clerk: The bureau of planning and sustainability director to focus on green energy infrastructure and work force development not to exceed nine million two hundred thousand dollars from the clean benefits fund.

Wheeler: Thank you. Commissioner Rubio, good afternoon.

Rubio: Thank you, mayor. I'm so excited to be here today for this important moment. It's the result of years of advocacy and thoughtful conversations and work to arrive where we are today. I'd like to start by saying that I know what it's like to feel that your community isn't included in the way your organization does business. As a council we've been committed to doing better about this. We've specifically discussed how black, indigenous, people of color have been effected by this. When our government doesn't move quickly enough, it helps us push us through and forward over and over again. This work is directly a result of community action. It's city and community planning implementation work. Leading with race to build a presence of justice make Portland a more equitable city. The first round of funding lifts up their ideas and approaches. These projects demonstrate ingenuity in how they confront climate change and things our communities can do differently and creatively. The recommendations we consider today are a culmination of a thorough, thoughtful, equitable process. The guiding principles scoring criteria reflect authenticity to new approaches. The grant making processes and decisions historically haven't been the most accessible for bipoc communities. I'm thrilled to say as someone who has been on the other end of these processes writing them. I'm excited to discuss the grantees today and the process it took to get here. I'm pleased to introduce Sam, program manager for psef.

Sam Baraso: Thank you. Good afternoon, mayor, council members. I'm incredibly fortunate to manage a rock star staff at the bureau of planning and sustainability. If we're ready to go I'm going to go share my screen and start off with an overview. Today we're asking for your approval as the recommendation for the forty five grant proposals and create a mini grant program. The work done to date on a clean energy fund. We'll speak to the origin story and time line, rfp criteria and the overview of the recommended portfolio of next steps. The cochairs to share their reflections followed by our wonderful coalition communities of color and the recommended grantees to share their reflections. That gives you a rundown of how this will go, I welcome any comments or questions. I'll keep to these pieces. I wanted to start with the origin story because it is truly unique. Thousands of hours gathering signatories, knocking on doors and dreaming about the possibilities. Climate and clean energy work, this is about people, black and brown folks and about the community. Our dna is different. We've carried the respect and community

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in everything that we do. Psef is the only climate action for communities of color. Racial and social justice by leveraging the integration and grit. Many eyes are on us because the green new deal start in places like Portland. I thank you and offer appreciation from communities of color, labor groups, committee and the city council. With that I'm going to jump into a little bit of background and catch us up to speed. We did allow for applicants to use fiscal sponsors because there's other non-profits as a fiscally sponsored agent. The gist is our relationship and the diver for the organizations. They submit proposals to the organizations, us. They are comprised of subject matter, experts. The full deliberations and efforts move into the psef committee. This cohort of nine represented folks make the recommendations to you all and the funding recommendations that are before you all today. We move to city council once we have made those funding recommendations. Next we'll talk about the role of the committee itself. Okay. These are the highlighted four key roles for the committee. Their task within the code to evaluate applications. Making funding recommendations to you all. They are tasked with hearing our performance and reporting performance to you all and the public. They are tasked with making changes to our code. Those are some of the key things that the city is tasked with doing. Logistic, what can actually be funded, what are eligible psef funding types. The clean energy programs. Forty to 60% of the fund and it's written in the code, these are your energy efficient investments taking place on commercial buildings, residential buildings, single family, multifamily buildings and schools. This is what people typically think of when they think about clean energy. That's the largest chunk of the fund. 20% goes into work force development and training and support. It's about diversifying the clean energy trades so that those that are getting to directly work on these projects whether it's installing the installation, home energy audits, we've got more women doing that work, folks of color and people with disabilities doing that work. It's about diversifying the people who do the work and getting people who do the contracts. Ten to 15% of the fund is for infrastructure and green agriculture. Investing in things like street trees, gardens, green roofs. It's about investing in green things going into the soil that are helping with the soil. The last 5% is innovation. Projects that don't immediately fall into these other categories but otherwise reduce greenhouse gas emissions and advance racial and social justice. These speak to the key funding areas outlined in the initiative. I share this collage here because as I share those words, I want to ground that into an image. You see some folks installing solar panels. Those are projects that we have in this funding round. You have street trees lining the road. Street trees are projects we expect to see funded. Classroom education as well as non-classroom based education focused on training the work force. Planning grants to

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help plan for community based projects and community retro fits. As you see in the bottom right hand corner putting plants and other matter into the soil and sequestering things that way. This does not represent any actual proposals but these are examples. Council action starting when council codified the program. The ballot passed in November 2018. In February 2019 the council codified the clean energy code into the code. The second set of council action was the appointment of the city council members. That happened in 2019. The first five committee members in accordance with the code were appointed by city council. Each member selected one committee member. All subsequent members according to the code including replacements are appointed by the committee. This is a unique structure and one that reflects the intentionality that the ballot measures are reflective of the community's needs. Despite the incredible thoughtful folks implementing the program early on the entities for the surcharge were broad and understood. I want to acknowledge the incredible leadership of the mayor and commissioner Hardesty. There's leadership and you brought leadership to bring folks together and a compromise with the business community as well as a coalition that created the initiative. And that resolution, that challenge was approved in 2019 by the council. And one of the last sets of actions, the city council approved a small release about \$200,000 in June of 2020. A couple of things listed here as well as budget actions. It's through the annual budget approvals which is the mechanism that authorizes our budget for the next fiscal year. You're hear shortly what is the granting proposal for our next budget cycle. This next slide is a high level overview of our time line. As you see in this -- as you get to glance at this, I'll walk a little bit through this, I want to set some context. Early on when the funding projections were uncertain, we started with a smaller first funding round. You could call this our beta or pilot round. Staffing up, developing our committee, internal infrastructure, rfp that is responsive to the community need as well as the code. The recommendations that we'll share later reflect the outcomes that align with that intent and if we had taken an alternative approach we participate in the status quo. There's a will the of intention that went on and as we look at some of these actions and the time line that the community and staff engaged in. The early part is we brought on a cohort of nine folks that hadn't worked together. There's a substantive part of onboarding, community, what is happening in affordable housing, work force development, energy efficiency investments and low income homes. A broad set of onboarding work that happened early in the program. Our guiding principles are explained in our next slide. We spent a significant amount of time in the grant process. We released our inaugural rfp. Moving forward we're going to be implementing these grantors as well as developing our rfp development and systems improvement. Our

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guiding principles. These guiding principles, there's more to this and I can send links out. Our guiding principles are a set of principles that guide the program. They describe which the plan is administered. They guide the code. The ways and values and vision. These are the program is focused on climate action multiple benefits. Distributing community power. There's language that flushes this out that we can share as well. This slide provides a visual along with some number that's speak to the community engagement that inform the development of our guiding principles and grant scoring and process. These are the most important place are the rubber hits the road within program. One key outcome is that came from the development of our guiding principles is black and native communities and those were released in April of 2020. At the same time we were developing our grant scoring criteria. How any given grant proposal may be prioritized for funding. They provided transparency for the values. Answers that result in a perfect score and less than perfect score. It was really important that we took all that and published all of that and got feedback and reflected feedback of the community and was workable. As you see in the diagram we have a substantive feedback before we released our first inaugural request of proposals. This slide here just shows our funding availability. It provides the funding targets for each of those I described earlier and is a prettier visual. The subsequent proportions of the fund. This pairs it back and aligns with eight point six million that we made available in the first solicitation. This information is important because this is what was published in the rfp. We wanted to publish for the community target funding ranges and how much we provide in the funding area. What you see here is in addition to these funding areas, three application types you can submit. A funding grant, planning grant, and small grant. Planning are small grants up to one million dollars. One key decision that will inform our subsequent deliberations that the committee made is in this black box here to the middle left. They made a decision to fund and allocate at least one to five million in planning grants. This was an important signal to tell folks they wanted to see planning grants. Particularly to folks and communities of color. Those who had the ability to plan. Support organizations to get the know how and develop the proposals so they have robust client proposals. We'll set aside at least one point five million in planning grants. I think that was the one allocation that was noted. The rfp that was released in 2016 through November 23 -- that is the wrong date. .

Hardesty: I was just going to ask about that. Are we anticipating this to last until 2030?

Baraso: I think one thing I'll acknowledge is the intent is for thirty days. Maybe I'll move to the next slide. While we were out for those eight weeks. There was a lot of turmoil going on and tension and fatigue within the community. We were hearing what folks were saying. We were

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responding and getting ready for a lot of things that were happening. We extended the deadline by a week for folks to respond to the tension around the election. Understanding where folks are at and giving them the space. During that period of nine weeks, we hosted six question and answer sessions. Six grant writing and budget development training sessions. We had 236 folks attend and 170 organizations represented there. We answered unique questions related to our website that came out of that period. We received 140 applications on November 3. It was the day my family welcomed our second daughter. I can't thank the committee enough to give me the time I needed with my family. It indicated an enthusiastic committee interest. We entered the phase of application review which I'll go into detail shortly but you'll see some numbers there. This chart here, I'm not going to spend too much time on this chart. What this chart does is shares the amount of applications we received for each of the funding areas. Many projects are going to do a little bit of clean energy and a little bit of this. Most were multi sector which was encouraging to see. It categorizes one thing or another. The total number as well as value that were received in each of those category areas. The bathe are the target area funding. I noted earlier that we had allocated at least one point five million for planning grants. We had a lot of interest in planning grants. Fifty six applications totaling about four point eight million. I'm going to walk through our process of once we receive the application. Once we received the applications all 140 this is the project happening in the city of Portland. Is it coming from a non-profit? The five major elements. Five projects did not meet that basic eligibility. Out of the 135 they were installing something and went through a technical screening. Two projects did not pass the technical screening or technical review. For one reason or another they could not be permitted. We ultimately sent 133 applications through nine different scoring panels. Each scoring panel with a piece of committee member, staff member and scoring manager expert. They assigned them a score and went through deliberations. Each scoring panel was majority poc as well. Each scoring panel scored the application and ultimately that formed the basis of the way that applications would be ranked. As I move into speaking about the pc ef committee recommendation and organization I want to reflect a little more. This is that last circular diagram at the bottom where it says the process the committee used to get the 45 deliberations. They deliberated on portfolios or packages where committee member did not know the ranking system or the score. We tried to -- we created different portfolios based on minimum level of planning grants. We integrated within the funding grants and characterized each portfolio based on the grants within it. The greenhouse gas expected to be reduced. The number of projects from organizations that reflect the community they want to serve. We did all that

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characterization similar to a financial portfolio and let's see what are the characteristics based on the values you all expressed. The next slide gets into the characteristics of that portfolio. I want it see -- I guess I'll acknowledge -- how about this. I want to see if there's questions about the process before we jump into the portfolio and where that's landing.

Wheeler: Great. Colleagues, any questions about the process. Great presentation. This is flowing really well. I'm seeing Commissioner Ryan with his hand up.

Ryan: Thank you. This is a great presentation. I'm really all in so far. I have a block on something. One of your first slides broke down the categories and one was innovation. There's the awards that are split into different categories, I think what I'm doing is trying to be really linear and thinking there's a direct connection between the two. Help me help myself here. Am I overthinking?

Baraso: Can you repeat that one more time.

Ryan: Did my question make sense?

Baraso: I'm not sure, commissioner Ryan. If you can repeat the question one more time.

Ryan: Sure. On your first slides it shows the different categories. One was innovation. We're looking at where the awards are going there are different categories. I was trying to go think they were the same thing and they're not. It looked like the intention was to expand in those categories that I saw in the very first slide -- one of the very first slides.

Baraso: Yeah. It mostly does. It's a good question. The clean energy category does align. Where I think we're lost here -- innovation is here. It is a category. This multi category which I should have described, it's a category where it doesn't neatly fall into clean energy. A lot of those projects are where it truly was a split. 50% of the project in clean energy and multi development. They do fall into one of these funding categories.

Ryan: The slide you're showing me here, this is a great slide, thank you. With the category of planning, does planning to what is it planning for work force development planning for green energy, I think that's what I was thinking about. What is the planning for? I'm all in for planning. Don't get me wrong. It's necessary. I've been on the other side for 35 years, I get it.

Baraso: The planning grants are all grants that are directly connected. The intent there and the reason we don't breakdown the planning grants is a lot of times folks are in early stages. We're going to plan for a community solar ray and to do the project work involved to do the full implementation proposal. Some other proposals were a little more exploratory. We're thinking about a few of these funding areas. For that reason, recognizing it truly was planning but the

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planning grants overall, they represent a distribution of planning both geographically across the city and in these funding areas.

Ryan: One of the reasons they are doing the funding is to target this area. That's why they are planning. That's part of the research. Got it. Thank you..

Wheeler: All right. It looks like you're good to go. Thanks, Sam.

Baraso: Okay. With that I'll pivot to the next slide. There's a lot of information here. I'm going to pause here. This characterizes the portfolio as ultimately recommended. They recommended a portfolio where it was two point five million dollars going for planning grants. On the lower range for the funding targets on all of the other categories. There's forty five grants that are recommended coming from 38 organizations. This portfolio 85% of the funds would be go to organizations that reflect the priority population they tend to serve. It is the makeup of your board. Is the majority of your board reflecting the majority of your senior leadership and majority of your staff. Thirty eight percent of the funds are going to small organizations. The total estimated lifetime greenhouse gas impact is from the improvement projects. The planning projects will materialize in projects down the road. Of the physical improvement projects, building physical infrastructure are east of 82 avenue. That speaks to the high level characteristics of this portfolio. I'll go through the rationale a little more. I'll share is clean energy projects are mostly residential. They are clean and renewable energy. A mix of projects both owner occupied residences as well as rentals. There's projects focused on residential property. Deep energy retro fits and no project is exclusively renewable. All the clean energy projects are east Portland or north Portland. The clean energy projects in particular that really struck some of the program goals to dive towards deep energy retro fits are often hard to get. Two of the projects are for training new and providing training maintenance. Not related to building projects and maintenance, all those work force projects are city wide. The last category, the regenerative green infrastructure and work force -- sorry. It includes work force development and three projects on the east side. This multi project category is a residential energy efficient project focused in the j district. I can jump into the rationale and open it up for some questions. One of the key rationales in selecting this particular portfolio, they wanted to see as many funding grants for rounds that were significantly larger. Communities of color have needs for additional resources. Regenerative ag. Trust and honor the scoring process for community input that developed and guided that process. Desire to broaden that process that reflected the portfolio. You drive more funds to organizations that reflected the communities they served. There was balancing the potential greenhouse gas projects with the benefits of associate active

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planning grants. It was a struggle. I think that -- I know our committee members will share shortly a little bit of it. Was an important recognition that this was the first phase launching the program.

Hardesty: Excuse me mayor, I see commissioner Rubio's hand up.

Wheeler: Yes, I was going to wait to the end of the section. Go for it Commissioner Rubio.

Rubio: I wanted to offer as you're talking about this portfolio process, coming from the non-profit sector, I wanted to offer that distinction about setting up a process that eliminates discomfort around ranking. That's a disincentive sometimes particularly coming from a government institution. I appreciate that an focusing that area. Just wanted to flag that for you.

Hardesty: Mayor, if I can jump in before Sam continues.

Wheeler: Go ahead.

Hardesty: Because this is the first grants we're giving out. It's important to understand that many of the applicants, this is their very first time actually applying for this type of resource. A, because it didn't exist before. An b, because these are organizations who may not have seen themselves as climate organizations or clean energy organizes and they need the time to actually build the infrastructure necessary. I just wanted to applaud that thoughtfulness because traditionally we just put a rfp out on our website and tell people to go to it and there's going to be a deadline. You make the deadline or you don't. The intentionality, I think it's something that should be elevated because many of these groups would never have qualified for these grants and b, wouldn't get it. I wanted to acknowledge that this a really key part to building the base both short term and long term.

Baraso: Thank you. Thank you commissioners. Okay. I'm going to speak to overall the funding requests for the grants is eight point six million. We're requesting a grant contingency fund. As we follow-up, it's part of the work. Staff identifies additional needs that an applicant may not have appropriately budgeted for. As a city we ask for a lot of reporting. As a new program, we ask for a lot of reporting. Whether it be administration or technical assistance. What we recommend in the ordinance is staff can increase the grant analysis. The contingency is not reflected in the 10% overall. But add funds to a grantee where we may see it might be shy in an area. Another key in addition to this portfolio request is the mini grants program. Early recommendations in the program development and builds on the support grants that we release in the middle of last summer. We're asking for an authorization to create a mini grant program. It's a responsive program that funds projects and activities and things associated with attendance costs for clean energy trainings, capacity trainings, materials and supplies for climate

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whether it's a garden or something else. So folks don't have to wait for the twice annual cycle but can engage and response grant making cycle. It's roughly nine point two million. From here, what's next and before I go onto what's next, I want to note that I'm incredibly excited about this new round. There's a whole host of uncertainty, it has never been done before. There's certainly been more applications that we would love to fund and could fund but the stage has been set. We knew all too well that the feeling folks had that engaging in the first year would set the tone for future engagement. It was important for us that community saw themselves and saw pc ef was for them. As we move forward our focus will be on grantee onboarding. Making sure folks are working with the city for the first time, we make that as smooth a process as possible. Working on identifying additional support strategies. Beginning to work on our next rfp budget. It's around a 60 million orientation. In addition to wind power design and deployment also has expertise in solar systems. Diversifying the clean energy space and brings an intimate support systems to help lift people up and get them through pre and apprenticeship programs. With that, I'll turn this over to Michael.

Michael Edden Hill: Thank you very much, Sam. Mayor, and council members, it's a pleasure to be here with you today. I'm a pc ef committee member. The pc ef committee is really excited to bring to you our recommendations for the first funding round. It's been a thoughtful insightful process to get here. The community was humbled by all 140 grants we received. I, like every committee member, wanted to fund them all. They were really good applications. And all the applications were focused on climate and social benefits. Congratulations to the pc ef coalition who made all of this possible, the community members and organizes. All the work that went into the community outreach and collaboration with the pc ef committee. I hope that we've made all of you proud. A huge thanks to the pc ef staff who have been putting in way too much hour it make all of this possible. Research, technical support, liaisons. The pc ef review committee was reviewed by Sam earlier. I would like to talk a little more about the process and I believe was shared by my committee members. We all share a love for climate and social justice. We have a lot of things in common. I was humbled by everybody that I met. I was humbled by the breadth of their lived experience. The range of subject matter expertise, diverse representation of the pc ef committee. I've been challenged by their thoughts and beliefs. I've been challenged in so many ways and loved every minute of it. Building a program that is community driven by pc ef organizations and committees. I would like to share a little bit about how I came to be here. I have a history that brought me to the pc ef committee and so does every other pc ef committee member. I started out in college as an environmental and social

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activist. I've worked on utility scale renewable energy projects mostly in Colorado, Nevada, Nebraska and areas like that. In sort of the mountain states. I also worked for the national science foundations. I got to see the ice caps melting and scientists and researchers out there. Pc ef gave an opportunity to make real change. In a future where climate change is already causing damage. I learned how little I really knew about many Portland communities. I learned the dreams and needs of various organizes. Respectful communication and I learned to listen. How to reflect about the organizations and grant process. Partnership takes time. We took the time to actualize being a community driven grant committee. We heard from businesses, non-profits, activists and community members. We heard voice that's were missing from our conversations. Creating our guiding principles and grant criteria. I learned that we also fail. Let go of our egos and create something better. We thought we put together grant criteria that reflected pc ef initiative and guiding principles. It went out for public comment it was clear that the hard work we put in was full of barriers. We put together grant criteria that was far more accessible. Work force development to agriculture. We awarded planning grants that become future projects. All these grants uplift our community, create wealth, and reduce climate catastrophe. The pc ef committee is proud to bring you this grant proposal for your approval. Thank you for your time.

Wheeler: Thank you. Colleagues any questions. Thank you very much. Thank you for stepping in as the chair. I know it's a lot of work. Appreciate it.

Baraso: Thank you. With that I'd like to introduce our next committee cochair. A couple more and we'll give it back to you all. Our next committee cochair I'm excited to introduce is maria. She is working towards community outcomes as a planner. She brings a depth of experience and what it mean it elevate community needs and solutions in leadership with government, grass roots projects and budgets. With that, Maria, welcome.

Maria Sipin: Thank you. Mayor wheeler, commissioners. I'm a clean air committee cochair. We hear you and have noted your questions. I'm joining cochair Michael in bringing forty proposals for approval today. Guiding principles and carry them out along with pc ef legislative directives through climate action. Since the committee was onboarded in 2019 in the first climate fund measure. Led by communities of color it moved quickly but felt slowly at times. Social justice was at the center of our work. Thank you for trusting us to do this, be nimble and firm on our values. The committee brings our unique expertise and fire to this work. Our committee make up and presentation thoroughly review proposals, request questions, hold city staff and ourselves more accountable. Motivate those who have been excluded in climate action to bring their full selves to this incredible work. Stewards of this land, renters, people who are fighting for justice and a

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better sustainable fought you're. The committee is a mechanism for amplifying our needs. With this funding package we are planting seeds and getting things moving and making adjustments to future rounds of funding. The people of Portland who made this possible. In the committee meetings that led up to today and throughout this phase of the shared relationships, meals. We had the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the doers, movers. The commitment through trainings with state and regional experts on a broad range of clean energy topics. We broke up into subcommittees for community engagement activities. Council members who have shaped the process for the first round. The highlight of work for me was witnessing this movement of racial and climate effort to work together. Support networks that exist here in Portland. Thanks for all the comments, workshops, public testimonies, and applications submitted. The doors and meeting inboxes remain open to improve upon our grant making and approach to clean air portland. Thank you.

Wheeler: Thank you.

Baraso: Okay. Thank you both. With that I would like to invite a few internal speakers that we have.

Anissa Pemberton: Thank you, Sam. Good afternoon mayor wheeler, and commission members. I use they/them pronouns. I'm the coalition coordinator. I'm a registered lobbyist at the commission of Portland. A bold new approach for racial and equity justice. It was an awe inspiring experience. I actually started during the first week of the global pandemic which was in the plan but we made it work. I've been glad to support our coalitions efforts. We worked with our coalition members to develop and share detailed feedback on guiding principles and grant making criteria. We were excited that more than 250 people reflecting a wide range for our grant making process. I just wanted to ask you to pass along to all of the grant committee members that we're so proud and grateful and humbled that the grant committee has done. You all consistently follow our vision that we intended when we passed the process on the ballot. It has only become clearer that bipoc and low income communities need quality investments in order to come out on the other end. I'm excited to work with all of you to put in the work that the process coalition intended. The benefits this money will bring. There have been tough choices and plentiful future funding cycles. We ask that you reapply and know that your success is our success at the end of the day. As we step into the next phase of the program, we'll continue to work alongside the team. We're going to go learn some lessons in this first round of funding. We ask that the city council maintain the growth. They are continuously learning how to best implement this program. We're excited to work with them and other community members to

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meet these goals. At the end of the day people really exist to fulfill the promises for low income and bipo programs. By community and for community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. It's a historic day. I'm shaking a little bit. It's really been exciting to work alongside all of you. Thank you so much.

Wheeler: Awesome. Thank you. We really appreciate it.

Baraso: Welcome Pat.

Pat Daniels: Hi. First I'd like to thank the city of Portland. Sam for all the work. I'd like to thank commissioner Hardesty for this being a thought that you brought into fruition. What did this do for us and how did it benefit our program. They provide services to several groups. This grant was given to four pre-apprenticeship programs. Youth who are getting ged's 18 to 25. I'm giving the age so you know who we are serving. It's constructing hope. Our participants are 100% low income. Sixty to 70%. That embodies everything that people wanted to include in who they were serving. When I think about this program, I want to just say that it's uniquely helping the low income people of color move from entry level jobs. When you talk to most formerly incarcerated people you'll hear how they had to work at the gas station for years before they were able to move to support themselves and their families. Minority men still make up a majority of those who are incarcerated. It's truly golden to change the playing field and change low income. This funding for these programs have increased the capacity for us to do this work. Right now when you think about us serving the low income a small glitch. I'm hoping our programs can be an example to the support services that is needed to support low income people. The programs that I listed are helping people enter the program and not only apprenticeship but also entrepreneurship. I would like you to talk to you about janny turner. She was recently out of a drug rehab center, lost custody of her kids. Walking through the door, she was truly frightened on what was going to happen on the other side. Six years later, she is the coordinator -- the joint apprenticeship coordinator who is the person who brings people in at the organization. To have a woman at the organization and her of all people. We have to remember that people make mistakes and shouldn't have to pay for that for the rest of their lives. What do the training apprenticeship programs really do. Some of the trainings, gas cards, rent assistance. Here we are six years later. She never thought she would be in a trade where she is the coordinator. Her husband is also a laborer. She has custody of her kids and now owns her own home. All that happened in six short years or six long years depending on how you look at it. We're doing more of this work, right now with covid, we're limited to small numbers of 20. With the pre-apprenticeship training programs we have a direct placement for all of the stews who come

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through our program. We don't stop at the end of they've graduated the program. We ask them for a three year commitment. Beyond that three year commitment, you can see jenny's story went way beyond that. Without supportive services, we found a way to support him even after he went back to prison. He found his passion in paint pg. He is now a contractor that has a contract for highway work as a painter. He is also a painter and has two ice cream, please stop by his shop. These are the opportunities that we're giving people. You're go to go find your passion someplace. They have opportunities to go even beyond that. Understanding first finding the confidence as a person of color to go I don't know the job that you are in and move into those leadership positions.

Wheeler: If we can just pause for one second. Commissioner Hardesty had a question.

Hardesty: I'm happy to wait until you are done.

Daniels: Actually I'm done because the last thing I wanted to say was there was an industrial revolution and tech revolution. All of these revolutions and changes left out people of color and women were left behind. I feel like for the first time, for the very first time for me this is a program that is truly inclusive and doing what you said. Everyone's voice was included and in the community process and I feel like the outcomes are going to be tremendous.

Hardesty: Thank you all for the incredible testimony. Pat, I've known you for a million years. I know how dedicated you are to constructing hope and giving young people an opportunity to envision a future where they can too enjoy living wage employment opportunities. I heard you talk excitedly about the opportunity for pre-apprenticeship. You have a bigger plan that I'm more excited about. I know we do a really good job getting black and brown people into pre-apprenticeship. We do a pretty good job at getting them in apprenticeship. And we really suck at getting them into journey man status.

Daniels: Our second plan is now that we have constructing hope as a model. We are creating a green training program. Making sure people are ready for this next level of management. Not only is there the certifications and hands on training, there's project management along with that. Not only will they be ready to move a ton the jobs in the training is open to shifting apprentices. It's part of everybody's trade. This will also give an opportunity for the existing workers to get additional training to move into these roles. We're working closely with home builders association and their performance skilled. We have several partners. We're not training just to be training. We're training for the outcomes and creating relationships for them to go to work and follow them throughout these opportunities. Last thing, we did get two requests for people to be brought in by companies to -- they want us to select a couple people to train as

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project managers. This is the kind of outcomes that with your dollars are truly helping us put women and people of color not only in trades but leadership positions and giving them the support they need in order to be successful.

Hardesty: I will have lot it say later. I'm sure there will be additional invited testimony. I just want to say I know how hard you've worked for identifying resources for constructing home. You've been doing it with prayer and a tooth pick. I'm grateful now to have the opportunity top really bill something that will be in this community for a long long time to come. We'll be able to look back on people who have benefited from these programs and participates. This is just a first investment. We're going to see a lot of progress over the years.

Daniels: One last thing, I would like to share Jerry Johnson's story. He was a speaker at our graduation the other night. He graduated in 2010 and went to work in our solar city. He just started his own solar business just a year ago. The opportunities that we're giving here, guys, this is just going to be amazing. Thank you for giving us this opportunity in supporting these people as we support you.

Wheeler: Thank you so much. I'm digging Malcom's gardening there. He's a pro.

Baraso: Maybe we should have reversed the order and let him get back to his gardening. We are going to stick to our original order and welcome Duncan from the American network Oregon. Welcome.

Duncan Hwang: Thank you, so many. Great to be here with you all. It's been a long road to get here. Leaders like commissioner Hardesty in getting this program passed and established. It's such a thrill to be here today. Green savers. Our trainees and home safers will support up to 20 east Portland homes. It's much more than just home weatherization. It's go to go create jobs and a sense of community. Other problems we're trying to solve for are the Asian pacific a lander community. We really have to start somewhere and it comes back to developing programs and partnerships and pre apprenticeship programs. Through this pilot, we hope our trainees move up to become managers and business owners. We just heard some amazing stories from constructing hope. If we're going to have meaningful opportunities we have to start at ground zero and be intentional about making those investments. Our neighborhood and community, we're facing a challenging time now. The index of Asian, pacific islander hate are well documented. Having their windows smashed, many of our store fronts are empty. Many of our businesses have closed due to the pandemic. So many in our community are out of work. This program and programs like it are so important in getting our folks back on their feet and back to work. When folks have the opportunity to get living wage jobs, as a great amazing feeling to

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have. When we're doing home weatherization, it's not just a weatherization project. It can be organizing and connecting with home owners and getting them back in community. Investments like these are really what the community needs. It's an important spark. Thank you so much for your support and recommending this project.

Baraso: Thank you. With that Malcolm. We'll let you get back to your farming.

Malcolm Hoover: Hi everybody. There we go. Hello to mayor wheeler and commissioners.

Thank you, so many. My colleagues and the community. I'm very grateful for this opportunity as a prospective fundee to be able to do this work. I wasn't try to go show off or anything but I get a chance to show off. Here is part of our farm. There's my codirector, cofounder, my wife, the boss. This is an opportunity to really improve on our model. We started black future's farm last year. As part of my own healing and part of this movement, I've been in community organizing in my previous life for a long time. Twenty five years. We decided we wanted to start our own farm and use regenerative agriculture. We wanted to heal black people. This is a really great opportunity for us. This led us to a planning grant. We'll spend this next year doing research and looking at clean energy models, solar and wind, rain water, composting toilets. A variety of methods to create as low impact as possible with our farming. We don't use any chemicals here. We do most everything by hand. We just got a machine just recently, a bcs which is a company that makes tractors. We were just donated another small hand tiller today. Everything else we have is clean energy. A lot of folks come over and see what we're doing. We're able to donate seeds and compost. We're really proud to show what we know and what we're learning. Part of our grant is to do a series of seminars and clean energy. I was able to organize speakers for that. It's great to be able to say not only do we want you to come and show us and tell us what you know. But we can also pay you. That's it, it tell you a little by about the farm, we're on one acre. We share space with psu, osu, Portland public schools. That's about it. For me. You definitely not interrupting my work.

Wheeler: This is a good day to be working outside.

Hoover: When I came out of rehab, I got to talk to you and talk to city council about programs for people of color. For me to be out of rehab and a few years later say, hey, now I'm running my own program. Here I am talking to you in a different capacity. It's a personal mile stone for me. Thanks for being a part of my moment.

Wheeler: Thank you. Appreciate it. Congratulations.

Hoover: Thank you.

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Baraso: I don't have anyone else lined up. We welcome your questions and anything else you may have for us.

Wheeler: Colleagues, any questions before we ask for any public testimony? Do we have any public testimony today?

Clerk: We have one public testimony that signed up.

Wheeler: Why don't we hear from that individual.

Clerk: We have Kimberly Horner.

Kimberly Horner: I'm the executive director for the Portland community reinvestment initiatives. We're one of those teams that is currently being considered for the grant opportunities. We own and operate over eight hundred units in north/northeast populations. We're black led and represent low income families that were displaced from northeast Portland over the years. What this will mean to us is having a product where people are living in clean safe decent living quarters that have energy efficiency upgrades and become more healthy homes. Our homes that represent our portfolio, our scattered sites home, are approximately 95 years old. If you can imagine owning about 300 homes that are about 95 years old, you can see what a challenge it is to keep up with the rehab that these homes need. These funds are definitely going to help in that effort. Make clean and energy efficient home for our most vulnerable to live in. When I put on my economic development hat, it means a lot to me to active our local economy by getting people in jobs that are new and innovative. That's exactly what this piece of program is going to do. Hats off to all of you for all of your hard work. I know what it's like to work diligently towards a warring people funds and jumping through hoops to award and make this available for people to apply to. Lastly, I would like to say to the other participants that aren't awarded funds in this round, go for it next year. These are really critical to the livelihood for the green economy we're trying to build. I wish everybody success in their efforts too. Thank you. .

Wheeler: I don't know why it's so hard for now find that button. Thank you, Kimberly. We appreciate that. Keelan does that complete our public testimony.

Clerk: Yes. That's all.

Wheeler: Thank you. I'm pretty sure this is a first reading in a non-emergency ordinance.

Clerk: That's correct. Non-emergency ordinance.

Wheeler: All right if you want to have a little discussion before we move onto second reading.

Hardesty: I don't see any reason why we don't add an emergency clause and vote it out today to get the dollars out as soon as possible.

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Wheeler: It looks like Commissioner Rubio seconded. I certainly support that. Any discussion. Please call the roll.

Clerk: (roll call).

Rubio: I just want to thank Sam and his stellar team and all those who spoke for their presentation and the tremendous work. I want to say it's very evident that you took this charge very seriously and it was thorough a thoughtful process of evaluation. I just want to lift up what I love about this effort from start to finish is the love and care and respect for community that is very evident here. You can see this in the way that there's no wrong door. Every applicant received the care and attention they needed. Even if they weren't accepted, congratulations to the new grantees. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Now to the main motion as amended. Colleagues any further discussion? Okay. Commissioner Ryan. We're not voting we're just go to go move it. Actually, we are going to vote.

Ryan: I was really impressed with how engaged the body is. With you Sam, and the grantees. Being on the non-profit side there was afternoon a big wall. My question is will that be sustained once the grants are released so the walls remain down.

Baraso: Yes. You know, I think there's -- we'll come back to you on a subsequent mission on sixty million and what it mean it provide that level of support. For many of our grantees it's their first time contracting with the city. It's expectation to provide that level an making sure they are accountable to their goals. We'll be doing that to folks awarded funds. We'll also be working with folks that weren't awarded funds.

Ryan: I look forward to the summarize and updates and what you measure matters. I look forward it that. Thanks.

Wheeler: I just have a comment as well. Obviously this was a great presentation. It was thoughtful an informative. In many cases it was even fun. Thank you for that. I've been asked over the course of the last couple of weeks, what is the role of the city council with regard to approving this ordinance. I want to make it very clear. This came from the community. The oversight committee though selected by the city council, is the decider here. The responsibility both for soliciting proposals, the responsibility for reviewing those proposals, and frankly, the responsibility for the outcomes of those proposals falls with the oversight committee. I'm not speaking for the council; I'm speaking for me. I knew this as a parallel as the way we look at the children's levy. The council does not go through and in any way audit or review individual grant proposals. Who got funding and who didn't get funding? Nor does the city council do the regular reviews of the status of those contracts. I'm approaching this as I look at this from that

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perspective. I don't see my role here being to say I approve of this contract and not of that contract. I see it as an opportunity to make sure that strategically, the program is in alignment with what the voters approved and to ask the questions that the council was asked today about how have you gone through the process and come to the conclusions you have. I do not see it as our job to second guess the work unless there's something incredibly obvious that is screaming out to us. We you have representing the community and we trust the work you do. And based on what I've heard today that trust is well placed. I really appreciate the effort you have all put into this. This is great. You should be very proud of the work you've all put into this. I just want to say that so people understand, at least from my perspective what I see my role as being. With that, unless there's any further discussion, please call the roll.

Ryan: I had no idea we were going to go vote on this today. Spontaneous. I think it's great. I wish all investors behaved like this. It's nice to see that wall come down. I'm really excited about these projects. I also want to say as the commissioner in charge of the Portland children's levy. I really appreciate that you communicate together. I think we'll learn a lot from you. I appreciate that collaboration. I'm all in. It's a beautiful day. Go join Malcolm and start doing some work. Aye.

Hardesty: I was a little taken aback by the shift too. I want to go back and just say, Sam, the best thing that director -- that the director of planning and sustainability did was when she hired Sam to lead this program. I've known Sam for a lot of years and I knew the values he would bring to the job. He has exceeded every expectation I've had coming in the door. I was a big fan when he came in the door. I want to also thank director Durbin who from day one, I reminded I was the mother of the Portland clean energy fund. I would be hounding her every step of the way to ensure this was implemented as I envision and the committee that voted on the ballot. Hats off to director Durbin who has been intentional and a collaborator who ensured that we walk the talk that we put in place. I want to be clear. There were a couple of times that we could have ended up in hot water. It's the committee's job to make changes to the measure as they see fit. I'm proud that mayor wheeler and I were able to meet with the pc ef coalition and business alliance and come to -- I won't quite say agreement but compromise that allowed the work to move forward. Without mayor wheeler's leadership, the business community and me stepping into the community space where I'm most comfortable, it would have set us back I believe a year or more. We would have been in court battles for quite some time. I'm so impressed with the thoughtfulness that Sam has brought to this effort. There was a lot of pressure to get the money out the door. Send it out. We're sitting on too much money. I'm happy that Sam and director Durbin rejected that pressure and took a more thoughtful approach. I want to remind the public

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that businesses led by black, indigenous and people of color are never at the beginning. I've never encountered a woman or person of color and every time I talk to folks, oh, yeah. We have a program. We know program as lone like the 14 we have at the city of Portland that are supposed to benefit bipoc contractors. Program as lone don't do it. I want to ask the public to be patient with us. Because guess what? Innovation doesn't always work. Some of these programs will fail. They won't fail because people didn't have the passion and commitment and desire. They will fail and it will be an experience that we can learn from. We give white organizes opportunity to fail and come back better. Let's make sure we give the same opportunity to black and brown organizations to fail and come back better. This is a mile stone for us. I've waited for this day ever since I had that conversation of what could a ballot measure look like that centers around bipoc community members. Could Portland support a measure that centered bipoc community members. Before the racial justice uprising, guess what? Over 60% of Portland voters understood why this was critical. I've waited for this day for a long time. I'm so proud of all the work that's been done to get us to today and I want to say, there will be a lot of scrutiny. Once again, Portland is first. The very first city that decided they will give bipoc community members. We're on the cutting edge, I look forward it great things from this fund. I want to thank the thousands of hours the committee put in as volunteers. During covid, during fire, all the things that went on, you were not shifted. You were focused and did your work well. I am so proud of the work that did you. I look forward to hearing about the early successes. I'm so thrilled to vote aye. Thank you.

Mapps: I remember voting for this initiative back in 2018. I'm thrilled to usher in their next steps. I'm excited about what the future is about to bring. When I think back on the last year of the pandemic. There were a lot of bad things but exciting things that happened in the environmental arena. I think of things like the healthy streets program. These are things I hope we will continue. That's one of the reasons why the Portland clean energy fund is so exciting for me. It's a catalyst for change especially around climate initiatives. I'm excited to vote aye on this initiative. Thank you everybody for your hard work on this one.

Rubio: Thanks again, I said everything before. Just another big hearty congratulations. Looking forward to hearing how things move forward. I vote aye.

Wheeler: Thank you for again, for what was a great presentation. Thank you to Maria, Michael Hill from the pc ef grant committee. All the committee members who took the time to be here today. I'm glad we can take time to recognize the significance of this milestone. This is the inaugural grant awards from the clean air initiative program. Building this grants program took

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collaboration, extensive community outreach, the result of all that work is a slate of grants that is now being recommended to the city council for approval. It's not the council's role in my opinion to make recommendations but receive the recommendations from the committee and ensure the goals are being met. I'm confident that the goals are being met. They have shown us what it's like to connect the dots between climate and equity. Follow the lead of communities who are the most impacted by climate change. Last June, we passed Portland's declaration that committed a climate justice based approach to climate action. That does it. Through doing so we'll create a more equitable and sustainable future for all Portlanders. Obviously I look forward to seeing the outcomes of these planning grants and progress on these exciting projects from the inaugural grantees. I want to say congratulations. I want to say thank you. Aye. I vote yes. The ordinance is approved as amended. Thank you and congratulations to all of you. If there's no further business -- there is one further piece of business. I'm slightly embarrassed to admit to this. I think I have to come clean. Because list shows Keelan's name. I have assumed that Keelan has been our incredibly awesome council clerk today. It was deputy Megan who in fact has been running this meeting for the last couple of hours. Thank you and we're delighted to you have as part of our team here.

Clerk: It's not a problem; thank you Mayor.

Wheeler: Thank you. With that we're adjourned and have a fantastic evening.

At 3:54 p.m., Council adjourned.